

New Internationalist

The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice



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](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?**

