

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Read a poem.

- Read *Willow Pattern by Tony Mitton*. What do you like about the poem? Can you notice any patterns or puzzles?
- Now watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4VwAYc7dsUE> How does the poem match the plate?

2. Summarise the story

- Use *Plate Picture* and add captions to tell the story.
- Now make a plan for telling the story on *Story Plan*.

3. Now for some writing

- Read *Descriptive Language* and add your own ideas for descriptive sentences to tell the story.
- Try writing the story. Use your *Story Plan* and *Descriptive Language* to help you as you do.

Well done. Read your story to a grown-up. Can you test them to check that they remember what happened?

Try the Fun-Time Extra

- Watch these versions of the Willow Pattern Story. How are they similar to yours? How are they different? What do you like most about each? Which is your favourite? Why?

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lj5uTZG6G90

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ge1LD8JDfYg

Willow Pattern by Tony Mitton

Look. On my plate
is a blue garden
it happened in China
A long time ago.

There on a bridge
the soldiers are running
to capture the princess,
the Emperor's daughter.

She left with the young man
she wanted to marry.
They fled to an island
That lay on a lake.

The Emperor was angry.
He ordered his soldiers
to capture the princess
and kill the young man.



But the man and the princess
were turned into bluebirds.
They flew from the island
and never returned.

The Emperor, in sadness,
Turned into a willow.
And always he droops
as he weeps in his sorrow.

He weeps on my plate
In a blue garden.
It happened in China
a long time ago.

Tony Mitton (The Works p462)

Plate Picture

Add captions to tell the story.



Story Plan

How will you introduce your story?	
What will be the first event?	
What will happen next?	
What will be your final event?	
How will you round off your story?	

Descriptive Language

Add your ideas for descriptive sentences.

The sky, swirling in a mass of blue and white, appeared to open.

The princess, with glistening hair the colour of ebony, ran over the bridge.

She flew up into the sky, which was orange and warm.

The prince waved his sword, which had been given to him by his father, in the air.

The Willow-Pattern story

Write your version of the story here.



A large rectangular writing area with a decorative orange and black zigzag border. The interior is white with horizontal ruling lines.

A blank sheet of lined paper with a decorative orange and black border. The paper has horizontal lines and a vertical margin line on the left. The border is a repeating pattern of orange zig-zags and black dots.