

# Boxing up

The King of the Fishes is a wishing tale.

Let's look at the underlying pattern of the story by putting each section of the plot into a separate box. Later, we can use this to help us plan a new story.

A typical wishing story goes a bit like this...

Main character (MC) really wants something

MC tries to get what they want

A barrier gets in the way

MC overcomes the barrier

MC gets what they wished for

Sometimes all is well – sometimes not!

The King of the Fishes	Plot Pattern	My New Story Plan
Li is a poor fisherman.	<b>MC is poor</b>	
Li catches the King of the fishes but chooses to put it back	<b>MC rescues an animal that is the King or Queen of its kind.</b>	
The King of the Fishes grants Li one wish.	<b>The animal grants the MC one wish.</b>	
Li asks each member of his family what they would wish for. He struggles to decide.	<b>The MC struggles to decide what to wish for.</b>	
Li combines three wishes into one and asks the King of the Fishes for his wish.	<b>The MC chooses his wish, asks the creature and his wish is granted.</b>	
Everyone is happy. Li is now rich.	<b>All is well. The MC is now rich.</b>	

When you box up The King of the Fishes it follows a similar pattern.

Start thinking about your story ideas and put them into the new story plan column.