

Technology *NOT* just for Technology's Sake



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Today's Agenda



- Purpose of technology
- Lesson planning
- Computer skills
- Internet
- Video
- Other technologies (cell phones, social networks, etc.)

Teachers' Mission Statement



Our goal is to give students challenging opportunities to be successful in their language-learning experience so they develop confidence and become independent, lifelong learners.

Challenging Opportunities



Teach students to:

think critically and creatively

work cooperatively

transfer language and thinking skills to
any task

Think/Pair/Share



Think (1 minute):

What can the role of technology be in an ESL Classroom?
Write down your thoughts and ideas.

Pair (2 minutes):

Discuss your ideas with a partner.
Amend your original thoughts.

Share (3 minutes):

Discuss your ideas with a group of four.
Discuss your ideas with the group.

Lesson Planning



Good lesson planning is an often invisible but absolutely essential part of all good teaching - especially effective language teaching.”

(Hendrichsen)

Steps to Effective Lesson Planning (ESL Teachers' Institute)



- Warm Up & Review
 - Uses previously learned content to begin a lesson.
 - 5- 10 minutes.
 - Materials are familiar to students from previous lessons.
- Introduction
 - Focuses student attention on the lesson (asking questions, using visuals...).
 - Objective stated
 - Objective is related to previous lesson.
- Presentation
 - Introduction of new information (Through visuals, realia, description, explanation, or written text).
 - Instructor checks on student comprehension.
 - Instructor prepares students for practice.

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○ Practice

- Students practice new knowledge through different activities.
- Practice is guided through materials.
- May be whole group, small group, pairs or individuals.
- Instructor models each activity, monitors progress, provides feedback

○ Evaluation

- Instructor evaluates students on attainment of objective.
- Can be oral, written, or by demonstrated performance.

○ Application

- Students apply new knowledge to own lives or new situations.

Where Does Technology Fit?



Discuss where technology might work in a lesson plan.

In a group rank most prominent steps where technology works. “1” is the most prominent.

___ **Warm-up /Review**

___ **Practice**

___ **Introduction**

___ **Evaluation**

___ **Presentation**

___ **Application**

Computer Activities to Build Computer Literacy While Learning English



**Although the principle purpose of
ESL classes is not to teach
technology, using computers can
enhance the English learning
process while giving students...**

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...experience with technology that they will encounter in the real world as well as provide opportunities to develop needed critical thinking and academic skills.

What Environment Can I Use Computers In?



- Computer enhanced Classrooms
- Computer labs
- Classrooms with one computer and projection

Computer Operations



- Inputting Data (Word processing / spreadsheets)
- Saving
- Printing
- Copying / pasting
- Changing font size and style
- Sorting data
- Using Clipart and Images
- Designing graphs and charts
- Creating diagrams

Integrating the Internet



The Internet is an ideal way to bring the real world into the classroom. Authentic forms and activities can bring great depth to a classroom experience.

Internet Activity Sample



How's the weather?

Video to Enhance Instruction



Listening is a critical element in the competent language performance of adult second language learners, whether they are communicating at school, at work, or in the community.

Video to Enhance Instruction



- Freeze Frame
- Silent Viewing
- Prediction Techniques
- Listening without Viewing
- Back-to-Back
- Summary Strips
- Comprehension Checks
- Normal Viewing

Video Activities



Demonstrations

Video Sources



Commercial Products

Canned videos

YouTube (and other internet sources)

TV programs

Movies

Authentic

YouTube (and other internet sources)

Teacher produced

Student produced

For More Ideas & Handouts



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