

ALICE IN AUSTRALIA

STORY FOUR : BROKEN THINGS

Improve Your Literacy – Suggested Activities

Learning about narrative

A famous film director once said ‘Every story has a beginning, a middle and an end, but not necessarily in that order’. Look carefully again at the order of the panels in this story, particularly the first one. What is unusual or unexpected about it? Would it be possible to tell the same story in a different order?

Using the Snappy Tool and the individual elements of the story, remake your own version of Broken Things.

Art and Design (Fashion)

Alice’s Aunt Xui Li gives her an authentic (real) cheongsam, a traditional tight-fitting Chinese dress. Find out about the history of the cheongsam and **design one in your own style and colours**.

Find out about and draw the national dress of people from the following countries:

Slovakia *Tibet* *Kenya*

Mexico *Afghanistan* *Scotland*

Storytelling – One-Minute Talk

Have you ever broken or lost something valuable to you or someone else? Think about how it happened and how it made you feel. Tell the story to your partner or your group in **one minute**. Record your talks and play them back.

How did you sound? Can you make it better? Why not make a **podcast** and share them with other people.

Discussion/Debate

Alice likes to look out from her Aunt Xui Li’s forty-first floor window across the city, but her mother is not so keen. How many cities have you ever been to? Perhaps you live in one. Perhaps you’ve never visited one.

Make a list of all the advantages and disadvantages of living in a city, then decide whether you would prefer to live in the city or the country. Present your argument to the rest of the group or the class, and try to convince them that you are right.

Create

Alice and the twins Carol and Lewis are making a movie about a dog with superpowers. If you had a superpower what would it be, and how would you use it?

Create your own superhero and storyboard the first episode of their adventures.

Research – Tsunamis

Brad’s father’s friend Adhi was lost in the tsunami in Indonesia. Find out as much as you can about tsunamis, why they are such a danger to people in this part of the world, and what can be done to make people safer.