

Pictures and Stories

Approach: One to one Level: Year 4 and year 8
Resources: Text A and set of 4 pictures; text B and set of 3 pictures; text C and set of 4 pictures.

Questions/instructions

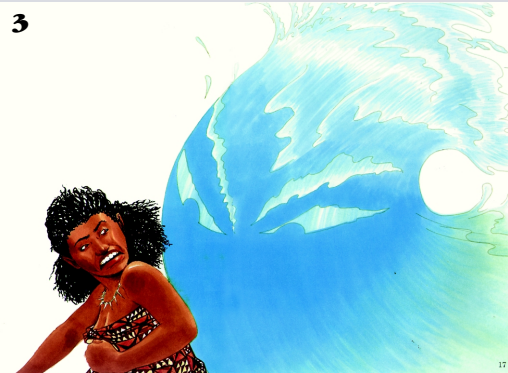
When a picture book is being made, pictures need to be chosen to fit what the story is saying. I'm going to read you some parts of stories, then ask you to choose for each story a picture that you think is most suitable for the part of the story you have heard.

Place Text A (Tulevai) and pictures in front of student. Read the text to the student.

1. From the pictures, choose one that you think is most suitable for this text.



She went to the wind. "Wind, Wind, please help me get Tulevai back from the sea."
"What will you give me?" asked the greedy wind.
"A necklace of smoke from my cooking fire," she said.
"That is not enough," said the wind.
"But it is all I have," she said.
"Then I cannot help you," said the wind.



Student chooses one picture
2. Try to explain why you think that one is the most suitable picture?



% responses
year 4 year 8

Picture chosen:	1	8	2
	2	86	94
	3	2	2
	4	4	2
Quality of explanation:			
clear and comprehensive	2	6	
good justification	32	47	
vague justification	56	46	
other	10	1	

Place Text B (Samantha) and pictures in front of student. Read the text to the student.

3. From the pictures, choose one that you think is most suitable for this text.



I come up here, to the Heads, to lose myself. This is my special place.

There is a lot of history up here, lots of stories, about Papatuanuku the earth mother, and Ranginui the sky father, and Tangaroa the god of the sea. Two taniwha, Niwa and Arai Te Uru, guard the headlands.



Student chooses one picture

4. Now can you explain why you think that one is the most suitable picture?

Picture chosen: 1	23	22
2	59	66
3	18	12

Quality of explanation:

clear and comprehensive	3	8
good justification	20	36
vague justification	57	48
other	20	8

Place Text C (Hangi) and pictures in front of student. Read the text to the student.

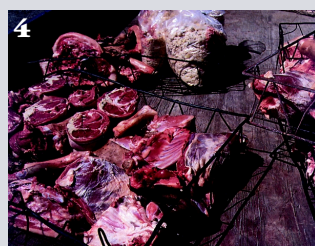
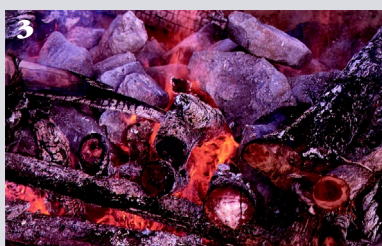
5. From the pictures, choose one that you think is most suitable for this text.



It takes nearly three hours to cook food in a hangi.

After three hours the dirt is scraped off.

The baskets are uncovered and pulled out of the pit.



Picture chosen: 1	12	5
2	71	88
3	6	2
4	11	5

Student chooses one picture

6. Now can you explain why you think that one is the most suitable picture?

Quality of explanation:

clear and comprehensive	3	10
good justification	26	45
vague justification	59	41
other	12	4

Commentary

Students were asked to choose relevant pictures to accompany particular texts. Two of the three texts led most students to a particular choice, but the third produced more varied choices. Compared to year 4 students, year 8 students were able to give somewhat better justifications for their choices, and a lot fewer were unable to give any meaningful justification.