

Storybook Make Believe

A classic take on story writing.

Level: Intermediate

Time: 45 minutes

Materials: Storybook; magazines with pictures, old books with pictures, any other resources with pictures for students to use and cut out.

Objectives: Students will use existing English vocabulary to depict images and create a story using visual aids.

1. Presentation

Find a couple storybooks and cover the words in the book, or make your own word-free storybooks using pictures from magazines or drawings. First model the exercise. It helps to use a storybook students are familiar with, like Goldilocks or Red Riding Hood. Give an example of what the story might be according to the photos in the story. Allow students to chime in if they know the story.

2. Practice

Show the second storybook (one that is unfamiliar to students). Show the students the storybook page-by-page giving them time to describe each image and what's happening as the story progresses. If students are having difficulty, ask open-ended questions to prompt ideas.

3. Produce

Have students draw their own storybook and write the story that goes with it to share in class.