Short stories

New Internationalist Easier English Ready Lesson: Upper Intermediate
This lesson:

Before the lesson:
Get all learners to read one of these stories before the lesson:

https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Fat_by_Krys_Lee
https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/The_Lake_Retba_Murder_by_Efemia_Chela
https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Ghosts_by_Ana_Mendez
(from the links, or from paper copies if you print them)

The lesson:
• Speaking
• Reading
• Vocabulary
• Follow up
In small groups with others who read the same story, discuss:

1) Did you enjoy the story? Why/why not?
2) Who were the main characters in the story? How can you describe them? Decide on 3 adjectives for each character.
3) What is the main message of the story?
4) How could you summarise the story in 3 or 4 sentences? Write the summary.
5) Decide on 5 useful new words or phrases from the story.
6) Would you recommend the story to others? Why/why not?
In new small groups (with people who read different stories):

1) Recommend (or not) the story you read, without giving away too much information about it (you don’t want to spoil it for them!)

2) Teach them 2 or 3 words / phrases they will find useful for the story.
Follow-up:

1/ Read the other short stories you didn’t read: https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Issue_496
- Which is the best story? Why?

2/ Read the original, more difficult version of each story:
https://newint.org/issues/2016/10/01/world-fiction-special/
- What new vocabulary / phrases did you learn?