

# A MILLION HANDS

## Icebreaker: Nonsense story

**A resource from the Guide Dogs**

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Have the group either sitting or standing in a circle. Give each young person a copy of the table on the next page, or alternatively use blank paper and ask everyone to copy this table from a version you have drawn on the board.

Explain that they will write one part of their story (this can be a single word or a few words) on the piece of paper, then ask that they fold over their word or words and pass the paper onto the person on their left.

For older groups, expand the activity by saying they must add a whole sentence to the story. Keep the pace fast so people don't overthink their answer.

In the first box, they all need to write 'Who' the person in the story is. This could be themselves, a teacher, friend, parent, famous person or a made-up name. For older groups, suggest that they add a sentence about the character in the story.

Once this has been done, they need to fold the paper so that the next person to their left cannot see what they've written.

They then pass their list onto the person on their left.

In the second box, they need to write what are the character is doing.

Fold and pass to the left.

In the third box, how the character is doing it.

Fold and pass to the left.

In the fourth box, they need to write where the story is taking place.

Fold and pass to the left.

In the fifth box, when the story is taking place.

Fold and pass to the left.

In the sixth box, they need to write why the character is doing this.

Fold and pass to the person on the left. Everyone then opens and reads the story the final story. Those that want to can read their story out loud.

Who	Who	Who
What	What	What
How	How	How
Where	Where	Where
When	When	When
Why	Why	Why