

# Family Storytelling: Mo'olelo 'Ohana

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Create a story with your family! Each family member participates by adding one word or sentence at a time. Some keiki will need 'ohana to give a fill in the blank prompt. For example: "Once upon a time our family went to the \_\_\_\_\_." (Beach, store, mountain....the family member gets to add what ever they choose to the story)" At the beach Mom and Dad \_\_\_\_\_." (Went fishing, laid in the sun, ate musubi)"



What kind of story will your family create?

Write the story down, record or videotape your family telling it. Work together with keiki to create an illustration for the story, or if videotaping – act it out. Make sure to have a beginning, middle, and ending to your story!

Optional: Depending on the length of time you have, parents can help guide the story by coming up with words or sentence prompts that help progress the storyline and/or set a certain number of rounds for family members to add details to the story.

 What does this activity achieve? Storytelling instills great communication skills and a love of reading. Storytelling allows kids to be active, encouraging them to conjure up their own mental images and, in the process, stimulates creativity and imagination. Also, it creates a sense of empathy with others who share their thoughts and ideas.