

Narrative Writing Grade 4 Frogs in the Pool

Feedback for Improvement

What worked:

- This is a story with a beginning, middle and end – student understands the essence of story
- It is a logical story that a reader can follow

Can you summarize this story?

This is a story about _____.

The problem/adventure was _____.

The problem was solved/adventure concluded when _____.

CHOOSE a Focus Skill:

Elaborative Detail

Understanding the difference between general and specific details and being able to generate specific detail through the use of the productive questions.

Awareness lesson - General or Specific?

Understanding the difference between general vs. specific details

Creating Elaborative Segments – in particular: Questioning techniques - Productive Questions for Modeling Elaborative Detail

Hot summer day - I know it is hotter than the blazes out...what else do you see, hear, feel?

Pool full of frogs-be specific what do you hear, what do you see? (Eyes? Skin? Ripples in the pool? How were they moving?)

What do feelings look like? Showing or Telling?

It is stated in the story that the character was scared. What does scared look like?

Main Event:

Needs a mix of action, description (elaborative detail), dialogue, thoughts and feelings. Again, by asking productive questions throughout this section the Main Event would be stretched out.

Comparing Summaries and Fully Elaborated Main Events – awareness lesson

Main Event – model and Guided Practice using the menu of main event techniques with the productive questions for each

Extended Endings:

The ending in this sample is missing. In a nutshell, we know that the character took the littlest frog home. Including a memory, a hope, a wish or a decision would wrap up what was stated throughout this story.

Analyze the Ending – awareness lesson

Extending this Ending – Model and Guided Practice using the menu of extended endings with the productive questions

Putting the character in the setting.

Good ~ what do you feel?

I walked to my pool. It was hotter than the blazes out. I

jumped in and saw something I never saw before.

I'm wondering ~ What do you see?

General Details

There were 100 frogs in the pool! I went underwater

they all jumped at my face. It scared me to death. I took

Feeling

the littlest frog and got out of the pool and (it) jumped

back in. The frogs started to play with me! Their team

won at breaststroke! We had lots of fun. Then we did

butterfly. I won! We did (the) freestyle. They won!

Backstroke. I won! And I took the littlest one home.

A lot of back and forth - no description, thoughts or feelings.

Main Event - Needs to be stretched out and a bit more interesting.

No Extended Ending!

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