Writing a Story Based on a Photo

Purpose
In this activity, children will use a photo as a story starter. The activity will focus on helping children to use describing words (also known as “descriptive words”) in their writing. Descriptive words help to create a picture in the reader's mind.

Get Ready to Write
1. Look closely at the photo. **What do you see in this picture?**
2. Think about connections you can make to this photo. **Did you ever have a similar experience with chewing gum or another sticky substance? Tell me about it.**
3. Look closely at the gum. **What does the gum look like? How do you think the gum might smell? How do you think the gum feels on the person’s shoe?**
4. Think about the person in the photo. **Who do you think this person might be? Why do you think that? How do you think this person feels? What do you think this person might do next?**

Write and Share Your Story
1. Write a story about the person in this photo. Or write a story that tells about something similar that happened to you.
2. Make a story map like the one below to help you plan your story.
3. Write your story and share it with someone in your home.
## Story Map

**My Story’s Title:**

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<th>Setting: Where does your story happen?</th>
<th>Character: Who is in your story?</th>
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<td>What happens at the beginning of your story?</td>
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