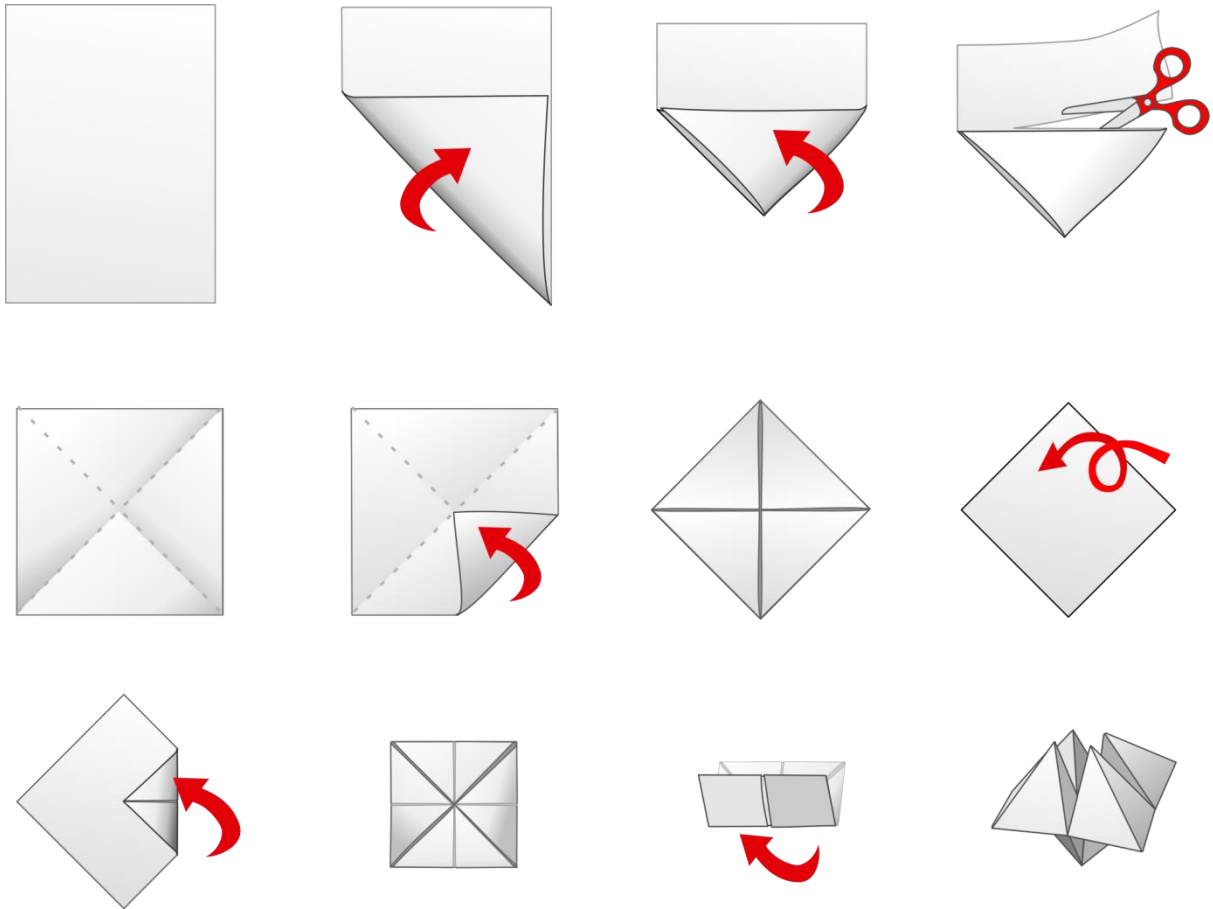


STORY STARTER

Start with an A4 piece of paper – or larger for fun! And fold as below:



1. Write an interesting **place** on each of the 4 squares on one side of the folded shape e.g. 'In Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory', 'In a deep dark dungeon', 'In a Shopping Centre', 'Inside a raindrop'...
2. Write a **person/character** on each of the 8 triangles on the other side of the folded shape e.g. 'An evil teacher', 'A three-headed man', 'A big fat slug', 'Shrek', 'My best friend'...
3. Open the shape up and write a **problem** to be solved on the inside of each of the 8 triangles e.g. 'Shrank to the size of an ant', 'was captured by pirates', 'found a cat sitting in the fridge'...
4. Put 2 thumbs and 2 index fingers in the Story Starter. Ask someone to choose a place, then spell out the place by moving the starter for each letter. Now ask them to choose a character and spell it out by moving the starter for each letter as before. Ask them to choose a triangle to open up for the problem. Hey presto! – the beginning of a story! Can you finish it?

