

Writing circle

The students are split into groups of 3 or 4.

You have prepared numbered envelopes with 3 similar coloured cards (mine are pink, blue and yellow) and a different picture in each.

Each group gets an envelope.

Step 1: pink card and picture

Look at the picture.

Write ten questions about it. Your questions must be interesting and require detailed answers.

When you're done, put everything back into the envelope.

Each group gives their envelope to the next one.

Step 2: blue card and picture

Look at the picture.

Read the questions.

Write an elaborate answer for each question.

Don't put the picture back into the envelope.

Each group gives their envelope to the next one.

Step 3: yellow card only

Read the questions.

Read the answers.

Now, write a story.

You may guide each stage as much as you want by indicating exactly what you expect (dialogue, description of the setting...) or by giving them a list of vocabulary / expressions to use.

There might be step 4 consisting in proofreading another group's story.

The final stage will be to read the story and match the pictures, comment what the first students had in mind and what the final story is, etc.