



## Module Four

### Task: Write concisely

One of defining things about picture books is expressing a big idea, or a big feeling, a big story, in a nutshell.

Award-winning picture books tend to be 200-300 words long. And yet there's much story!

Much of this magic happens in the space between the words and the illustration. You can use visual metaphor, for example, to convey emotion without having to name the emotion. Think of the example given in the Show Don't Tell video.

Challenge yourself to write concisely and artfully by capturing the following events in as few words as possible. Be creative and have fun with the exercise. You might like to use metaphor or think about what could be conveyed in the imagery.

1. A girl with hearing loss has just moved to a big city.
2. A bird has a broken wing and its family is about to fly off for migration.
3. A wombat smells a bushfire on the horizon.
4. A dog is lost in a busy park.
5. A boy has a new baby brother.

