



Instant Philosophy

Flash Fiction

For sale: baby shoes. Never worn.

This is a six-word 'story' attributed to Ernest Hemingway, although the link to him is unsubstantiated. It is an example of flash fiction.

Facilitation Questions:

- Is this a story?
- What is a story?
- Who decides if something is a story?
- Can anything be a story?

It's rumoured that Hemingway was inspired by a classified advert in a newspaper.



Rumour ref: Ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/For_sale:_baby_shoes,_never_worn

Image ref: <https://images.app.goo.gl/BxrSEcDG9fp3ut9U8>

Facilitation Questions:

- Is this a story?
- What's not a story?
- What's important about stories?
- Why distinguish stories from non-stories?

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For time-strapped teachers
who want to give them the best start...

STEP ONE

STIMULATE



STEP TWO

AGITATE



STEP THREE

COGITATE



STEP FOUR

CELEBRATE

You managed to fit in philosophy today!

Cooking instructions: stimulate, agitate, cogitate... and celebrate!

1. Open packet and sprinkle a stimulating idea into a class of warm students
2. Stir things up: encourage the class to share different ways of seeing the stimulus
3. Once you have a morsel of disagreement, discuss that for five minutes or so
4. Take a moment to savour a tasty idea or skill arising from the conversation

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