

story

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['stɔ:ri] *n*

1. повесть; рассказ

short story - рассказ, новелла

good /funny/ story - анекдот

blue [off-colour] story - непристойный анекдот

ghost story - история с привидениями

detective story - детективный роман

love story - любовный роман; рассказ *или* повесть о любви

2. фабула, сюжет

the main thing in a novel is the story - самое главное в романе - это сюжет

I read only for the story - я читаю, только чтобы следить за фабулой/за развитием событий

3. история; предание; сказка

the story of printing - история книгопечатания

stories of ancient Greece - древнегреческие мифы

to tell smb. one's story /the story of one's life/ - рассказать кому-л. историю своей жизни /свою биографию

his story is an eventful one - его биография богата событиями

a character famous in story and song - ≅ легендарная личность

the story has been several times handled in both prose and verse - это предание не раз излагалось и стихами и прозой

4. заявление; что-л. сказанное, чьи-л. слова

according to her (own) story - по её (собственным) словам; по её собственному заявлению

that is the whole story - вот и всё, вот и весь сказ

they all tell the same story - они все говорят одно и то же

these bruises tell their own story - эти ушибы /синяки, ссадины/ говорят сами за себя

there is a story that ... - говорят, что ...

do you believe his story? - вы верите тому, что он говорит?

it was an old story to him - он это уже много раз слышал /видел, встречал/

the witness changed his story - свидетель изменил свои показания

5. *разг.* разговор, рассказ; рассказы, сплетниscandalous stories are circulated about *N.* - об *N.* ходят скандальные слухи /сплетни/

the story is discredited by some - не все верят тому, что об этом говорится

many curious stories are told about elephants - о слонах рассказывают много любопытного

6. *разг.*, *преим. детск.* выдумка, ложь

to tell stories - выдумывать, лгать, сочинять, рассказывать сказки, небылицы

7. *амер.*

1) газетный материал, сообщение в печати

to make a story out of a trivial event - сделать статью на материале незначительного события

there is a story in him - о нём стоит написать /рассказать читателям/

2) лицо *или* событие, заслуживающее освещения в печати

the biggest stories of the year - важнейшие события года

◇ that is (quite) another story - это (совсем) другое дело

it is quite another story now - положение теперь изменилось

to make a long story short - короче говоря

II

['stɔ:ri] *n* = storeystory culture - *с.-х.* культура, возделываемая на уступах *или* террасах

story

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

story [story stories] *BrE* ['stɔ:ri] *n* *NAmE* ['stɔ:ri] *n* noun (pl. **stories**)

1. ~ (about/of sth/sb) a description of events and people that the writer or speaker has invented in order to entertain people

• **adventure /detective /love, etc. stories**

• a story about time travel

• Shall I **tell you a story**?• He **read** the children **a story**.• a **bedtime story****see also** ↑fairy story, ↑ghost story, ↑short story

2. ~ (about/of sth/sb) an account, often spoken, of what happened to sb or of how sth happened

• It was many years before **the full story** was made public.

• The police didn't believe her story.

• We must stick to our story about the accident.

• I can't decide until I've heard **both sides of the story**.

• It's a story of courage.

• Many years later I returned to Africa but **that's another story** (= I am not going to talk about it now).**see also** ↑cock and bull story, ↑hard-luck story, ↑life story, ↑shaggy-dog story, ↑sob story, ↑success story, ↑tall story

3. an account of past events or of how sth has developed

• He told us the story of his life.

• the story of the Beatles

• the story of the building of the bridge

4. a report in a newspaper, magazine or news broadcast

- a front-page story
- Now for a summary of tonight's main news stories.

see also ↑cover story, ↑lead story

5. (also **story-line**) the series of events in a book, film/movie, play, etc.

Syn: ↑plot

- Her novels always have the same basic story.

6. (informal) something that sb says which is not true

- She knew the child had been **telling stories** again.

7. (NAme) = ↑storey

more at a likely story **at** ↑likely *adj.*, cut/make a long story short **at** ↑long *adj.*, the (same) old story **at** ↑old, pitch a story/line/yarn (to sb) **at** ↑pitch *v.*, tell a different story/taletell its own tale/story **at** ↑tell

Idioms: ↑so the story goes ▪ ↑story goes ... ▪ ↑that's the story of my life

See also: ↑storyline

Word Origin:

Middle English (denoting a historical account or representation): shortening of Anglo-Norman French **estorie**, from Latin **historia** from Greek **historia** 'finding out, narrative, history', from **histōr** 'learned, wise man', from an Indo-European root shared by wit 'have knowledge'.

Collocations:

Literature

Being a writer

write/publish literature/poetry/fiction/a book/a story/a poem/a novel/a review/an autobiography

become a writer/novelist/playwright

find/have a publisher/an agent

have a new book out

edit/revise/proofread a book/text/manuscript

dedicate a book/poem to...

Plot, character and atmosphere

construct/create/weave/weave sth into a complex narrative

advance/drive the plot

introduce/present the protagonist/a character

describe/depict/portray a character (as...)/(sb as) a hero/villain

create an exciting/a tense atmosphere

build/heighten the suspense/tension

evoke/capture the pathos of the situation

convey emotion/an idea/an impression/a sense of...

engage the reader

seize/capture/grip the (reader's) imagination

arouse/elicit emotion/sympathy (in the reader)

lack imagination/emotion/structure/rhythm

Language, style and imagery

use/employ language/imagery/humour/(especially US) humor/an image/a symbol/a metaphor/a device

use/adopt/develop a style/technique

be rich in/be full of symbolism

evoke images of.../a sense of.../a feeling of...

create/achieve an effect

maintain/lighten the tone

introduce/develop an idea/a theme

inspire a novel/a poet/sb's work/sb's imagination

Reading and criticism

read an author/sb's work/fiction/poetry/a text/a poem/a novel/a chapter/a passage

review a book/a novel/sb's work

give sth/get/have/receive a good/bad review

be hailed (as)/be recognized as a masterpiece

quote a phrase/line/stanza/passage/author

provoke/spark discussion/criticism

study/interpret/understand a text/passage

translate sb's work/a text/a passage/a novel/a poem

Synonyms:

report

story • account • version

These are all words for a written or spoken account of events.

report • a written or spoken account of an event, especially one that is published or broadcast: ▪ Are these newspaper reports true?

story • an account, often spoken, of what happened to sb or of how sth happened; a report of events in a newspaper, magazine or

news broadcast: ▪ It was many years before the full story was made public. ◊▪ the front-page story
account ▪ a written or spoken description of sth that has happened: ▪ She gave the police a full account of the incident.

report or account?

A **report** is always of recent events, especially news. An **account** may be of recent or past events.

version ▪ a description of an event from the point of view of a particular person or group of people: ▪ She gave us her version of what had happened that day.

a report/story **about** sth

a **brief/short** report/story/account

a **full** report/story/account/version

a **news** report/story

to **give** a(n) report/account/version

Example Bank:

- 'How come you've only got one shoe on?' 'It's a long story.'
- A story was going around that the factory was in line for closure.
- According to Rachel's version of the story, they threw the key in the river.
- And now back to our top story tonight...
- Antidepressants are widely believed to be effective medications. The data, however, tell a different story.
- Anyway, to cut a long story short, we had this argument and I haven't seen him since.
- Anyway, to cut a long story short= not to give all the details, we had this argument and I haven't seen him since.
- At first he denied everything, but then he changed his story and said it was an accident.
- Every newspaper carried the story.
- Full story on page 3.
- He said he'd met Madonna. A likely story.
- He was boring people with more of his hard-luck stories.
- He's covering the story in Gaza for CNN.
- His life was a sorry story of betrayal and rejection.
- I suspected he hadn't told us the whole story.
- Many years later I returned to Africa but that's another story.
- Many years later I returned to Africa— but that's another story= I am not going to talk about it now.
- More than one correspondent filed a story about the incident.
- My dad sometimes read me a story at bedtime.
- National Geographic ran a feature story on dinosaurs.
- No one would believe such a tall story.
- Out of work with no money— that's the story of my life.
- She gave me some sob story about losing her credit cards.
- She told the police a false story about being attacked.
- She told them her life story.
- Stories abound of vandalism and looting.
- The New York Times broke the story and others picked it up.
- The biggest story of the day was the signing of the peace agreement.
- The film is the rags-to-riches story of a country girl who becomes a famous singer.
- The film lacks a coherent story.
- The film tells the improbable story of a monkey that becomes a politician.
- The magazine chose the peace process as its cover story.
- The magazine gives the inside story of life in a rock band.
- The moral of this story is that you should never take things for granted.
- The motives of the hero become clearer as the story unfolds.
- The official story was that the singer had broken his arm falling in the shower.
- The screenplay sticks to the original story.
- The story broke in January.
- The story is set in India in the 1930s.
- The story opens with a man hiding from the police under a woman's skirt.
- The teacher punished me without listening to my side of the story.
- There is one popular story in the town of a man-eating cat that lives in the forest.
- This story illustrates the dangers of living on credit.
- We had difficulty in piecing together the fragments of her story.
- We swapped stories about our worst teachers.
- We will continue to follow this story and bring you the latest developments.
- We'll have more on this breaking story as developments come in to us.
- a collection of short stories
- a collection of stories by modern writers
- a story of moral redemption
- his first published short story
- lurid stories of politicians' sexual adventures
- scare stories about the harmful effects of the vaccination
- the epic story of a family's escape from war
- the familiar story of a star who turns to drink and drugs
- the story of his arrest

- He was covering the story for the 'Glasgow Herald'.
- He's been spreading malicious stories about you.
- I always read the children a bedtime story.
- I can't decide until I've heard both sides of the story.
- Now for a summary of the day's main stories.
- Shall I tell you a story?
- Sounds like another one of his tall stories to me.
- The story goes that this castle was founded by Emperor Frederick Barbarossa.
- a/an adventure/detective/ghost/love story
- the front-page/cover story

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **storey** *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *British English, story American English* /'stɔːri/ *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1300-1400; Origin: story; perhaps because some medieval buildings had paintings on their walls telling stories]

a floor or level of a building:

" a staircase leads to the upper storey

two-storey/five-storey etc (=having two etc storeys)

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- **floor** one of the levels in a building: She lives in an apartment on the eighteenth floor.
- **storey** *British English, story American English* used when saying how many levels a building has: a five-storey car park | The school is a single storey building.
- **the ground floor** (also **the first floor** *American English*) the floor of a building that is at ground level: There is a shop on the ground floor. | The emergency room is on the first floor.
- **the first floor** *British English, the second floor American English* the floor of a building above the one at ground level: She lives on the first floor.
- **deck** one of the levels on a ship, bus, or plane: The Horizon Lounge is on the top deck of the ship.

II. **story** **S1 W1** /'stɔːri/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ *noun* (plural **stories**) [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: estorie, from Latin historia; ⇨ [↑]history]

1. FOR ENTERTAINMENT a description of how something happened, that is intended to entertain people, and may be true or imaginary ⇨ **tale**

story about/of

" a story about a princess

fairy/ghost/love etc story

" a detective story

tell/read somebody a story

" Mommy, will you read me a story?

" a book of short stories

" We cuddled together over a bedtime story.

" The film was based on a true story.

" Don't be frightened – it's only a story (=it is imaginary).

2. NEWS a report in a newspaper or news broadcast about a recent event, or something that is reported on:

" a front-page story

" 'The Observer' ran a story about the scandal (=printed it).

cover story (=the main story in a magazine, which is about the picture on the cover)

3. EVENTS an account of something that has happened, usually one that people tell each other, and which may not be true:

" The full story of what happened has never been reported.

" Her parents did not believe her story.

" First, he wanted to hear Matthew's side of the story (=his description of what happened).

" He was having an affair with Julie, or so the story goes (=people are saying this).

4. EXCUSE an excuse or explanation, especially one that you have invented:

" Where were you? And don't give me some story about working late!

" Well, that's my story (=that is what I say happened), and I'm sticking to it.

5. HISTORY a description of the most important events in someone's life or in the development of something:

" the Charlie Parker Story

" He wanted to have his life story told on film.

6. BUILDING *American English* a floor or level of a building **SYN** **storey** *British English*:

" a 50-story building

7. OF A FILM/PLAY ETC what happens in a film, play, or book **SYN** **plot**:

" The story is similar in all her books.

8. it's the same story here/there/in ... used to say the same thing is happening in another place:

" Unemployment is falling in the US, and it's the same story in Europe.

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SPOKEN PHRASES

9. it's the same old story used to say that the present bad situation has often happened before:

" It's the same old story – too much work and not enough time.

10. it's a long story used to tell someone that you do not want to give them all the details that a full answer to their question would need

11. to cut a long story short (also **to make a long story short** *American English*) used when you only give the main point of

something you are talking about, and not all the other details

12. **but that's another story** used when you have mentioned something that you are not going to talk about on this occasion

13. **that's not the whole story** used to say that there are more details which people need to know in order to understand the situation

14. **that's the story of my life** used after a disappointing experience to mean that similar disappointing things always seem to happen to you

15. **end of story** used to say that there is nothing more to say about a particular subject:

"As far as I'm concerned, Terry is still a friend – end of story."

16. **it's a different story** used to say that something is not what you expect it to be:

"It looks like a big house, but inside it's a different story."

17. **LIE** a lie – used by children or when speaking to children **SYN tale**:

"You shouldn't tell stories."

⇒ ↑short story, ⇒ **cock and bull story** at ↑cock¹(4), ⇒ ↑hard-luck story, ↑sob story, ⇒ **success story** at ↑success(5)

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 1)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + story

- a **true story** 'Schindler's List' tells the true story of Oskar Schindler.
- a **classic story** (=old and admired by many people, or typical and good) a classic story about a little girl who falls down a rabbit hole
- a **short story** He has published two collections of short stories.
- a **children's story** Enid Blyton is famous for writing children's stories.
- a **love story** 'Romeo and Juliet' is a classic love story.
- a **fairy story** (=a children's story in which magical things happen) She looked like a princess in a fairy story.
- an **adventure story** an exciting adventure story for children
- a **detective story** Most detective stories are about a murder.
- a **ghost/horror story** They sat round the fire telling ghost stories. | She likes reading horror stories.
- a **bedtime story** (=one that you read to a child before they go to sleep) He remembered his mother reading him a bedtime story.

■ verbs

- **tell (somebody) a story** Would you like me to tell you a story?
- **read (somebody) a story** She read a lot of detective stories.
- **write a story** The story was written by Lewis Carroll.

■ COMMON ERRORS

- ▶ Do not say '**say (somebody) a story**'. Say **tell (somebody) a story**.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meaning 2)

■ ADJECTIVES/NOUN + story

- a **big story** (=a report about something important) He had promised the newspaper a big story on a major celebrity.
- the **lead/top story** (=the most important story in a newspaper or news programme) The floods were the lead story on the news that evening.
- a **front-page story** The Times published a front-page story about the scandal.
- a **cover story** (=the main story in a magazine, mentioned on the cover) Hello magazine did a cover story on her last year.

■ verbs

- **do a story** (=write and then print or broadcast it) I went to Iraq to do a story on the war.
- **print/publish a story** The News of the World decided not to print the story.
- **run a story** (=print it or broadcast it) There wasn't enough definite information to run the story.
- **cover a story** (=report on it) Her family complained about the way that journalists had covered the story.
- **break a story** (=report on it for the first time) The Daily Mail was the paper which broke the story.
- **leak a story** (=secretly tell a reporter about it) We may never know who leaked the story to the press.
- a **story breaks** (=it is reported for the first time) I still remember the shock when that story broke.

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- **story** a description of how something happened that is intended to entertain people, and may be true or imaginary: a ghost story | a love story | It's a story about a man who loses his memory. | a book of short stories
- **tale** a story about strange imaginary events, or exciting events that happened in the past: a fairy tale by Hans Christian Andersen | I loved hearing tales of his travels.
- **myth** *noun* [uncountable and countable] a very old imaginary story about gods and magical creatures: an ancient myth | Greek and Roman myths
- **legend** *noun* [uncountable and countable] an old story about brave people or magical events that are probably not true: popular legends of the creation of the world | According to legend, King Arthur was buried there.
- **fable** a traditional imaginary short story that teaches a moral lesson, especially a story about animals: the fable of the tortoise and the hare | a Chinese fable
- **epic** a story told in a long book, film, or poem which is about great or exciting events, especially in history: an epic about 13th-century Scottish hero William Wallace
- **saga** a story about a series of events that take place over a long period of time, especially events involving one family: a family saga beginning in the 1880s
- **yarn** *informal* a long exciting story that is not completely true: The movie's a rattling good yarn and full of action.

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 3 & 4)

verbs

- **tell (somebody) a story** (*also recount/relate a story formal*) I'd better tell you the whole story from the beginning. | He laughed as he recounted the story.
- **give (somebody) a story** I had the feeling that she wasn't giving me the full story.
- **hear a story** (*also listen to a story*) I've heard that story a hundred times.
- **make up/invent a story** She confessed to making up the story of being abducted.
- **stick to your story** (=keep saying it is true) He didn't believe her at first, but she stuck to her story.
- **change your story** During police interviews, Harper changed his story several times.
- **believe a story** The jury did not believe Evans's story.
- **swap stories** (=tell each other stories) They swapped stories and shared their experiences.
- **the story goes** (=this is what is people say happened) The story goes that he was drowned off the south coast, but not everyone believed it.
- **a story goes around** (=people tell it to each other) A story went around that she had been having an affair.

adjectives

- **the full/whole story** I did not know the full story.
- **a plausible/convincing story** She tried to think up a convincing story to tell her parents.
- **a remarkable story** The film tells the remarkable story of their escape from a prison camp.
- **an apocryphal story** (=one that is well-known but probably not true) There are many apocryphal stories about him.
- **the inside story** (=including facts that are known only to people involved) Though I'd seen the official report, I wanted the inside story.

phrases

- **sb's side of the story** (=someone's account of what happened, which may be different from someone else's) I would like to give my side of the story.

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