

The Dash & Dot Show

Activity Cards

Episode: Detective Dash
Activity: Spin Me a Story
English Language Arts & Literacy

1 **Watch the Episode:** Watch Dash & Dot Show 9 “Detective Dash” at [play.makewonder.com/videos](https://www.makewonder.com/videos) (scroll towards the bottom).

2 **While You are Watching:**

1. Pause the video at 4:15 and think about what Dot’s clue might mean. Take your best guess then continue watching the video to find out!
2. Which two results did the Wheel of Peril land on when Detective Dash gave it a spin? Look closely at the wheel. What other endings to the story can you imagine?

3 **After Watching, Do:**

Time to write your own story with the Spin Me a Story Activity. Once done, don’t forget to share! **Ask an adult to share a photo or video on Twitter to @WonderWorkshop with the hashtag #DashandDot.**

Story Spinner Activity

If you have a Dash or Dot Robot ...

Write your own story by turning your Dash or Dot robot into a Story Spinner. The Story Spinner will help you randomly pick the beginning to your story. Then make up the middle and end to your story and share with a friend or family member.

Materials Needed:

- Dash or Dot robot
- Device with Blockly app
- Paper
- Pencil or Pen
- Scissors
- Tape

1. Print and cut out the "Story Spinner for Dash or Dot robot" on cardstock. Also, cut out the inner circle of the spinner so that the robot's eye can peek through.
2. Choose from the example story beginnings or create your own and label each of the six sections the spinner.
3. Tape the spinner to your robot so that its eye peeks through the hole in the middle.
4. Open Blockly and download the project with the following key: KW8G. To learn how to download a project in Blockly, read this blog post: <https://www.makewonder.com/blog/blockly-app-upgrade-profiles-sharing/>
5. Now it's time to spin and write your story! Run the project and tap your robot's top button so that its eye lights land on one of the beginnings. Now write a story with the beginning that your spinner landed on and choose your own middle and end.
6. Once you're done writing your story, share it with a friend or family member!

Example Story Beginnings

- Dot isn't feeling well
- Dot has a friend coming to visit tonight
- Dash is wandering through the woods and is lost
- Dash is trying to go to sleep but is scared
- There are monsters having a pizza party and Dash and Dot are not invited
- Dash and Dot want to start a band but don't know how to play any instruments

Story Spinner Activity

If you don't have a robot...

Start writing your own robot story by designing a Story Spinner to get started. The Story Spinner will help you randomly pick the beginning to your story. Then make up the middle and end to your story and share with a friend or family member.

Materials Needed:

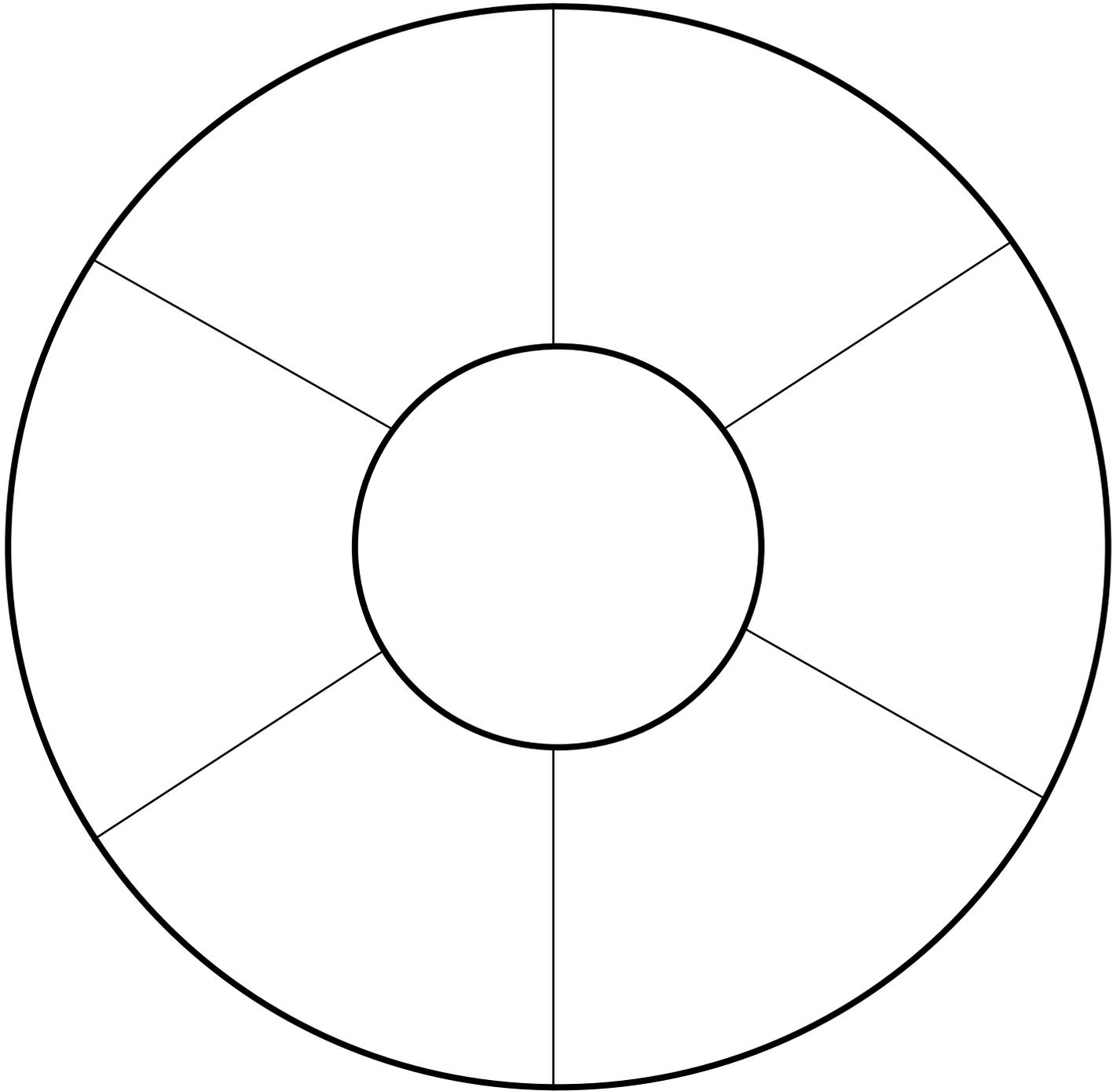
- Paper
- Pencil or Pen
- Brad
- Paper Clip
- Scissors

1. Print and cut out the "Story Spinner" on cardstock.
2. Choose from the example story beginnings or create your own and label each of the six sections the spinner.
3. Put the brad through the paper clip and push it through the middle of the spinner so the paper clip is on the side with the labels. Then fold the ends of the brad back to keep it in place.
4. Now it's time to spin and write your story! Flick the paper clip so that it spins and lands on one of the beginnings. Now write a story with the beginning that your spinner landed on and choose your own middle and end.

Example Story Beginnings

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