THE ELEMENTS OF STORYTELLING

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STORY
The storyteller shares a narrative that has characters and action.

INTERACTION
The storyteller actively engages the audience and adapts based on the energy and response of the audience. As a result, every time the story is told, it changes.

IMAGINATION
Storytellers encourage the active imagination of the listeners.

WORDS
The storyteller uses words (spoken, signed or manual) to create connections and invite listeners into the story world through sensory details.

ACTIONS
The story is activated through vocalization, physical movement, and small and large gestures.

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