

## HOW TO LEARN A STORY

### LEARNING THE STORY: ONE HOUR OF WORK

1. Choose a story you love!
2. Read the story aloud and listen.
3. Memorize the beginning and ending you want to use.

Memorize any chants, songs, or phrases you want to use.

4. Read the story aloud again.

Work on the pacing and emphasis.

5. Put down the book and try to tell the story in your own words.

There is no *right* way to tell a folktale.

If you forget part. Stop and look at the book, then continue.

6. Tell the story again, without looking at the book.

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### PRACTICE AS YOU GO:

Tell the story to yourself as you are driving, bathing, walking, etc.

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### FINAL REHEARSAL

Tell the story out loud.

Imagine your audience sitting in front of you and tell TO them.

Fix any problems in your telling.

Tell it out loud one more time.

You are ready!

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## TALE PERFORMANCE

1. A “pregnant pause” before you begin.
  2. The first sentence is magical.
  3. Watch your audience. Speak TO them. Communicate.
  4. Pace your tale. Slow....fast.... Take your time.
  5. Listen to your words. Use beautiful language.
  6. Pretend you are confident!
  7. The last sentence must be perfect.
  8. A quiet moment AFTER the story ends.
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## AFTER THE TELLING

1. Note any problems.
2. Note any great moments that you want to repeat next time.
3. Tell the story again and again to many audiences.
4. Tape record YOUR telling of the story.