

Woody raced across the memo pad as he created stories.

Write three sentences with creative action verbs telling what Woody can do.



Teacher Guide

Woody Writes Explorer Cards are designed to get students excited about writing and generating creative ideas quickly! There are 18 activity cards. These activities can be done several ways:

1. Ask all the students to sit on the floor in a circle and pass Woody around. When a student gets a turn to hold him, he must answer the question on the card.
2. Students stay seated at their desks and gently toss Woody to each other. When a student catches him, he must answer the question being discussed.
3. Allow each student the opportunity to take Woody home for a few days. Send a Woody Journal home with the student and ask him to write what he did with Woody.
4. Hold up the activity cards like a playing hand in cards. Ask a student to pick a card, read it and lead the class in a discussion of it.
5. Place 2-3 cards in a Writing Center or in an Extra Time Center for students to enjoy for a week.
6. Woody Writes can be your journal activity for a day.

The Woody Writes activities can be used for quick thinking strategies and for learning to generate ideas. The activities can be done in five minutes or in one hour, depending on how much time you have. Sometimes you should lead the class discussion and model writing for the students. Other times, allow students to lead the discussions and make notes on the board or to break into small groups to write the answers. Use the cards many times. Each time they are used, the students will become more confident in their ideas and writing.