

Who is a writer? 'In trouble' by Vivian Usherwood

Starter activity

Who is a writer?

Work in groups of 3 or 4. Use your flipchart paper to draw your image of a writer.

- What does a writer look like?
- Where do you think they live?

Feedback your ideas to the rest of the class.

Activity 1: Read and discuss

Read: 'In trouble' by Vivian Usherwood

- What can you guess about the writer?
- Do you like the poem and why?
- Have you ever felt like this?
- What kind of things does he get in trouble for?
- How do you know it's a poem not a story?

Look at the picture of Vivian Usherwood. Does he look similar or different to your image of a writer? Now look at the pictures of other Centerprise writers. Do they look similar or different to your image of a writer?

Activity 2: Writing

Task 1: List two things you have been in trouble for. Each thing goes on a separate piece of paper. Work with others to make a group poem.

Task 2: Now write your own poem. Why not write about what happened and how you felt about it?

Task 3: Once you've finished, find a partner. Read them your poem and then ask what they think about it.

Activity 4: Conclusion

- List one thing you know at the end of the session that you didn't know at the start.
- Have you developed new ideas about what a writer is?
- What did you find most challenging?
- If you could add or change one thing about the session, what would it be?