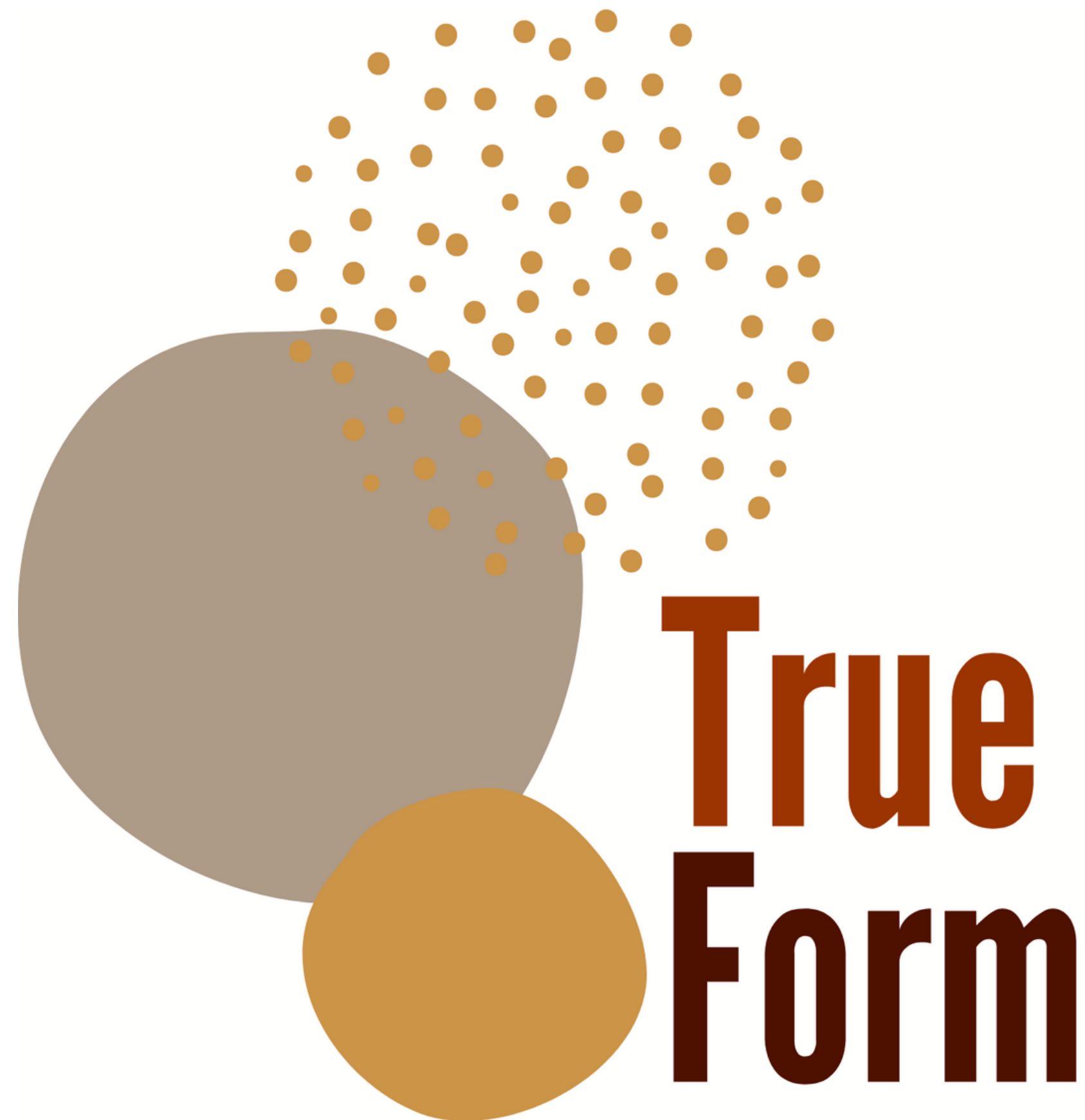




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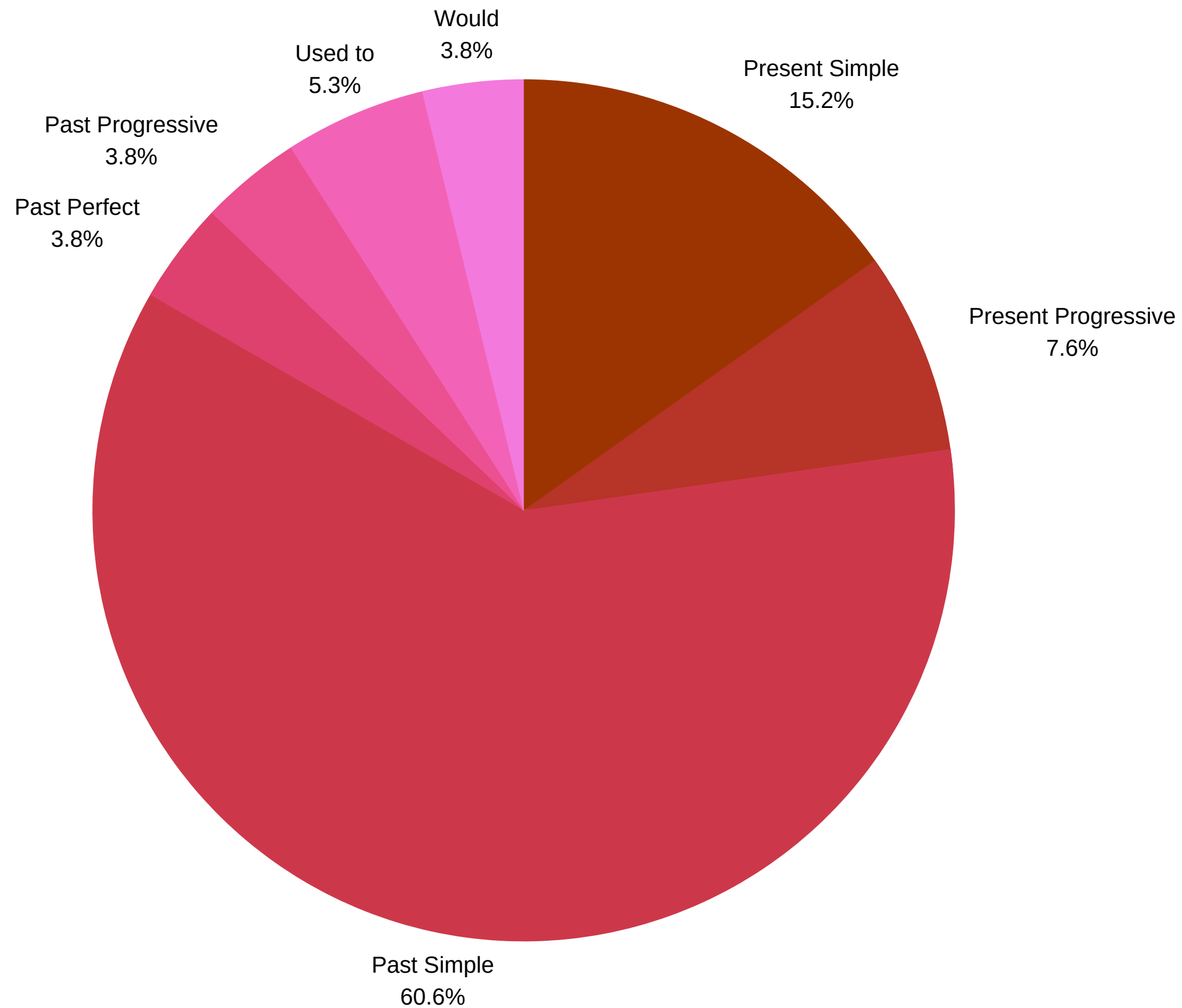
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# Grammar Used to Tell Both Stories





## Past Simple

Then she **called on** kids to continue reading where she **left off**,  
and so on. When she **called on** me, I just **drew** a blank.



This isn't me by the way.





# Present Simple

To bring a vividness to the story.

I'm seven, I **have** no idea **what's** going on...  
We **get** to the office, and **turns out** she **has** a gift for me.



## Present Progressive

To bring vividness to continuous actions.

I'm just **sitting** in the office **holding** the doll,  
**wondering** when I can go back to my classroom.



Again, not me.





## Used to + verb

Facts, generalizations, or habits in the past.

... [my sisters] **used to follow** me around and **listen** to everything I said because they looked up to me.



Just so we're clear, none of these are me.



## Past Progressive, Past Perfect, Would

So here, I **was battling** with all these emotions and didn't feel like anyone was supportive.

*The same as Present Progressive, but with less vividness.*

I wasn't sure if I **had** even **done** anything wrong.

*The past of the past. Past Simple also works equally as well.*

I **would** just react to the conversation and go with the flow.

*Repetition in the past.*





# Your Turn

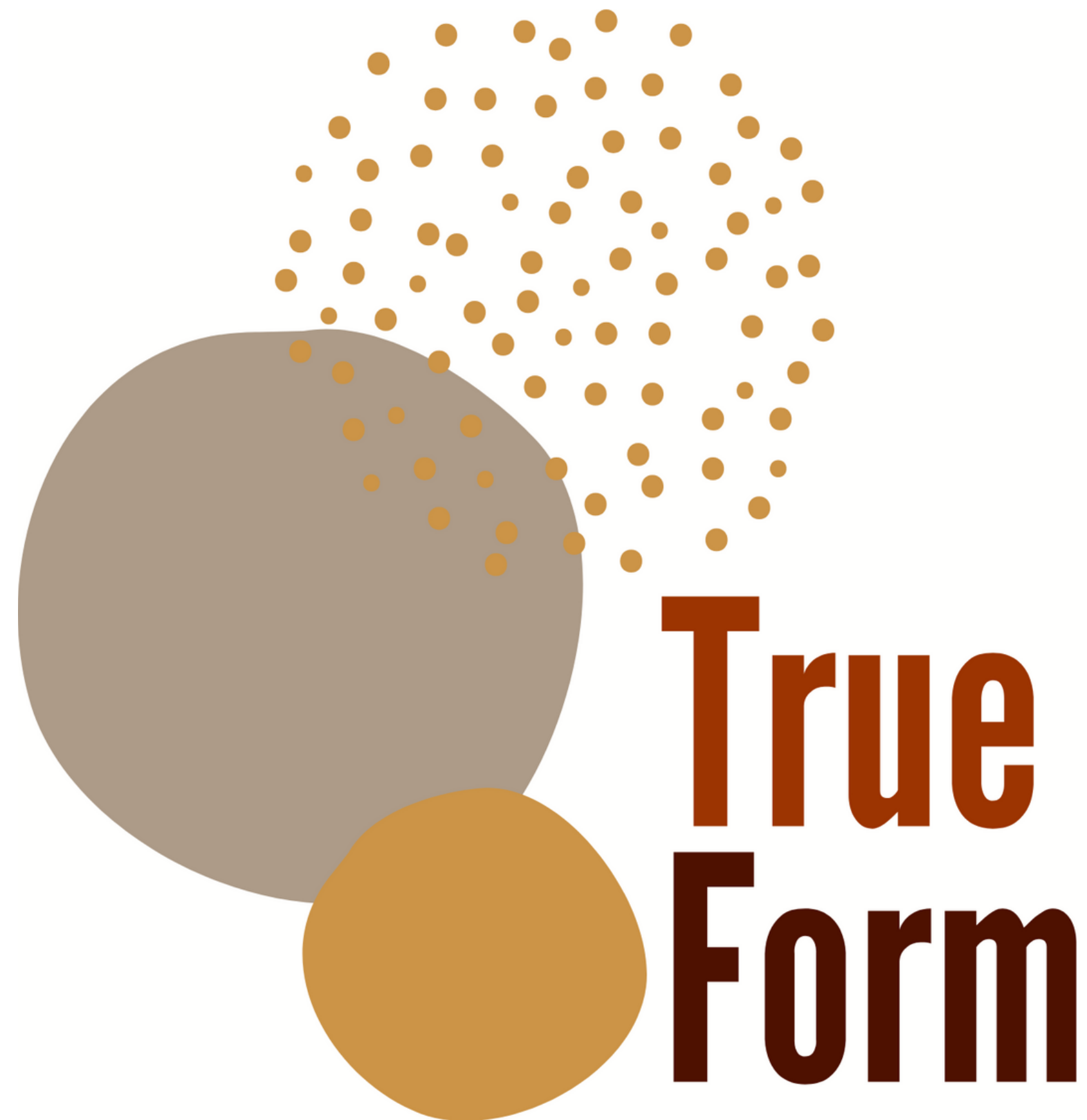
Let me know in the comments!

Tell a story about the past either to yourself, or to someone else.

Take note of anything that was difficult for you and improve yourself!

Tell me in the comments what you find difficult about telling stories in the past.





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