

## How to Write and Upload a Story onto the Exchange

Hi all! Here's a quick and easy tutorial on how to create and upload stories onto the Exchange. Once you load your game and enter a household, follow the directions below:

1. Snap pictures to accompany your story by clicking the Camera Snapshot button in the menu panel. Or simply press "C" on your keyboard. You'll see a flash and hear a camera snapshot sound. Take as many pictures as you need for your story.



2. Enter Story Mode by clicking on the book button on the menu panel. Or, press F4 on your keyboard.



3. You'll see the Story Mode window pop up along with a collection of pictures you've taken. The left most tab is your family photo folder. The tab with the + (plus) sign are photos from other households in the neighborhood.



4. Pick which pictures you want to add in your story by clicking any of the pictures from any of the tabs. It should be highlighted in green.
5. Click the large arrow with the + (plus) sign to add it to your story. It should appear in the panel on the right.



6. If you want to remove any pictures – simply select the picture in the right panel (it should be highlighted in green) and click the curved arrow with the – (minus) symbol to place it back in your folder.

- To start writing, simply click on the Edit Story button. You'll notice that there are two ways to edit your story – Edit Album and Edit Blog. Pictured here is the Edit Album view. The Edit Blog view allows you to see more than one of your pictures and you can edit them in one page. Enter text in the field where it says “Enter caption here...” if you're in Edit Album view or start typing in a blank field next to a picture in Edit Blog view.

### Edit Album View



### Edit Blog View



- To organize the sequence of your story, click on Organize Story located next to the Edit Story button.

9. Click on any of the pictures on the right panel and click either the Move Entry Up or Move Entry Down buttons located at the bottom of the right panel.



10. Don't forget to add a title to your story! Type in a title in the field where your household's name is. Feel free to delete whatever text is in there unless you want your story to be your Sim family's name.



11. After you're done writing, organizing and adding a title to your story, it's time to UPLOAD it onto the Exchange!

- To upload your story, click “Package to TheSims2.com” icon located at the bottom right corner in Edit Story view. You’ll either see a pop up asking “Package Album to TheSims2.com?” or “Package blog to TheSims2.com?”



- Select “Yes”. If you’re not already logged in to TheSims2.com you might have to enter your login screen name and password.
- After logging in, another window will pop up asking you to enter a description or summary of your story. When you’re done finishing your description, click the check mark to accept.
- Check the appropriate categories your story falls under (Romance, Comedy, How to/Tutorial, etc). Click the check mark to accept when you’re done.
- Voila! Your story is now uploading.
- If your upload has been successful you should get a “Success! Upload Complete” pop-up.
- To find your story, head over to your SimPage. Your uploaded story will be listed in your “My Uploads” panel. If it isn’t showing on your “My Uploads” panel, click on the “View all my uploads” link located in the panel. In the next page, remember to click on the appropriate link next to the “My Uploads:” text. In this case, we’re looking for our Stories. Click on [Stories] to view them.



19. If you want to search for them on the Exchange, mouse over the “Exchange” asterisk symbol at the top of TheSims2.com homepage and click on “Stories” in the drop-down menu that appears.



In the “Find a Story” panel located on the left side of the page, you’ll notice a field with “Keyword” appearing above. Type in the title, or part of the title of your story. Then click the “go” button at the bottom of the panel to begin searching for your story.

***Note: It may take up to 24 hours to see your Story in the Exchange. However, it should appear immediately on your SimPage after uploading it.***