



How Can Teachers Use Picture Stories in Placement Tests?

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Purpose

A picture story gives a learner a concrete prompt for extended speaking and can reveal vocabulary range, tense control, sequencing, fluency and repair strategies. It is useful evidence, but it should be combined with other tasks and interpreted carefully.

Try this in your next lesson

Give clear instructions.

Our suggested routine

- ☐ Give clear instructions.
- ☐ Allow a short preparation pause.
- ☐ Listen for range as well as accuracy.
- ☐ Notice fluency and repair strategies.
- ☐ Ask one or two follow-up questions.
- ☐ Do not make the level decision from this task alone.

After the attempt

What worked? What needs another model or a smaller step? Note one change for next time.

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