

THE STORY MACHINE DICTIONARY

Articles

The
An
A

Adjectives

This
That
These
Those
Some

Pronouns

He
She
It
They

Nouns

Apple(s)
Box(es)
Boy(s)
Bumpus(es)
Cat(s)
Dog(s)
Fence(s)
Flower(s)
Girl(s)
Rock(s)
Store(s)
Tree(s)
House(s)

Possessive Pronouns

His
Her
Its
Their

Verbs

Are
Dance(s)
Eat(s)
Go(es)
Hop(s)
Is
Jump(s)
Run(s)
Sing(s)
Walk(s)
Zot(s)

Prepositions

At
By
To
For
In



THE STORY MACHINE™ QUICK REFERENCE CARD

Error messages appear sometimes near the bottom of the screen. This insert will help you understand what is confusing the computer. We'd suggest you tape it to the inside back cover of your Story Machine booklet.

Too many actors!

Only four "actors" (pictures of things) can appear on the screen at the same time. Story Machine treats the plural of a word as one actor.

To proceed, you will have to EAT, ZOT, or be IN something. This erases one actor and makes room for another.

Example:

You type: THE BOY HOPS.
THE DOG SINGS.
THE GIRLS DANCE.
THE FENCES WALK.
THE BOY HOPS TO
THE STORE.

Computer: TOO MANY ACTORS!

No space!

Actors can be located in any of six positions on the screen (three on the left, three on the right). Only two actors can be located at the same position (remember, "flowers" is one actor even though two flowers

appear). If you try to put a third actor in any position, the computer will type: NOT ENOUGH SPACE.

Example:

You type: THE BOY RUNS TO
THE FLOWERS.
THE BUMPUS HOPS
TO THE BOY.

Computer: NO SPACE!

Can't do it from here!

Also, if two actors are in the same position, the actor farthest from the center of the screen is "blocked" by the other actor, and can't perform.

Example:

You type: THE BOY RUNS TO
THE GIRL.
THE GIRL SINGS.

Computer: CAN'T DO IT FROM
HERE.

Must be closer!

To EAT something, the actors must be in the same position on the screen. If they are not, the computer says: MUST BE CLOSER.

Ouch!

If you try to eat a person or an animal, the computer types OUCH! It's not nice to try such a thing.

Story is Full!

Stories can be about 40 words long (256 letters to be exact). As you near the end, a warning appears at the top of the screen telling you approximately how many letters are left. Time To End Your Story! If you run out of space, the computer says STORY IS FULL.

Warning Beep!

As you write your story, you will notice the computer beeps as you near the end of a line. This is just like the bell in a typewriter, telling you to hit the RETURN key to start a new line.