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What if?

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So you have this sheet of paper or blank document in front of you and you really want to write but you cannot think what or who to write about... what should you do?



Well, as an exercise, pick a character that you know, e.g. Blackbeard the pirate.

When you think of a pirate you would picture treasure, a ship, the Jolly Roger, a parrot...

But no, put him somewhere else that you know really well from another story e.g. Rapunzel's tower.



Ask yourself some questions...

- How did he get there?
- What can he see?
- How does he feel?
- Who does he meet?
- What would he do?
- Who might help him?

...and very soon a whole new story will start to develop.

Choose a character from a film, e.g. Harry Potter, Mickey Mouse, Woody, Elsa.

Choose a character/person from television, e.g. Doctor Who, Bear Grylls, Scooby Doo.

Choose a character from another book, e.g. the Wimpy kid, Matilda, Winnie the Pooh, the BFG.

Your characters must keep their own characteristics e.g. Elsa turns things to ice / Winnie the Pooh is always hungry.

Put them into a setting from another book / film, e.g. Treasure Island/Hogwarts/the Tardis/the Hundred Acre Wood.

Ask the questions above and away you go!

We'd love to see how you get on – you can tag or message us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram!