

Teaching English Using Photography Activity Ideas for Teachers

By Gabby Salazar



Connect with us!
/ NGLYoungLearners
/ NGLearningUK



/ NGLYoungLearners
/ NGLearningLA
/ NGLearningUK

Project for Young Learners

- **Alphabet Scavenger Hunt:** Provide students with digital cameras and give them a set amount of time to find and photograph as many letters of the alphabet as they can. You can do this outside, where they need to look closely at natural objects to find letters, or in the classroom, where they can find letters on signs and in books.
 - **TIPS:** Ask students to work in groups if you do not have enough cameras/phones. Print a poster combining all the best letters!

Project for Primary School

- **Photo Poetry:** Collect photographic prints and place one print on each student's desk along with a sheet of blank writing paper. Ask students to write one sentence about what the photo makes them feel or about what they see in the photo. After they have finished writing, ask them to move to the desk to their right (leaving the photo and writing paper behind) and to write a sentence about the next photo. Students should continue to rotate for ten rounds until each photo has a ten-line poem next to it. Ask students to read the poems aloud.
 - **TIPS:** Cut out images from old magazines or calendars for this exercise. Abstract images are fun to use!

Project for Secondary School

- **Photo Assignment:** Assign each student a story idea and ask them to tell the story in a series of ten images. For example, they could tell the story of a day in the life of their mother or father. The final product should be a series of ten images with associated captions that tell why the image is important to the overarching narrative. Students can present their images in a presentation to the class and read the captions aloud.
 - **TIPS:** Ask students to create a story map, where they plan the types of images they will need to produce a compelling story.

Photo poetry example



Little drops of snow
Delicate, ephemeral
Sprinkled on the ground