A Tale of Two Donkeys

**Approach:** Station

**Resources:** Title page and 6 picture pages, (in order shown at right), stapler.

**Questions/instructions**

There are 6 pictures that tell a story and a title page.

Imagine that you are writing a book for a young person to really enjoy.

1. Put the pictures into an order that tells a story.
2. Put a page number on each picture to show the order.
3. Write the story in the spaces under the pictures.
4. When you have finished, put the pages in order with the title page on top, and staple them together.

**Text related to picture:**
- always 89
- sometimes 9
- rarely/never 2

**Logical flow:**
- excellent 54
- very good 34
- good 10
- poor 2

**Plot development:**
- excellent 47
- very good 39
- good 11
- poor 3

**Interest:**
- very high 32
- quite high 49
- some 15
- little or none 4

**OVERALL SCORE:**
- 9–11 59
- 6–8 29
- 3–5 10
- 0–2 2

**Commentary**

Only twelve percent of year 8 students did not manage quite a good story. Fifty-nine percent produced a very good story, about 20 percent more than year 4 students achieved on the simpler parallel task, *Birthday Story.*
A Tale of two Donkeys.

1 There was once a story about two donkeys. They were great friends and had heaps of fun together. But been together all the time and having to share the same rope sometimes made them fight.

2 One day, the fight got really bad and it was only over which bush to eat for dinner. One donkey went one way and the other donkey went the other way.

3 They both pulled and pulled to get to the bushes. The rope got pulled so much it hurt their neck and it just about broke their rope.

4 So the donkeys said sorry to each other. And one said to the other I will come to your bush to eat my dinner if you will join me and my bush afterward and have some dessert.

5 So they did that and had there dinner at one bush and dessert at the other.

6 The donkeys then said to each other lets never fight again and they didn't.

The Two Donkeys

1 Once upon a time there were two donkeys that were tied together.

2 They were very hungry and wanted to eat something.

3 But they couldn't eat the bush because it was too far away.

4 They pulled and pulled until they gave in.

5 Then they both decided to eat the same bush together.

6 Once they finished that they ate the second one.