

Story dictation

Teacher dictates and students write:

Alex and his friends got out of the ____ (*students add type of vehicle*) ____ and looked around them. It was beautiful. They were all happy.

Teacher instructs: Describe the group of friends and the relationships within the group, any conflict, romantic interests, jealousies.

Teacher dictates and students write:

They walked chattily through the beautiful countryside in search of a place to camp. After an hour or so they found it. Everyone smiled. "Let's camp here!" they all said at once.

Teacher instructs: Write the dialogue the friends have while they set up camp.

Teacher dictates and students write:

"Finished" said Alex as he sat down on the grass. Suddenly, a chill wind blew through the trees. Everyone looked up to see dark clouds in the sky above. "Right," said Alex, "we'd better make a fire"

Teacher instructs: Describe what they see and hear and smell as they search for firewood and light the fire.

Teacher dictates and students write:

As they gathered round the blazing fire, everyone started to relax, until _ (*students add name*)_ decided to tell one of his/her stories. "Hey, did you hear what happened to Bobby last summer?"

Teacher instructs: Tell the scary story

Teacher dictates and students write:

"You don't half talk rubbish" responded Alex, and everyone laughed nervously.

Teacher instructs: Write the dialogue they have as they sit around the fire all hearing strange noises

Teacher dictates and students write:

Everyone was getting more and more nervous until Alex said "Come on everyone, it's nothing. Who's going to come with me and check it out?"

Teacher instructs: Describe what happens when Alex and his friend go to investigate and don't come back. Then finish the story.