

Writing Storms

Goal: to build on students writing fluency

Level: Intermediate / Advanced



1. Cut up **Writing Storms I** or **Writing Storms II** into strips. Fold each topic and put them in a jar or box.
2. Explain Ss will write in their journals on a chosen topic for 15min every day in class or as homework (this activity can also be used as an early bird assignment). Tell Ss a journal is a book to write about you thoughts, life, studies and your problems. It is a place in which to reflect on yourself and the world around you.
3. It is important to remind students these entries will be shared in class so that students are comfortable sharing their writing. Explain to Ss they should not worry about grammar or organization of ideas. Ss will discover ideas and find it easier to express these ideas in English by keeping a journal.
4. Ss choose a topic to write about in their journals. If students do not feel comfortable with a particular topic picked they can choose another one or make up their own. Students are to read their topic, write the title on their journals and then put the paper back in the jar.
5. Ss read what they wrote in their journal entries the next day. T makes note of common mistakes in students' writing.
6. Finally, teacher goes over common errors with the whole class

Writing Storms II

My Best Quality



My Problems in Learning English

My Ideal Job

Describe a tourist attraction in your country

Describe the home you lived as a child

How to make friends in a new city

How to plan a vacation

What changes are needed in your community?

An Important Lesson in my Life

How have you changed since you came to the US?

What is one interesting thing you have discovered about Americans since you came here? Why?



What is one interesting thing you have learned about the culture of a classmate?

How to save money

Write about one interesting person you know from another country.

Describe things you would like to do if you could and why.

The best present I have received and why.

The worst present I have received and why.

My Childhood

The most amazing or beautiful place you have ever visited and why.



If you had two days to yourself, what would you do?

Name one thing that you would like to teach and how you would do it.

I dream I had

Requirements of a good house

Is TV good or bad? Why?

What could make your life better?

What would you change about your spouse? Why?

What would you do with \$ 1,000,000?