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Teacher model

Silly Animal Problems: Pre-Writing Sheet

An original WritingFix (<http://writingfix.org>) writing assignment

My animal character:

Ike the iguana

Its silly problem:

He can't stop laughing.

Write three descriptive sentence (using memorable details) about your animal:

- He's silver and scaly, with beady little eyes.
- He slurps down bugs and insects, and he loves the way they taste.
- He loves jokes, especially "knock-knock" jokes.

What other story character might be affected by this problem?

Larry Lizard

How will this other character be affected?

Larry can't relax if Ike's laughing.

If you wrote a story scene between your animal and this other character, what details might you include? Jot down some ideas in this box:

Larry can tell Ike the "knock-knock" joke that starts the problem. The two can be out sunning and enjoying the week-end. When Ike can't stop laughing, Larry gets fed up because he can't relax if Ike is always laughing.

Who's another story character who might be affected?

A desert hiker

How will this other character be affected in a way that's different?

She gets scared

If you wrote a story scene between your animal and this other character, what details might you include? Jot down some ideas in this box:

Ike goes off by himself to try to stop laughing. When he sees a hiker, he stops because he's scared of all people. She sits down to rest, answers her Cel phone with "Who's there?" which reminds Ike of the joke, and he laughs again. The hiker screams and runs away.

Who's another story character who might be affected?

Roxie Rattlesnake

How will this other character be affected in a way that's different?

She gets mad because he can't stop to tell her the joke.

If you wrote a story scene between your animal and this other character, what details might you include? Jot down some ideas in this box:

Ike still can't stop laughing. Roxie the snake approaches and hisses at him to share the joke. Ike can't because he is laughing too hard. Roxie starts to get mad and threatens to eat him. She gulps him down when he still can't stop.

Done brainstorming? On your own piece of paper, start writing a rough draft. Use your three descriptive details from the very top to help you write your story's introduction. Then, write the rest of your story in three pieces, focusing on the three other characters that are affected by the problem. Try to give the same amount of page space to each of the three other characters.