

Explain the image I

using visual clues to develop informative explanations of images

Purpose

This strategy helps me gather and analyze the details of an image and develop informative explanations. Explaining what is seen helps improve understanding of a situation or place.

Instructions

- Explain the image carefully and record direct observations.
- Draw plausible inferences (logical, informed conclusions) about each of the 5Ws.
- Take a second look at the image and notice less obvious details and refine your inferences.
- Decide on the most reasonable inferences.
- Combine these into an extended sentence or short paragraph. Remember to use terms like “maybe” or “perhaps” if you have little knowledge of the topic.
- Confirm the plausibility of your explanation using additional sources of information.
- Revise your explanation as needed in light of the new information.

Criteria

Accurate, relevant observations: the evidence accurately describes the relevant details in the image.

Plausible, imaginative inferences: the inferences go beyond the very obvious conclusions and are supported with several pieces of evidence found in the image or based on other known facts.

Detailed, fully developed explanation: the explanation includes suggestions with appropriate detail for each of the 5W questions.

The worksheet is titled "Explaining the image" and includes the subtitle "using visual clues to develop informative explanations of images". It has a "Name:" field and a "Activity Sheet" label. The main part of the worksheet is a grid with three columns: "Possible prompts", "Observations", and "Possible inferences". The rows are organized by the 5Ws: WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, and WHY. Each row contains specific questions under the "Possible prompts" column. At the bottom, there is a "Summary" section and a "Criteria" section that lists the three criteria defined in the text: Accurate, relevant observations; Plausible, imaginative inferences; and Detailed, fully developed explanation.