

HOW TO PLAY THE STORY SHARING GAME

Play With Friends Or Family. Great For Intergenerational Play! (With Kids 13yr+)

START BY SIMPLY PLAYING A SESSION OF THE GAME (WITHOUT DOING THE GAME LESSONS)

Before playing the Game one player acts as facilitator and chooses the 'inciting story', a short true story (*memoir*), to inspire players to remember little stories from their own lives. Below are free online story collections. Choose a story as short as **(6) words** up to **(1000) words** (or 2 pages):

By adults of all ages and teens (accepts new ones): www.sixwordmemoirs.com/

Teen memoirs: www.teenink.com/nonfiction/memoir

18 Essay-length adult memoirs: www.bookriot.com/short-memoirs

True 100-word stories to Reader's Digest: www.rd.com/article/100-word-stories/

100s of 50-word stories (accepts new ones): www.fiftywordstories.com/tag/twist/

100s of 100-word stories: www.100wordstory.org/

Stories of less than 1000 words: www.1000wordshortstories.tumblr.com/

These are *fiction* stories by well-known writers. Choose only stories 1000 words and less:

www.theshortstory.co.uk/resources/free-short-stories/

There is no connection between the sites above and this site except a love of storytelling.

Trayce's Back Story Comic www.catering2us.nyc/backstory-comic

Use one page from the comic as the inciting story, each page representing a different era and life lesson!

Follow Guidelines & Time Limits Below / (3) Players Can Complete A Game In An Hour

- 1) Players start the Game by reading the inciting story aloud.
 - 2) Each players makes **ONE COMMENT** about the story. **NO DISCUSSION AMONG PLAYERS!**
 - 3) Each player shares **ONE LINE** about what they think the story is about (*it's theme*), which are listed to look at. **NO DISCUSSION!** (*If only two players, each shares two ideas for themes.*)
 - 4) Using the list of themes as inspiration, players each share a **ONE LINE** description of a real memory they want to shape their story around.
 - 5) 'Silent Orbit' Time: Players silently roughout their stories. (*OK if player changes story idea.*)
 - 6) A player is given 4 minutes to orally share their story. (*PERFORM your story as a StoryTeller! Costumes, props, and using different voices OK!*)
 - 7) After a player shares a story the other players each make **ONE COMMENT**. (*NO DISCUSSION!*)
 - 8) Use the (10) **SCORING QUESTIONS** below to crown the most engaging StoryTeller!
The ?s will surprise you!
- 1st 15 min
15 min
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THE GAME SOUNDS SIMPLE ENOUGH! SO WHY PAGES OF INSTRUCTIONS AND LESSONS?

Because with them the Story Sharing Game becomes a self-guiding course in personal self-development that will help you grow your creative and problem-solving skills. The TV-game-show-like structure turns the sharing of spoken personal stories into a fun artistic challenge and creates a unique platform for open and surprising exchanges between players.

For More On How To Play The Story Sharing Game:
'EXPLAINING THE GAME' Podcast, Episodes #1-4

www.catering2us.nyc/podcast

