

## **Picture This!**

This is an activity that can be used as an independent writing activity, a group or individual speaking activity or as a story telling or retelling activity. Collect a series of humorous or interesting pictures from magazines or newspapers and attach them to cards and laminate them. As a writing activity, students should randomly select three cards and create a story to go with the illustrations. Teachers can modify the cards available to better fit vocabulary that has been studied or to match content areas studies. Even lower proficiency students can label and write a sentence description or a list of words that they know that are in the pictures. Students could be asked to determine what would happen after what has been shown in the cards and create their own picture to illustrate what happens next. Teachers could also ask students to place themselves in the story and write about how they reacted to events and people in the pictures.