

# The six blind men and the elephant

## Action video note

Instruct Ss to make their own videos about a fairytale or fable.

## Write the script

- **Preview the activity:** Tell Ss they will work in groups to make a video about a fairytale or fable. Explain that Ss can choose a tale that they already know or research one. Encourage Ss to choose a tale from their own culture. Elicit story ideas from the class and write them on the board.
- **Option:** If Ss prefer to work alone, allow them to do so. Additionally, if Ss don't enjoy fairytales or fables, they may make a video about a historical event or historical mystery.
- **Write the script:** Put Ss into groups of three to four people. Go over the sample below from the Unit 9 video. Have groups choose a fairytale or fable. Then have them write their scripts.

## Sample script

*The story of the six blind men and the elephant:  
Many years ago, in a village in India, a wise man asked six blind men a question, "Can you tell me what an elephant looks like?"*

*The blind men threw their hands in the air. "We have never seen anything at all because we were born blind," the men replied. "How can we know what an elephant looks like?"*

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- **Check the script:** Have groups rehearse their scripts. Go around the room and give help as needed.

## Make the video

- **Plan the video:** Have groups plan where and how they will make their videos. They may want to talk directly to the camera, show pictures (drawn or from a book), act out their stories, or do some combination of the above. Make sure everyone has a speaking part. Remind them to rehearse again if they need to.
- **Make the video:** Have groups make their videos.
- **Option:** If Ss enjoy working with video, they can edit their videos and add any music or graphics they like.

## Share the video

- Ss share their videos with the class.
- **Option:** Have a group or class discussion about the videos. Find out if any Ss were familiar with the fairytales and fables. Then discuss the theme and purpose of each one.