

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to zoom in and out to moments when writing stories.

Materials and Prep

- Pencil
- Blank paper

No prior knowledge or preparation is required for this lesson.

Activities

1. Activity 1: Zooming In

Think of a special moment or memory that you would like to write about. It could be a birthday party, a family trip, or a fun day with friends. Start by writing a brief description of the overall event. Then, choose one specific moment from that event and zoom in on it. Write a detailed paragraph describing that moment, using sensory details to make it come alive. For example, if you are writing about a birthday party, you could zoom in on the moment when you blew out the candles on your cake. Describe what you saw, heard, smelled, and felt in that moment.

2. Activity 2: Zooming Out

Now, let's try zooming out. Take the same special moment or memory you wrote about in Activity 1. This time, instead of focusing on a specific moment, zoom out and write a paragraph that gives a broader view of the event. Include details about the setting, the people involved, and the overall atmosphere. For example, if you zoomed in on blowing out the candles, now zoom out and describe the entire birthday party, including the decorations, the guests, and the overall excitement.

Third Grade Talking Points

- "When we write stories, we can zoom in and out to different moments."
- "Zooming in means focusing on a specific moment and writing in detail about it."
- "Zooming out means stepping back and giving a broader view of the whole event or story."
- "Using sensory details helps make our writing more vivid and engaging."
- "By zooming in and out, we can create a balance between specific details and the bigger picture in our writing."