Tales

What are tall tales?

• Tall tales are stories of exaggeration, where the truth is stretched.

 Tall tales were first told in the American west many years ago. By telling stories of characters who could do incredible things, pioneers and settlers could feel stronger themselves.

 Tall tales combine ordinary and exaggerated events and characters. Tall tale heroes and heroines could do amazing things.

The humor of tall tales helped people laugh when things were hard.

Tall tales are often based on fact, but the facts are exaggerated.

Imagination is very important in tall tales.

Sally Ann Thunder Ann

Whirly



"Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind" is the story of an extraordinary girl. Looking at these pictures, discuss what you think some of the amazing things she can do might be.







Write Your Own Bragging

1. Make a list of some things that you are good at, or wish you were good at.

2. Tell us about it, just like Sally Ann would:

BAD: "I am good at talking, running and swimming".

GOOD: "I can out-talk, out-grin, out-scream, out-swim, and out-run any baby in Kentucky!"

BAD: "I can run fast."

GOOD: "I can run like a cheetah!"

BAD: "I have a nice smile."

GOOD: "My smile is as bright as a flash of lightning."

BAD: "I play football well."

GOOD: "I am the best football player in SPb. I score the most goals of any player, ever."

Reminders:

The idea is to convince others that you are a person of many talents. You should use good examples that prove a point.

It should be lighthearted and funny!