

PROGRESS MONITORING STUDY IN EARLY WRITING
PHOTO PROMPT
1st grade

Materials Needed:

1. Timer
2. Pencils
3. Directions for administration
4. Teacher copy of the task
5. Photo task for students (includes a copy of the photo and paper for writing)

DIRECTIONS:

Say to the students:

Now I'm going to ask you to write a story about what is happening in a picture. Before you write, I want you to think about the story. First you will think, then you will write. You will have 30 seconds to think and 5 minutes to write.

Do your best work. If you do not know how to spell a word, you should guess. If you make a mistake, cross it out. If you reach the end of a page, continue on the next page.

Now, keep your pencil down and look at the picture in front of you. You have 30 seconds to think of a story about what is happening in the picture or a story about what the picture makes you think of.

After 30 seconds, say: **Now, point your pencil to the first line on your sheet of paper. You have 5 minutes to write. Keep writing until I tell you to stop. Ready? Please, begin.**

Start the timer set for 5 minutes. During the administration, if you see a student put his/her pencil down and stop writing, give the classwide prompt: *Please continue writing until I tell you to stop.*

After 5 minutes, say: *Stop. Raise your hands with your pencil in it.* Make sure everyone has stopped writing.