

What is a **Story Stem** Assessment?

The Story Stem Assessment Profile is an evidence-based, standardised method used to understand a child's inner world, attachment representations, and emotional processing.



Children are invited to complete the ending of carefully designed story beginnings ("stems") using dolls or figures. How they complete these stories gives rich insight into how they understand relationships, safety, trust, and family dynamics.

The Story Stem is grounded in decades of developmental and attachment research and is used widely in clinical, educational, and research settings across the UK.

Oakdale's trained clinicians use the tool alongside observations and parent input to identify strengths, resilience, and areas of need, guiding personalised therapy and support recommendations.