

The Six Questions

Students answer the most important questions in a story.

Level: Beginning

Time: 45 minutes

Materials: Board and sample story

Objectives: Students review question words, identify the answers to question words in a sample story, and practice using questions to build an oral or written story.

1. Motivation/Warm Up

Ask students to name question words and write these on the board. Have students write at least one sentence using each of these question words. For example, "What is your name? Where are you going?"

2. Presentation

Explain that every story answers the questions: who, what, where, when, why and how. Read a short story as an example and have students identify the answers to each question.

3. Practice

Ask students to orally build a story that answers the question words. You can allow students time to brainstorm and then tell a complete story independently, or you can create a story chain (one student answers the question "who," another tells a sentence that answers "where" and so on). Check for comprehension by asking students not participating in storytelling what questions are being answered.

4. Produce

For homework, students can write a story answering the 6 questions.