

6 THREE STORIES ABOUT WHY WE LOVE STORIES

Before you watch

- A** What types of stories do you like: science fiction, mysteries, love stories, suspense stories, dramas, comedies, or horror? List your three favorite types of stories. Then give examples of books, movies, or other stories you like.

	Type	Example
1.		
2.		
3.		

- B Pair work** Compare your answers to part A. Give reasons for your choices.

A: I love dramas, so I really liked the movie *The Great Gatsby*. I also liked it because I like movies based on books and stories set in the past.

B: Really? Not me. I like science fiction and movies set in the future. It's more fun to imagine what things will be like! *The Terminator* is the best movie ever, in my opinion.

While you watch

- A** Write *T* (true) or *F* (false). Then correct the false statements with a partner.

- ___ 1. The video begins by talking about when people started writing stories down.
- ___ 2. Larry told his friends a story about the hole so they wouldn't fall into it.
- ___ 3. Professor Evans's classes were dull because he only engaged emotions, not the mind.
- ___ 4. In the sentences "But lately, people have been telling you stories. And after a time, you have started to make sense of the world," the phrase *but lately* refers to the time when you are older.
- ___ 5. The main point of all three stories is to show that humans tell stories to teach their children.

- B** Choose the correct answers according to the information in the video.

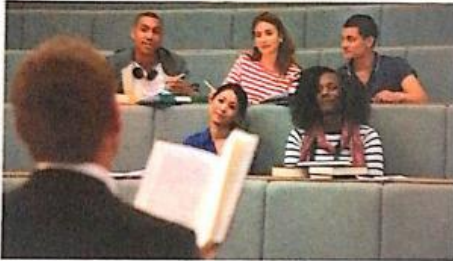
1. Early humans began to write stories down _____.
 - a. when they were older and smarter
 - b. to tell them over and over
 - c. to tell people about their caves
2. The first stories may have been told to _____.
 - a. record personal information
 - b. entertain others
 - c. help people live better
3. Professor Evans started telling stories _____.
 - a. then switched to teaching formulas
 - b. instead of just teaching formulas
 - c. about the theories that scientists must learn
4. Professor Evans succeeded because he _____.
 - a. could explain theories well
 - b. engaged his students emotionally and intellectually
 - c. explained the dangers of blast-offs

5. When humans get older, they _____.
- a. continue to make sense of the world using stories b. often read childhood stories again to understand more c. tell children stories to learn more about them
6. Humans will always tell stories because _____.
- a. it makes us who we are b. we will always need them to survive c. we want to find new ways to tell them

C Take notes to answer the questions in your own words. Then compare answers with a partner.



1. What do stories help humans do?



2. Why are stories the natural way for humans to learn things?



3. How does telling stories to children help them?

After you watch

A Pair work Think about the way stories help humans survive, learn, and organize their world. Then think of a story that does each of these things. Explain how you think each story helps people.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B Group work Write or retell a story that helps people survive, learn, or organize their world. Be sure to state the main learning point of the story at the end.

C Class activity Read or retell your group's story to the class but don't read the main point. Can the class say what the main point of the story is?