



Arms in the Air!

Activating learners and encouraging them to speak



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Tea or coffee?



tea or coffee



spicy or mild



wild night out or quiet night in



Beckham or DeCaprio



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Basic principles

- Motivation
- Set-up
- Task preparation
- Closure



Menu

- The importance of freer speaking
- Developing vocab to develop speaking
- Motivating learners to speak
- Controlled practice





Thinking about freer speaking



Why are freer speaking activities important?



Benefits of freer speaking



- Build confidence
- Allow practice of taught language in a wider context
- Allow experimentation and ownership
- Present diagnostic opportunities
- Provide a bridge between the classroom and the real world
- Provide an opportunity to speak at length



Speaking in class



How much do your students speak in class?
 What problems do they have?



Consider...

What problem with language does each person have?

Who has the biggest problem?







'Without grammar very little can be conveyed, without vocabulary nothing can be conveyed.'

David P. Wilkins



Developing vocabulary to develop speaking





True or False?



Of the information we forget, 60% is lost within 24hrs of initial learning.

An average of 12 to 15 vocabulary items is a reasonable amount of input in a 60 minute lesson.

 Students will be able to produce a word appropriately after they have come across it 3 times.

Implications?



repetition and recycling and repetition and recycling and....

What?!

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yemon & pipnshog



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Categorisation



Food

Sort the food into categories.

asparagus aubergine blackcurrant broccoli eel herring lamb pear pork raspberry red pepper salmon tangerine trout turkey veal

Fruit	
VEGETABLES	
Fish	
Μεάτ	



Scattergories

- Something found in the kitchen (not food)
- A fruit or vegetable
- A way of cooking
- A dish made with meat
- A drink

Beginning with...







6 Health

- 1 a backache /o 'beketk/
- 2 a cold /a 'kaold/
- 3 a cough /a 'kot/
- 4 a headache /a hedeik/
- 5 a pain in my knee
- /> pem in mai 'nit/
- 6 a sore leg /a so: Teg/
- 7 a sore throat /a (so: 'broot/
- 8 a stomachache /a 'stamak-eik/
- 9 a toothache /a 'mie-edk/
- 10 an earache /au 'rareik/
- 11 feel sick / tid 'sik/









Kim's Game









Motivating learners to speak





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Write down the name of...

- Somebody you admire.
- Somebody who annoyed you recently.
- □ The best (or worst) film you've seen recently.
- □ The best (or worst) thing you've bought recently.
- The first person you spoke with this morning.



Choosing motivating tasks

Personalised Mechanically motivating

Talking about yourself

Comparing your views

Expressing your opinions

Saying what you like and don't like

Problem solving

Ranking

Chart filling

Spot the difference

Competition

Giving instructions

Tasks must...



- …have an achie outcome.
- ...be log staged.
- ...be worth the prep time.
- Improduce the tar Improduce the tar Improduce (if there is any).
- ...take into account class dyn
- …inv all students.
- …finish with a focus on lan

(good and faulty)

Delayed error correction

I love the mountains / maunteinz /

We'll have been living there for a year in August. Blue is not her colour. It doesn't fit her.

I can't remember the last time I went swimming.

I can give you the number. Remind me after class.

He's a very fertile man. He's always coming up with great ideas.



Controlled practice





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Describing Actions

- Long actions: Present continuous
- They're walking in the garden
- Short actions: Present perfect
- She's just fallen off her bike





BBC The Two Ronnies

The Two Ronnies are the stars of one of the longestrunning comedy shows on British television. They both wear glasses, they're both

called Ronnie and together they can make a simple situation very complicated ... and very funny! In this sketch, Ronnie Corbett (the short one) has a problem and goes into a shop to ask for help from Ronnie Barker (the tall one).





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