Teaching English (with) Short Stories

As short stories for the EFL classroom range from very simple stories to fairy tales and graded versions of well-known literary, short stories can be used for TEFL on every language level. The main focus of this course was to discuss famous short-story authors and their characters and to negotiate appropriate ways of implementing them for TEFL.

**SHORT STORY**

- Text in a literary sense, e.g. *The Tell Tale Heart* by Edgar Allan Poe
  - Has a single plot & a limited number of characters
  - Covers a short period of time

**STORYTELLING**

- Technique without using an actual text or story, e.g. *Ten in the Bed* (picture book)
  - it is NOT a literary text, it serves as a method

**Story Cubes**

- Game that stimulates and encourages to tell stories
- Target Group: children, adults, parents, teachers
- Each cube has 6 symbols on it, which help you to tell a story

**Black Stories**

- One person reads out mysterious stories
- Since it is only the outcome of the story everyone else has to think about the background of it (What happened?, What lead to the event?)
- Players are only allowed to ask questions that can be answered with “yes” or “no”

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