

# 5 MINUTES TO FABULOUS

## ONE WORD INTERVIEW

ARE YOUR STUDENTS STRUGGLING WITH THE LITTLE DETAILS? ARE THEY LEAVING DESCRIPTIVE WORDS AND EMOTION OUT OF THEIR STORIES? TEACH THEM HOW TO RECORD MORE THAN THE ANSWERS TO THEIR INTERVIEW QUESTIONS WITH THIS SIMPLE ACTIVITY!

- Objectives:*
- INTERVIEW AND GATHER INFORMATION FROM IN-PERSON CONVERSATIONS
  - INCLUDE DETAILS IN WRITING

### ACTIVITY 1

1. Partner students up for the interview. It is best that the teacher do this, rather than allowing students to choose partners because the goal is to listen and observe.
2. Distribute a One Word Activity packet to each student. (page 2)
3. Students will interview each other using the provided questions. The person being interviewed may only use one word to answer.
4. Students should switch places. The interviewer now becomes the interviewee and vice versa.

If you want to extend the activity, have students use the answers they received from their interviews to write a Person Poem about their interview subject.

### PRO-TIP 2

### EXAMPLE 3

QUESTION	ANSWER	OBSERVATION
One word that describes you?	Funny	Laughed as she said it, like she's shy about it
The most important thing in the world	Faith	Serious, no wavering
The thing that hurts you the most	Ignorance	She tried to explain, but I wouldn't let her
The thing that you love the most	Memories	She teared up like she remembered something
Definition of happiness	Sacrifice	Little smile, like she knows a secret
What you want more than anything?	Peace	Again, she tried to explain, I stopped her
The place where you feel safest	Alone	Answered quickly, didn't look away
If you were a color, you would be	Yellow	She laughed
How do you show someone that you love them	Sacrifice	She said with conviction, like she was waiting for the question
If you were a force of nature you would be...	Tornadic	A bit of sadness about her when she said this, like she wishes she was more calm

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## **ONE WORD INTERVIEW PACKET**

QUESTION	ANSWER	OBSERVATION
One word that describes you?		
The most important thing in the world?		
The thing that hurts you the most?		
The thing that you love the most?		
Definition of happiness?		
What you want more than anything?		
The place you feel the safest?		
If you were a color, you would be?		

