



Three Actions. What emotion?

This game stimulates “SHOW DON’T TELL” thinking and also gives listeners an opportunity to infer.

NOTE: This game can address the following Common Core Standards:
CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.2.3, W.3.3.B, W.4.3.B and W.5.3.B

Now to play!

1. Divide the children into groups of 2-3.
2. Give each group one emotion on an index card.



3. Give the students 5 minutes to write 3 actions that a person would likely do if feeling the emotion on the card. Each action should be in sentence form. Here’s a sample:

She sat glaring at the ground.
She crossed her arms and shouted.
She walked away without saying a word.

4. After the 5 minutes, each group reads their sentences.
5. The rest of the class has to guess which emotion the actions describe.

Here’s a list of emotions to get you started:

Afraid
Angry
Anxious
Disappointed

Embarrassed
Excited
Hungry
Nervous

Relieved
Shy
Surprised
Tired