

Quick-Write



SEVEN WHITE HORSES

With a partner (or individually if you do not have a partner to write with), write a paragraph about SEVEN WHITE HORSES without using the letter 'a' ...

You have 7 minutes

Why is this an effective, quick write?

- No 'hidden' knowledge is required (it is drawing on students' Primary Discourses and knowledge).
- It can be done in pairs – overcoming perception of writing as an isolated endeavour.
- It is fun and enjoyable, and at the same time challenging.
- It promotes writing as a community.
- There are several 'constraints' involved: (no 'a' and a time limit of 7 minutes). Constraints can be important for creativity. Time constraints are very effective for a focused task. A linguistic constraint such as writing without the letter 'a' challenges students to carefully consider vocabulary and other language use.
- It is a 'chunked', manageable, non-threatening task.
- It is not assessed. It can be a 'starter' for more sustained writing.
- It is shared writing.

This 'scenario' of Seven White Horses was generated by the Inspiro App.

