

## 24g A Clever Trick

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Complete this list of characters in the order in which they appear in the story.

Harry Hippo \_\_\_\_\_

Harriet Hippo \_\_\_\_\_

Zebra \_\_\_\_\_

Write the names of the students in your group next to names of the characters. Now, act out the story as a play. You will need one student to be the narrator of the story. The narrator explains what happens in the story in between the character dialogue.

### **Point of View**

The point of view describes who is telling the story. Stories may present different ideas depending on who is telling the story. For example, Zebra in the story *A Clever Trick* would tell the story in a different way to the wise old giraffe or Harriet Hippo. Choose one of the characters from your list and rewrite the story from their point of view. Read your story to someone else in the class to see if they can guess which character is telling the story.

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Alliteration is the use of the same sound at the beginning of words. Authors use alliteration to grab the reader's attention and to make the words sound interesting when read aloud. Alliteration is often used in advertising.

Underline the words that start with the same sound in the paragraph below from page 2:

“What’s going on over there by the old tree?” Harry Hippo asked his wife, Harriet, early one morning as he wallowed in the waterhole.

Here are some more examples of alliteration:

silver sails

marvellous moments

delicious dessert

cheeky chimpanzee

giant giraffes

slithering snakes

Now, write some of your own.

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Look closely at the illustrations in the story *A Clever Trick*. Write down all the animals in the illustrations that do not appear in the words. For example, on page 4 there is an elephant and a vulture that are not mentioned in the story.

Imagine if this story was set in another country, such as Australia, New Zealand, or Canada. Choose a country where this story might take place. Write a list of animals that could appear in your story.

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Draw an illustration for your story.

