

Task:

Below is the skeleton of the story you will be telling in the workshop.
Before the workshop, read through the skeleton several times so you know what happens. (It will help if you read this aloud.)

Then put the text away and say the skeleton again. Do this aloud.
(It will help if you have a real person to tell this to. If not, imagine someone – and tell them.)

Don't be surprised if *your* story is different to *mine* – this is what a storyteller does.
You now know the story!

Skeleton

Nasruddin looking for a perfect wife

Friends asked Nasruddin why he hadn't married.

Nasruddin: Actually I did decide to marry – but only if I could find the *perfect* wife.
She had to be beautiful, intelligent, and an excellent cook.

Friends: Always a problem finding the perfect wife!

But heard of a woman who lived in the north.

I went – she was beautiful and intelligent, but she was a hopeless cook. Friends:
Always a problem finding the perfect wife!

But heard of a woman to the east.

I went – she was beautiful, saw I was hungry, gave wonderful food. But then started talking – so stupid!

Friends: Always a problem finding the perfect wife!

But heard of a woman to the south.

I went – arrived late in evening. She saw I was hungry, together in the darkness we ate – we talked (such wisdom!).

But then she lit a lamp – what an ugly face!

Friends: Always a problem finding the perfect wife!

But at last, heard of a woman to the west.

I went – she was so beautiful, so intelligent, and an excellent cook.

Friends: At last, no problem!

Nasruddin: Oh, yes: there is *always* a problem. You see, *she* was looking for the perfect husband.