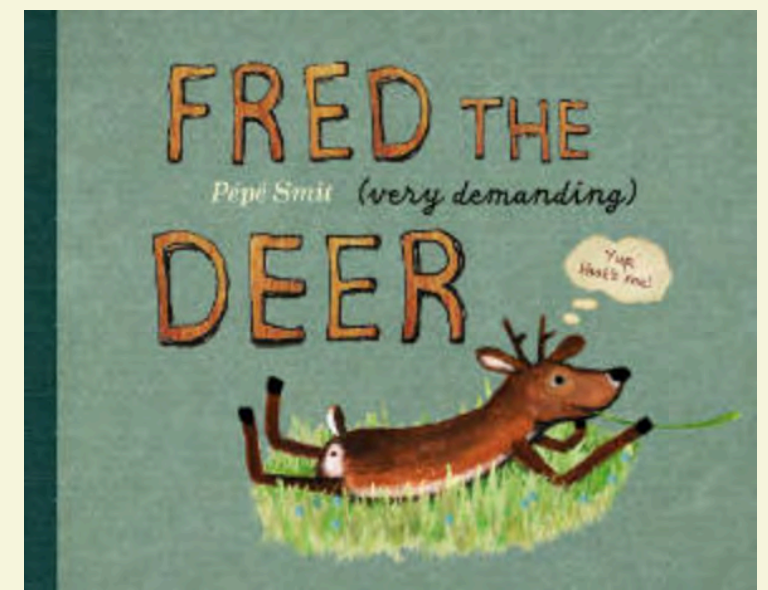


Fred the (very demanding) Deer

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In this unique and hilarious picture book, Fred the Deer throws a series of tantrums with his illustrator, and ends up getting most of what he wants!



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Encouraging storytelling with young readers has so many benefits. It helps to develop listening and communication skills, improve concentration and memory and can create a sense of wonder and help sequence events. 'Fred the (very demanding) Deer' is the ideal story for children to retell:

Set up a storytelling tuff tray with half the tray depicting the forest and half depicting the city that Fred visits in the story.

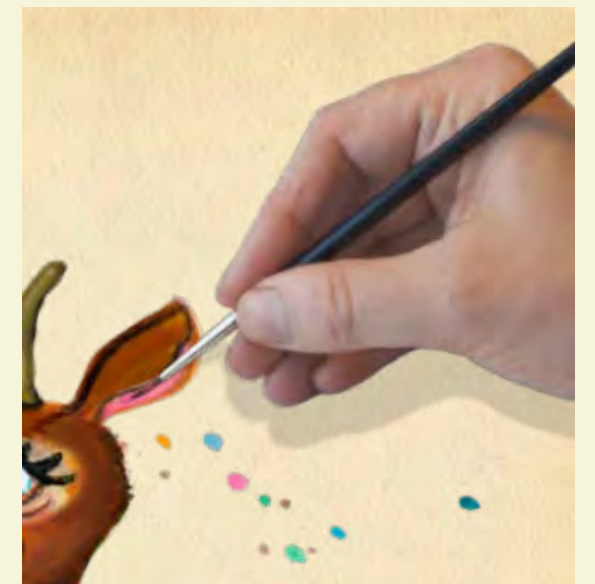
Create puppets of the characters in the story to help children retell it and to sequence it accurately.

Create a story map that shows the beginning, middle and end of the story. Children can use this to help them orally retell the story.

2

Fred is quite particular with his illustrator about how he thinks a deer should look.

Why not have a go at drawing your own deer? Would yours be small or big? Would it look just like Fred? Would it have shoes or hooves?



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"I'm going to the city!" declares Fred.



Fred begins the story living in the forest but he gets bored and decides to visit the city. Fred learns that there are positives and negatives to both places - which would you prefer to live in and why?

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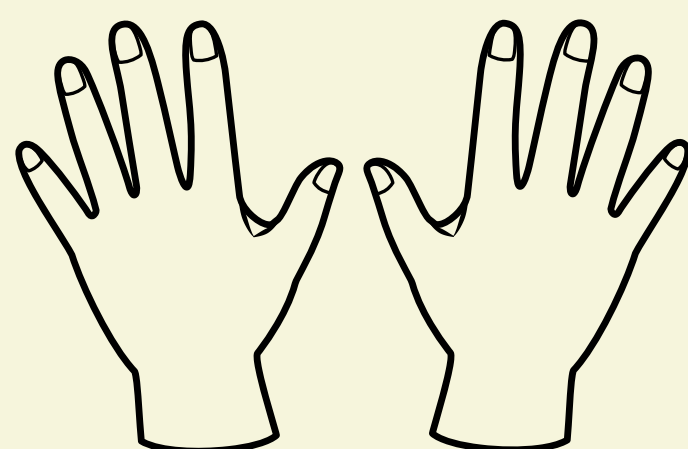
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Can you design your own pair of shoes? You can use the worksheet below for your design.



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Fred is determined to keep the hands his illustrator has drawn for him. In the story, these hands help him to eat chips and pick his nose! What other activities can you think of that you use your hands for?



I use my hands to...

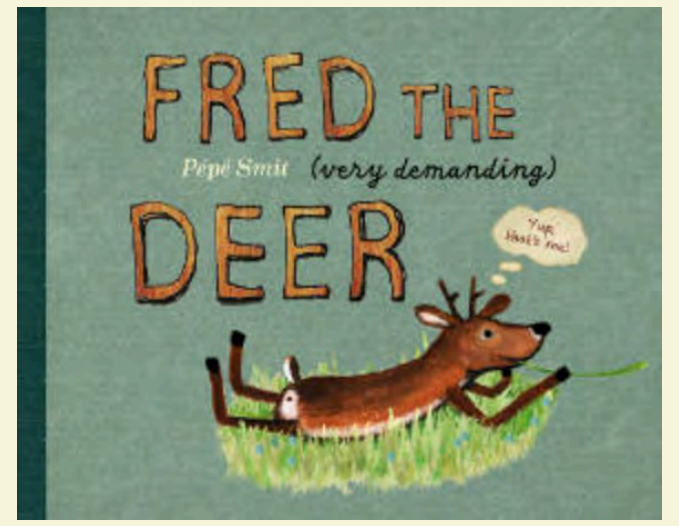
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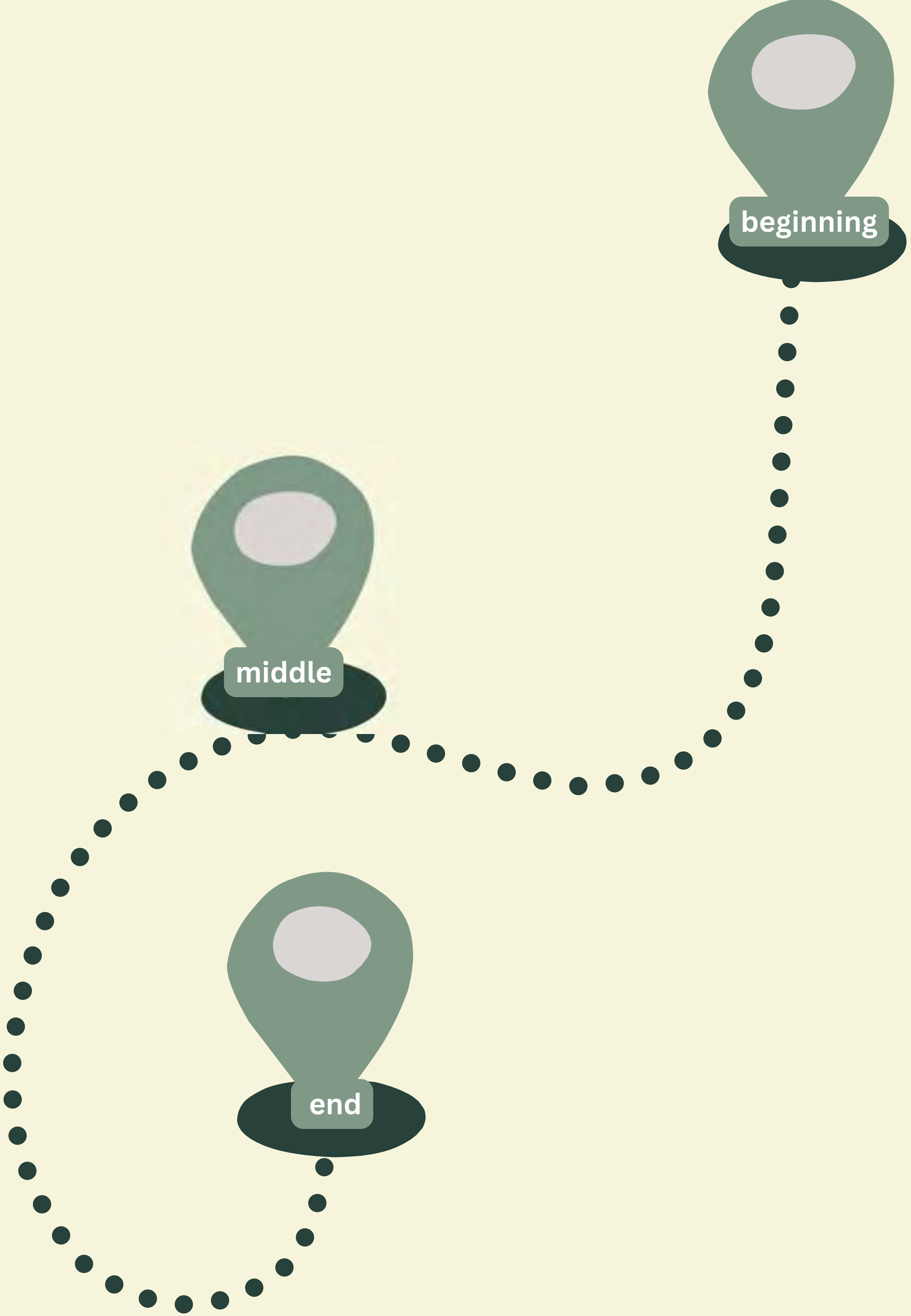
Think about:

- Are they for summer or winter?
- Are they sporty or for a fancy ball?
- What colours, patterns and features do they have?
- Do they have any magical powers?



Story map

Use this space to create a story map of 'Fred the (very demanding) Deer'. Use the line to help you draw the beginning, the middle and the end.



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