Creative Captions
Writing + Wolves

What's Inside?
Creative Captions activity from Imagine Forest
Image Prompt poster adapted from Imagine Forest to hang in your
Writing Center
Wolf Image Prompts
This is a really quick and simple writing activity to encourage your students to write daily. Simply ask them to collect some photos from magazines or the internet (CILC has gathered a variety of images of wolves for you to use). Alternatively, you could provide your students with a set of random image prompts. And every day they can stick an image or two into their notebook with a short caption to describe the image.

This introduces your students into daily writing without too much pressure on what to write and how to write it. They can write a 10 word caption or 100 words depending on their mood and available time. The key here is to give them the freedom to write anything they like about whatever that interests them. This way they can experience the relaxing and fun side of writing.
Look through the different pictures of wolves. Some of these images might give you an idea for your story straight away, others may need some more thinking about. Here are some tips on how to use image prompts to inspire you.

- Give yourself time to look at each image prompt, maybe around 1 minute to just observe what is actually happening in the image.

- Spend a further 10 minutes writing everything that comes to mind when you look at the picture.

- Don’t just look at the image or its appearance — go deeper. Think about how the image makes you feel and imagine if you were in the image what would you be doing?

- Use the 5 W’s to help you fully describe the image.
  - *What*: What is happening in the image?
  - *Where*: Where is this place or location? Is it on Earth or on a faraway planet?
  - *Why*: Why is this image important?
  - *When*: When do you think these events took place? Think about the history of the image or what will happen in the future.
  - *Who*: Who is in the image? Can you link any characters to the image?

- Don’t focus too much on telling a story just yet. First, make as many notes as possible on a piece of paper relating to the image. After a good 10 minutes of note writing, you should have a load of ideas to help you with writing a story.

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