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**COCO'S
STORYBOOK**

Draw it. Tell it. Write it. Share it.



A bonus printable storytelling activity
for the Coco Early Writing Skills Box.



Before children can write stories, they can tell them.

Children don't need to be able to form recognisable letters or write words to become authors. Writing begins with understanding that the **marks we make can carry meaning.**



A scribble

might be Coco swimming



A wobbly line

might be a journey.



A circle

might be a new friend.



If a mark means something to your child, it matters - even if it doesn't look like writing to us yet.

Drawing, mark making, talking about what happens next and choosing characters are all ways children begin to put their ideas onto a page.

Coco's Story Book gives your child a space to do exactly that. Together, you'll create an adventure for Coco - talking about what happens, drawing the story and adding whatever marks, shapes, letters or words your child is ready to make.

There's no need to correct their marks or make them look more like letters. The aim isn't perfect handwriting or spelling. It's helping your child discover: "I have something to say - and I can put it on a page."

While you're making the book:

- Ask, rather than tell. "What happens next?" gives your child ownership of the story.
- Let marks count as writing. They don't need to form recognisable words or letters.
- Write for them when they ask. If your child tells you a sentence, you can write their words underneath their picture.
- Don't worry about spelling. If they're beginning to write independently, let them have a go.
- Read it back together. Sharing the finished book helps children experience themselves as real storytellers and authors.

How to make a Coco Story

Let's make a story with Coco!



TALK

Imagine Coco's adventure together.

Ask:

- Where is Coco going?
- Who might Coco meet?
- What could happen?



DRAW

Let your child tell the story through pictures.

One picture can tell a whole part of the story.

Ask:

- Can you tell me about your picture?
- What is happening in this part of the story?
- What will you draw next?



WRITE

Add marks, letters or words.

Scribbles, shapes, letter-like marks, familiar letters and words all count.

Ask:

- What does this mark say?
- Is there anything else you want to add?
- Can you show me where your writing is?



SHARE

Let your child tell the story through pictures.

Read the finished story together. Let your child tell you what's happening on each page - they're the author!

Ask:

- Can you tell me your story?
- What happens on this page?
- What is your favourite part of the story?

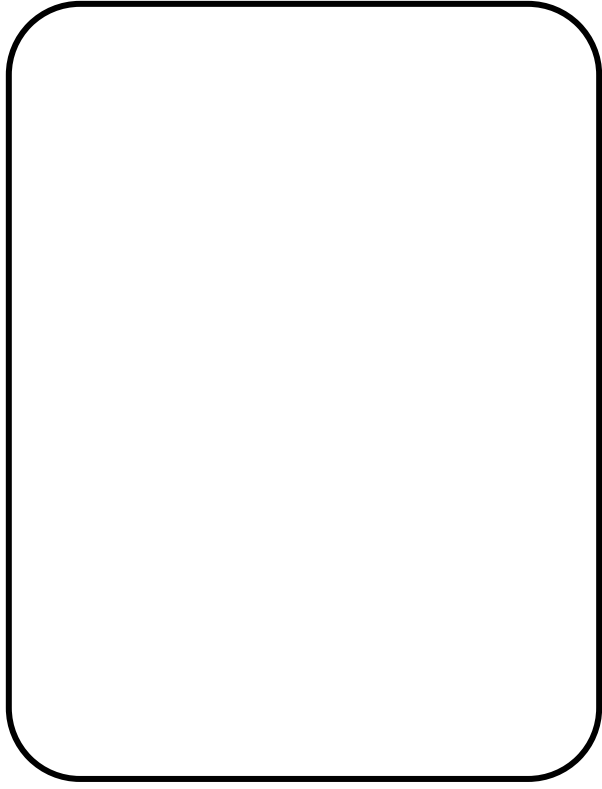


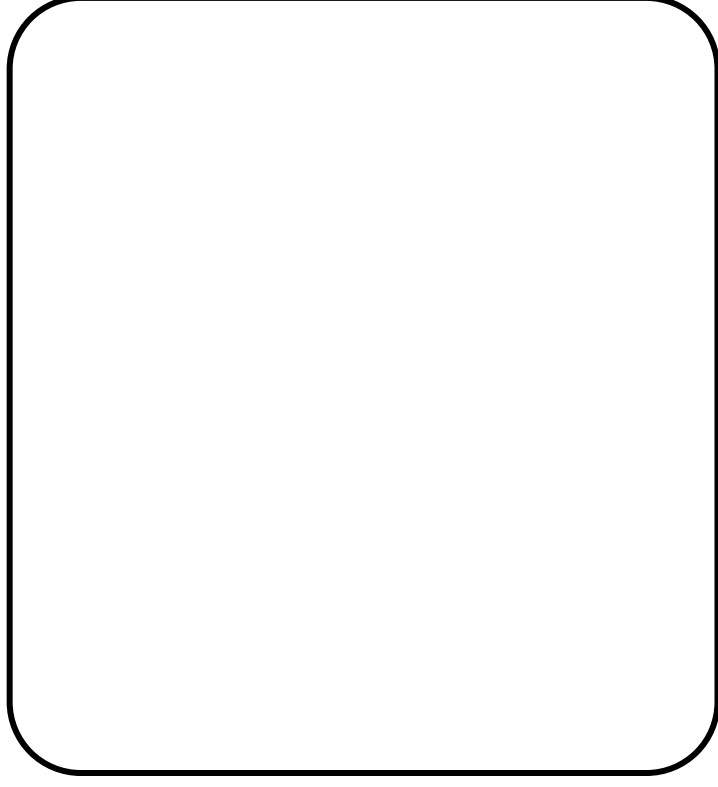
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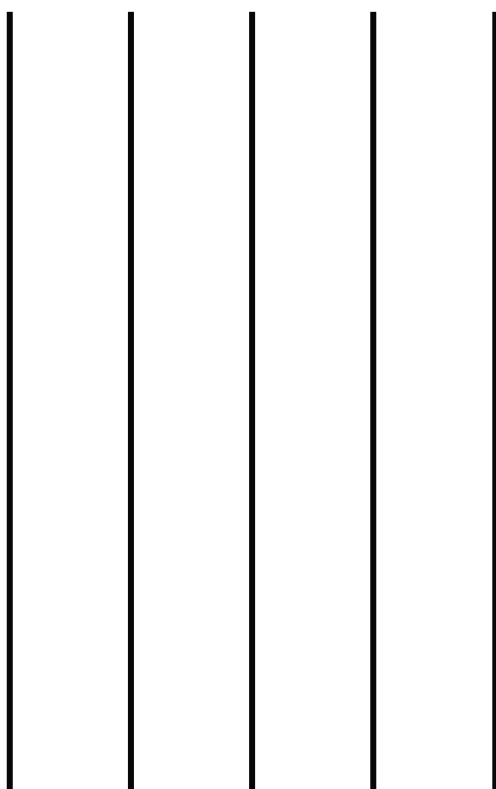
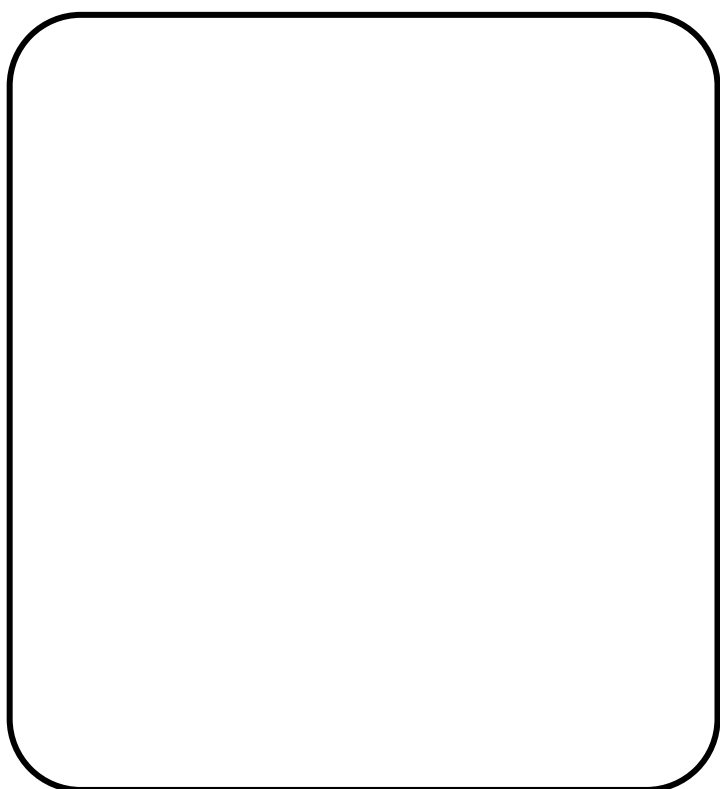
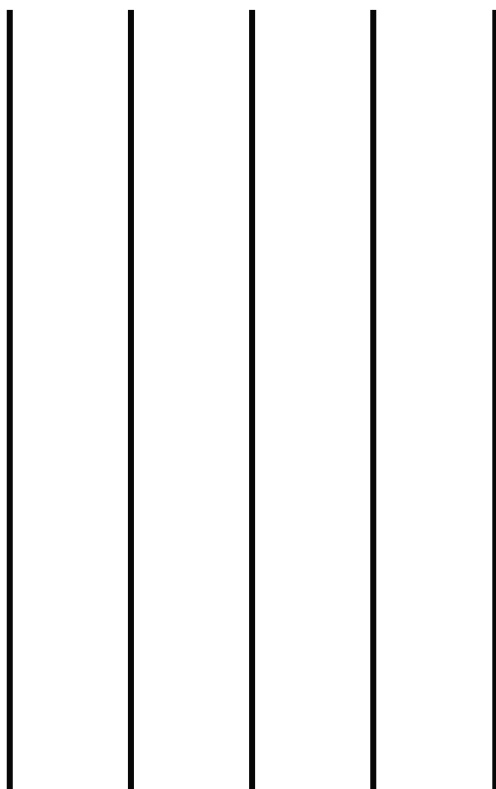
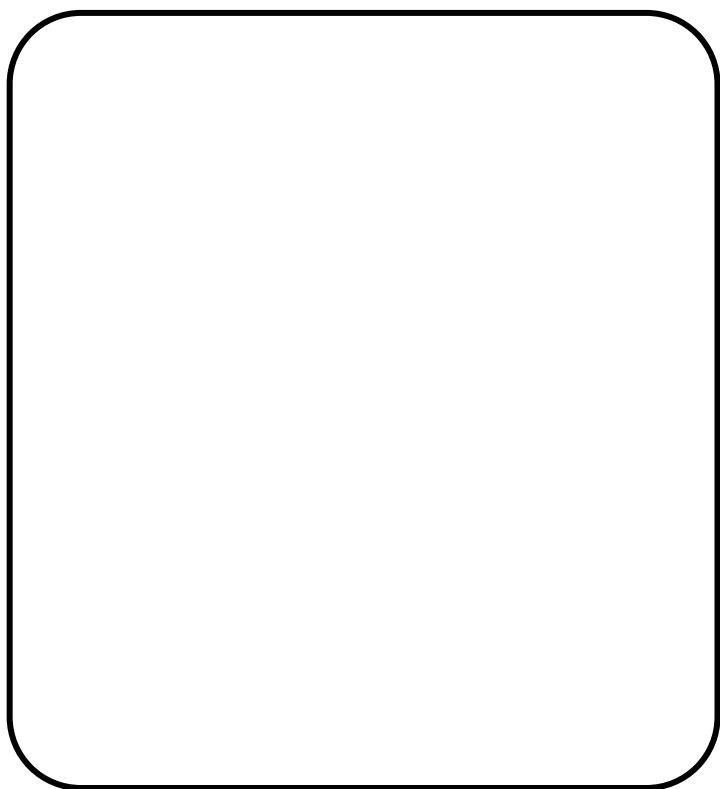
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2. Select Flip on short edge in your printer settings.
3. Print at 100% / Actual Size — do not select “Fit to Page”.
4. Once printed, fold the pages in half along the centre line.
5. Place the pages together in order and staple along the centre fold.

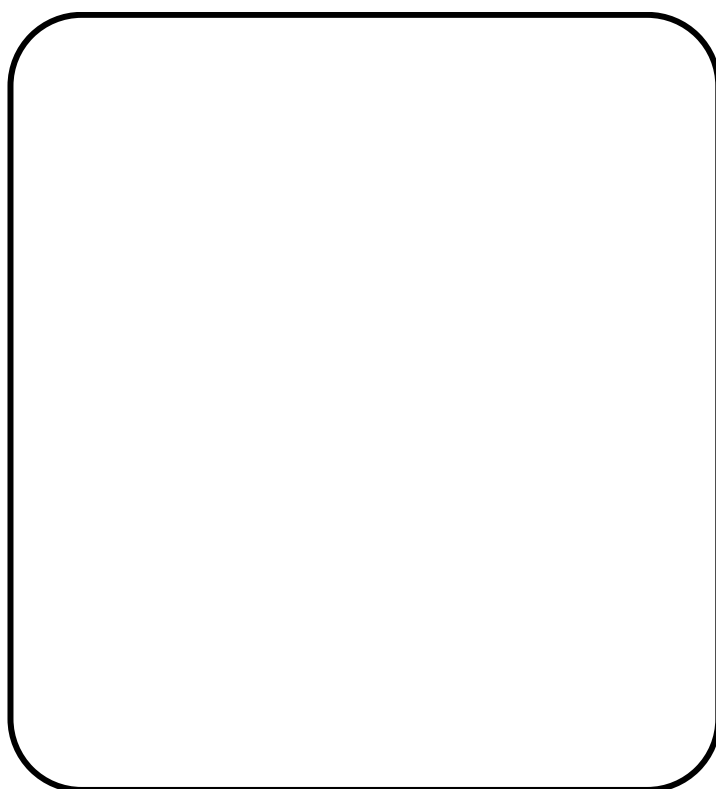
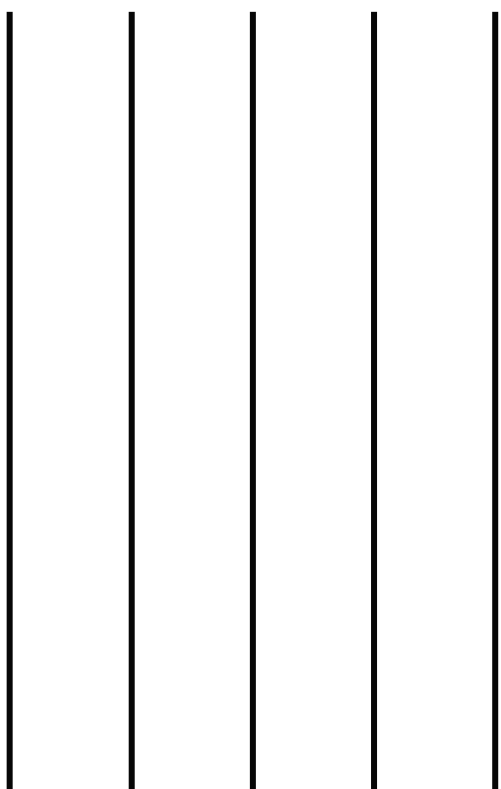
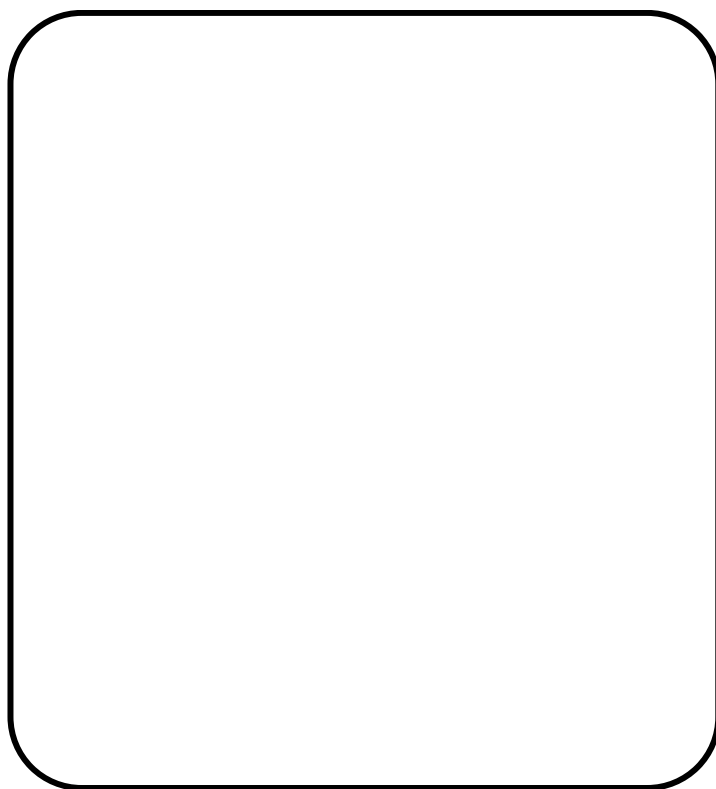
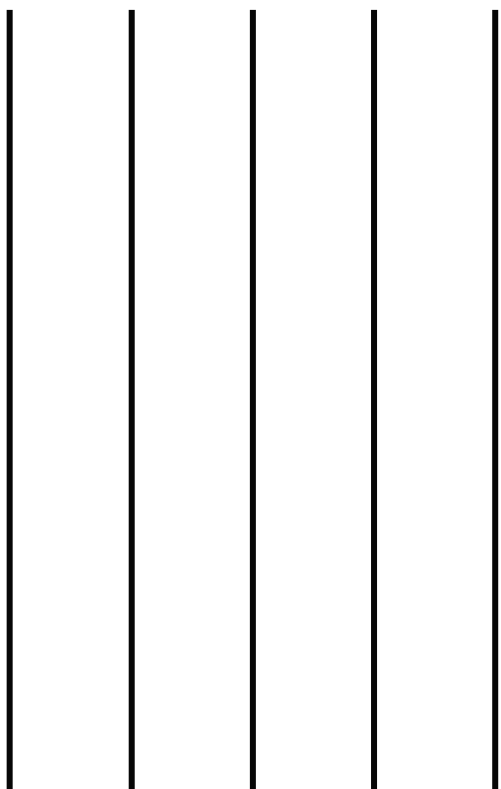
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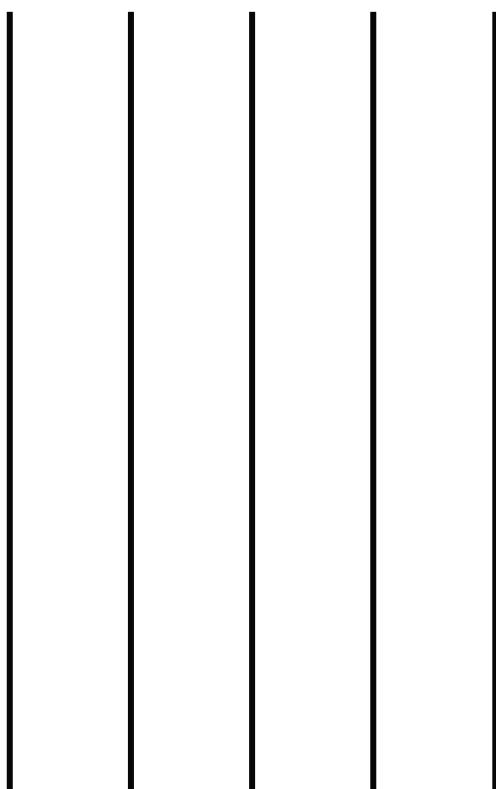
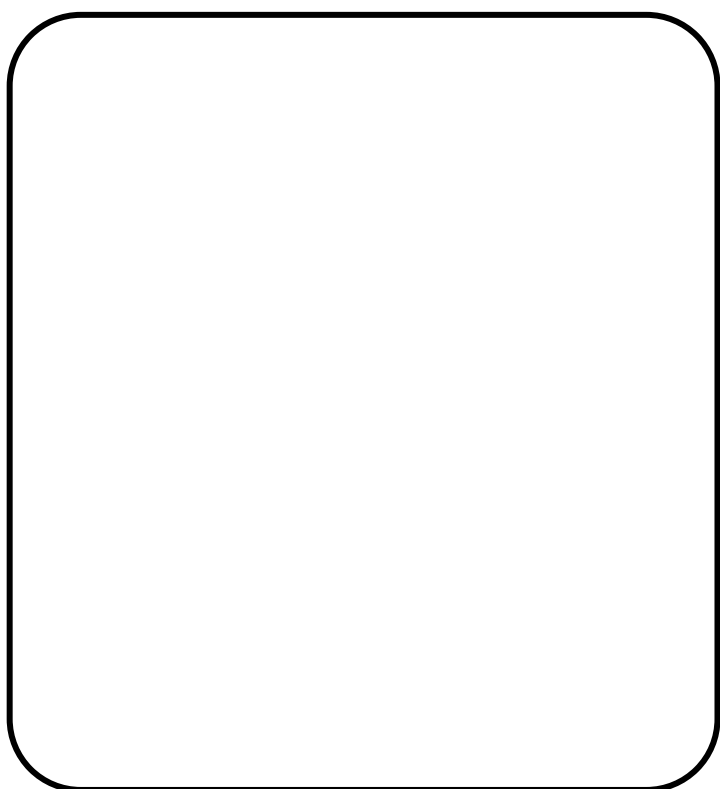
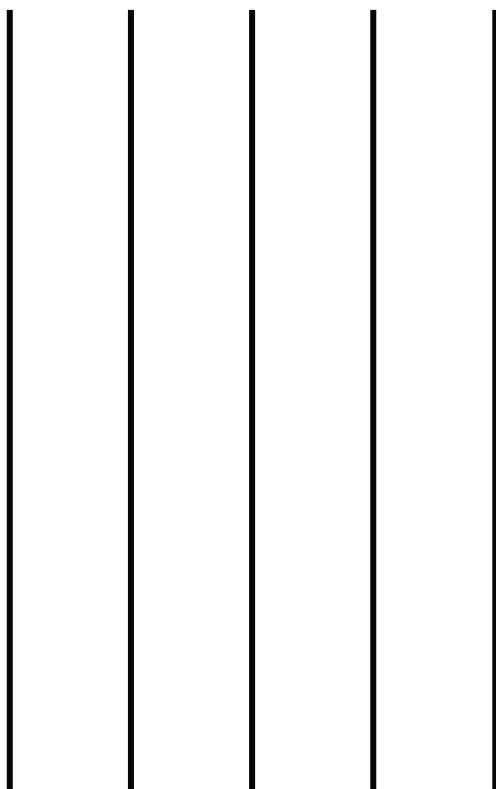
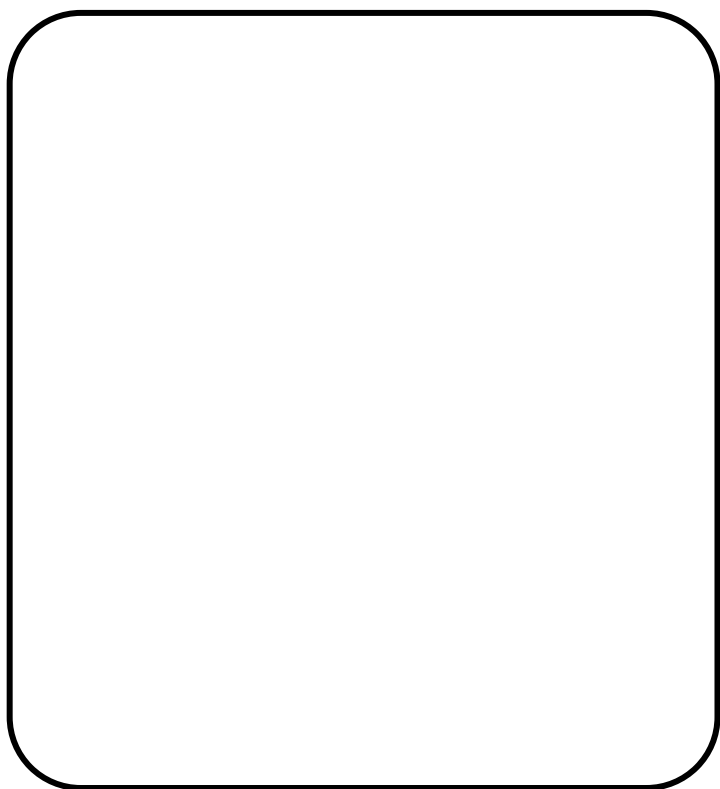




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