

Round Robin Writing

For this activity students create a shared piece of writing. Place students in groups of four. Provide students with a prompt and a structure to use when writing. For beginning/intermediate or young ELL students, you could use a picture as a prompt. Students can each be given a picture.

They first answer the *Who* question (*Who is this person?*); then they pass the picture and the paper to the next person;

The second person answers the *Where* question for the picture passed to them by the first person, and so on until they answer all the questions:

What is the person doing?

When is this person doing it?

Why is the person doing it?

How does the story end?

Additional ways to use this strategy are: Two pictures can be used to do a comparison contrast. Pictures of objects can be used for a persuasive advertisement. All of these lend themselves to good mini-lessons for revising and writing different paragraph types.