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Activity Generator

Person, Place, Action



Level:

Lower Intermediate and Up (for 1:1 teenager lessons)



Objectives:

the student will practice writing



Timing

15 mins



Prep/
Materials:

9 pieces of paper

A lot of teenage students really dislike writing. However, some are more keen on the idea if you give them the freedom to write what they want. While the list of possibilities for creative writing exercises can seem endless, one of really good games for individual lessons with teenage students is called Person, Place, Action.

The student is given nine pieces of paper. On three of them they write a person, on another three they write a place and on the final three they write some sort of action.



Breakdown:

These can vary from short answers to long answers. Lower intermediate students could write “runs a race” for one of their actions, while a more advanced student could elaborate with “runs a race through the desert during the hottest day on record.”

These sheets of paper are then folded and sorted into their categories, and then the student picks one from each category. The student then unfolds their paper and writes a story with the given prompt. The teacher can write their own responses on nine slips of paper to give them more variety, and you can get some pretty amusing results with a little bit of brainstorming.

