

## Activity Type

Reading and writing activity, group work

## Focus

Articles (a, an, the)

Nouns

Adjectives

Past simple narrative

Story telling

## Aim

To write a story with article and noun cards.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three and cut as indicated.

## Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

## Time

45 minutes

## Introduction

In this articles activity, students write stories with article and noun cards. This activity can also be used to practice narrative tenses and adjectives.

## Procedure

Divide the class into groups of three.

Give each group a set of cards.

Ask the students to spread the cards out face up on the table.

Tell the students that they are going to write a story in their groups using as many of the article and noun cards as possible.

Elicit story genres from the students and write them on the board, e.g. a horror story, a love story, a science fiction story, etc.

Ask the students to decide on the type of story they want to create and choose one student in their group to do the writing.

In their groups, the students brainstorm their ideas and arrange the cards in order to make a story. Each group then writes their story using the article and noun cards.

Encourage the students to add adjectives to each noun to make their story more descriptive, e.g. 'a journey' could be changed to 'a long tiring journey'.

Remind the students that they must use the exact words on the cards and that sometimes they may need to use the same noun with a different article, e.g. 'Kevin grabbed a jacket as he ran out the door. When Kevin touched the jacket, he felt something strange inside...'

When the students have finished, each group pairs up with another group and reads their story to them.

The two groups give feedback to each other and help with any grammatical errors, paying close attention to the use of articles.

Afterwards, groups take it in turns to read their stories to the class.

Award points to each group based on how many cards they used, the story line, use of articles, grammar, adjectives, etc.



a journey	an invitation	the limit	the sun
the darkness	a jacket	the light	a kiss
a newspaper	a motorbike	a ghost	the hill
the fire	the ocean	a gun	a letter
an eagle	a game	the garden	the kitchen
the jungle	a suitcase	a noise	a woman
an enemy	the United States	a stranger	a box
the store	an explosion	the boy	an accident
the road	the king	a path	the night
the TV	the end	a flower	the village
a house	the weekend	a man	a phone
the moon	the knife	an hour	the problem