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Once Upon A Time

a “Fill In The Blanks” song

This song provides a fun way to learn about sentence structure, and some parts of speech while making up a silly story and song- all in a single sentence! See the activity pages for instructions on building this nonsensical song!

On a personal note...

I have been performing this song with Charlie Williams, using children from the audience to hold the words we sing as we build the sentences. I was with my grandchildren waiting for their mom last week, and trying to keep us entertained... I began singing this song, pausing when I got to each word to be filled in. The kids (3 and 5) loved it, and we ended up singing it numerous times, making up news words each time.

It's a very fun game to play with kids, with lots of giggles along the way. - Try it!

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Once upon a time there was a princess
Who decided to fly to the moon
So she hopped into her shiny airplane
And said, “don’t worry I’ll be home soon”

Once upon a time there was a cowboy
Who decided to swim to the sea
So he hopped into his slimy sailboat
And said, “Why don’t you come with me.”

Once upon a time there was a librarian
Who decided dance to the zoo
So she hopped into her tiny dump truck
And said, “I’d like to go with you.”

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Instructions:

Print out these pages in color, and cut the words apart. Stack words in piles of nouns, verbs, and adjectives., labeling each pile with the part of speech name provided on the last page. You'll see that nouns are separated into people (no underlining), places (underlined once), and things (underlined twice). Let children choose a word

from each pile in the following order to match the format of the song.

Noun (person)

Verb

Noun (place)

Adjective

Noun (thing)

Now sing the song, or sing along with the recorded instrumental version.

princess

cowboy

librarian

moon

zoo

sea

sailboat

airplane

dump truck

fly

dance

swim

shiny

slimy

tiny

nouns

verbs

adjectives