

6-word stories (a worksheet)

Activity 1

Work with your partner and discuss the questions:



1. What do you see in the picture?
2. Think about the feelings you have when you see it.
3. Why might these shoes be there?

Activity 2

Read. Why is this called a story? Is it a sad or happy story? Why?

For sale: baby shoes, never worn.

(often attributed to Ernest Hemingway)

Activity 3

Here are some modern stories. Read and decide who wrote them. Why do you think so?

my minecraft GF brokeup w/me BY EissejHcruh	I don't wanna be at school BY sharks_say_rawr on November 28, 2018
I never break my pinky promises. BY MakaylaH. on December 3, 2018	full time student, no social life BY M.a.D. on November 29, 2018
I can't stand talking to people BY sharks_say_rawr on November 29, 2018	You can sleep when you're dead BY sharks_say_rawr on November 28, 2018
I regret waking up this morning BY sharks_say_rawr on November 29, 2018	source: https://www.sixwordmemoirs.com

Activity 4

Match the words and their definitions.

1. break up		A. to feel sorry about a situation, especially something sad or wrong or a mistake that you have made
2. pinky promise		B. end a relationship
3. break a promise		C. when two people touch or link their little fingers together to indicate that they will keep a secret/their word
4. wanna		D. short form of "want to"
5. regret doing something		E. not do what you said that you would do
6. can't stand doing something		F. hate someone or something

Activity 5

Complete the sentences with the words. Put the words in the correct forms.

wanna	regret doing something	break up	break a promise	pinky promise	can't stand
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- I made a _____ to her saying I wouldn't tell a soul.
- I greatly _____ not having told the truth.
- I _____ have a hamburger, Mom.
- She's just _____ with her boyfriend.
- Do not make a promise if you know you are going to _____ it.
- I _____ raw fish. Its smell is disgusting.

Activity 6

Work in pairs. Discuss the questions:

- How do people feel when they break up?
- What do you regret doing? Why? Would you like to change the situation?
- Have you ever given anyone a pinky promise? If yes, did you keep it or break it?
- What can't you stand?

Activity 7

Write three questions you would like to ask two of the authors of these stories. Write them here.

Activity 8

Look at the 6-word stories once again. Choose 3-4 that you think are close to your partner. Explain why you think so. Does your partner agree? Why not?

Activity 9

Make your own 6-word stories:

1. about your childhood

2. about your life now

3. about your plans for the future