

Staff Meeting Ideas

Meeting 1:

So we can walk in the shoes of our students a quick activity is to have a go at 5 Senses and a Feeling

In groups of 2 or 3 complete 5 Senses and a feeling brainstorming chart keeping your place a secret.. We will guess where you are from your shows.

Meeting 2:

Writing a Sizzling Start. These are fun and once you get started you see opportunities everywhere.

On the piece of paper provided, using the following criteria, write a Sizzling Start. It must contain

**some dialogue,*

**a Show, Not Tell*

**a sound.*

Eg: “Pass me the marshmallows please mum.” Hiss! Crackle! Fizz! as the aroma of sweetness and smoke wafted around our campfire. Their sweet faces glowed in the fire light and the anticipation of sugar. You couldn’t do this in a motel room.

Meeting 3:

If you want to show your class the power of how words make a difference check out the following link -

YouTube clips advertising: The Blind Man (Massive viral ad) Purple Feather - blind man. 'I wrote the same, but different words.'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hzgzim5m7oU>

So, my challenge to you this week – in one of your literacy rotations or in your daily writing sessions or on your homework sheet, do a Show, Not Tell.

(I am sad, I am happy, I am excited, The dog was angry, the cat was bored, the waves were big, the motor bike was out of fuel, etc etc – they can't use the key words). I would love to see what the students come up with. If student can't write their Show don't Tell – have them draw it and explain it to you.