

Extension Ideas Using Student Experience Stories

- Identify and make flash cards with focus/sight words from the story.
- Match flash cards to words in the story.
- Make a list of opposites. For example, beautiful/ugly.
- Phonics. For example, select a word from the story and ask the student to find other words in the story that begin with the same sound or have the same short vowel sound.
- Make a list of words that rhyme with one of the words from the story.
- Type the story and then cut it into strips. Have the student put the story in order.
- Type the story but inset blanks where the focus words should be. Have the student use the flash card words to complete the text. (Cloze or fill-in the blank exercise.)

Story Starters

- Family members
- Pets
- Shopping
- Favorite foods/cooking
- Favorite season
- Sports
- Job
- Chores around the house
- Hobbies or leisure time
- Holidays
- Housing / neighbors
- Experiences:
 - Look at displays in the Jefferson School
 - Coffee at McDonalds
 - Staples / CVS
 - Downtown Mall
 - Library