

Choosing Describing Words

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Traits: Word Choice

Grade Level: Early Elementary (1-3)

Time: Three to four days

Supplies:

- Copy of book
- Scratch paper
- Chart paper
- Strips of tag board
- Markers or crayons

Lesson Description:

Days One and Two:

1. Read the story a couple of times before discussion.
2. Discuss word choice and have students listen for describing words as we read the story again. Write phrases chosen from the story on chart paper.

Days Three and Four:

3. Review phrases chosen from the story. Cut off the nouns and fill in with new or different nouns.
4. Give each student a strip of tag board folded into an accordion book. Their title is "Describing Words." They may use the scratch paper to experiment with words before they write them on the tag board.
5. Students choose four words or phrases to illustrate. One sentence or phrase goes on each page.
6. Students share books.