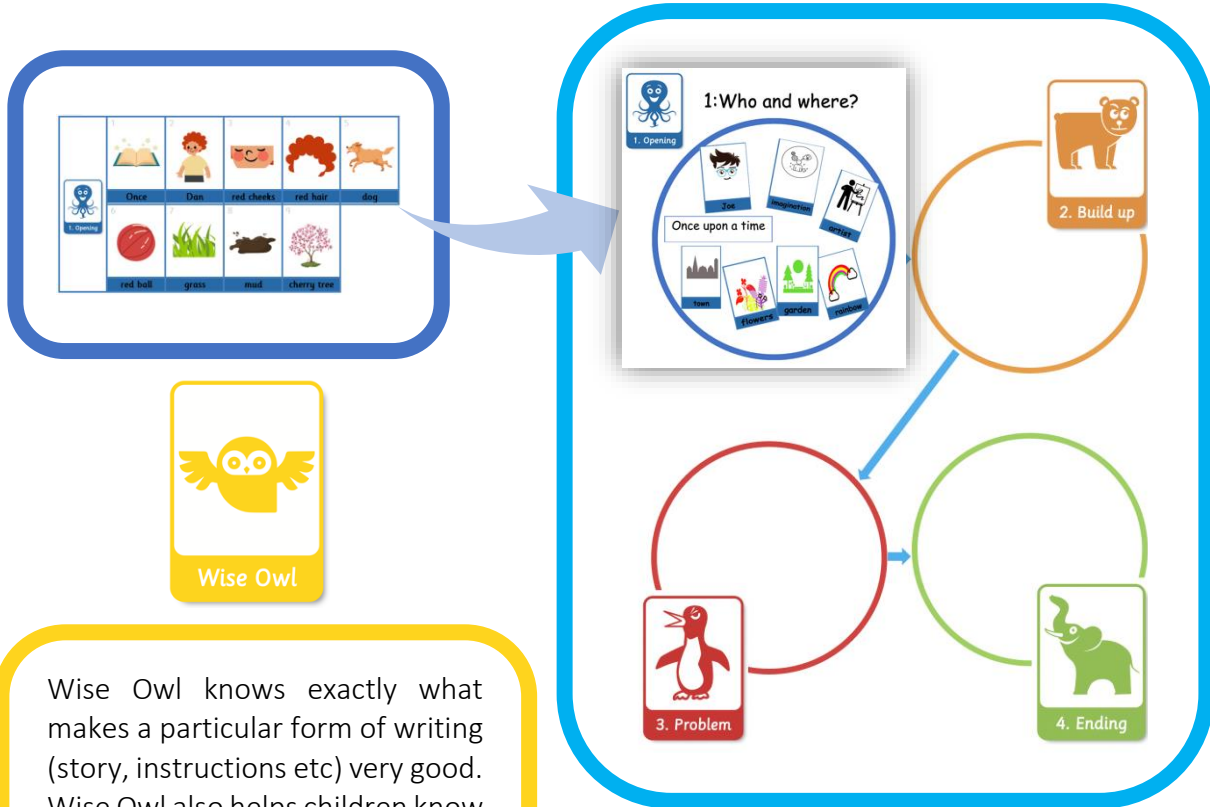


# Planning Circles & Sentences Images

In helping children develop their understanding of narratives, Ready Steady Write uses Planning Circles to represent the four elements of simple stories, as shown by the help of the Story Friends. Pictures, words (provided), drawings and even objects, can be placed into the circles to represent sentences in the different parts of the story. Once modelled, these then act as useful prompts to aid children in planning, retelling and writing sentences of their own. There is also an accompanying Story Song to support children’s memory. When used in combination with the Story Friends, young children develop an effective understanding and retelling - some in their own words and some as exact repetition (as indicated in Development Matters 2021).



Wise Owl knows exactly what makes a particular form of writing (story, instructions etc) very good. Wise Owl also helps children know *how* to write sentence(s) accurately. Wise Owl does this by examining the Example Text and Writer’s Knowledge.

## Vocabulary Teaching

Research tells us that ‘working vocabulary’ is developed through books that are read *to* and explored *with* children. New vocabulary from both the Example Text and the Vehicle Text has accompanying images to illustrate one meaning in order to help deepen understanding. NB Children may well be able to identify known graphemes within the identified words and phrases for frequent explicit teaching.

