Access and Engagement Making our own resources

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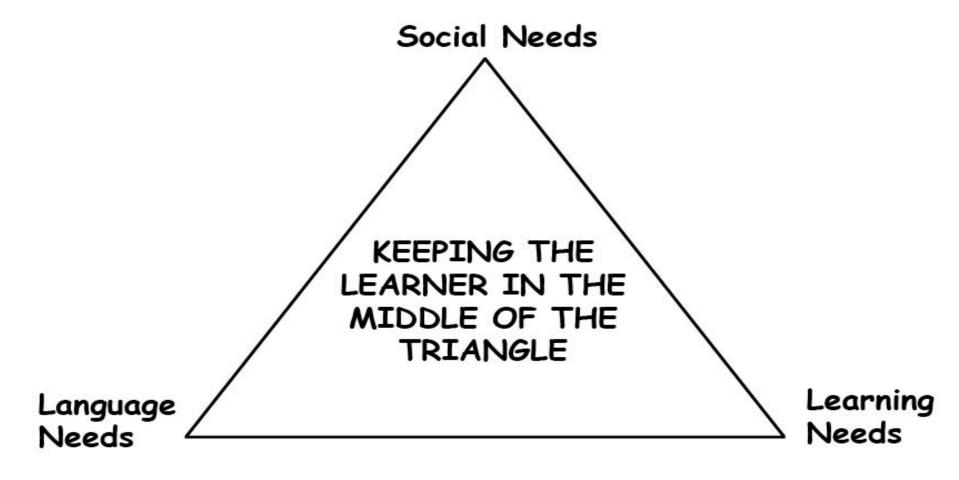
Collaborative Learning has supported a teacher owned resources development network since 1983

"Two teachers planning together are more than twice as good!"

There is strong reliable research over a long period that language conscious teaching is good for all pupils.

Everything we do to improve learning for EAL pupils will improve learning for every other pupil in the school.

Balancing the needs of EAL and other vulnerable learners



What constitutes an EAL Friendly, Language conscious, Talk rich classroom?

- Social Relations empowerment
- Language exploratory talk
- Learning curriculum access



The join construction of new knowledge is a social process.

The Cummins Quadrant

Cognitively demanding work.

Stretchy activities that make you think hard and deep.

Concrete, contextualised activities.

Abstract. Not relating to anything learners know about nor can easily relate to.

Every teaching activity can be plotted on this quadrant. EAL (and all other learners) need work that follows the arrows: always concrete and growing more demanding on thinking until they can make their own leap into the abstract.

Undemanding work that can be undertaken without much thought.

Basic principles

- Build on prior knowledge
- Move from concrete to abstract
- Ensure everyone works with everyone else
- Extend social language into curriculum language
- Provide motivating ways to go over the same thing more than once

Let Me Introduce

How does it work?

- 1. Pupils find one person with the same colour card
- 2.Each one reads out their card which begins "I am.."
- 3. The pair finds another pair now they introduce their partner so it is no longer "I am" and has become "This is …… they…." in students own words.

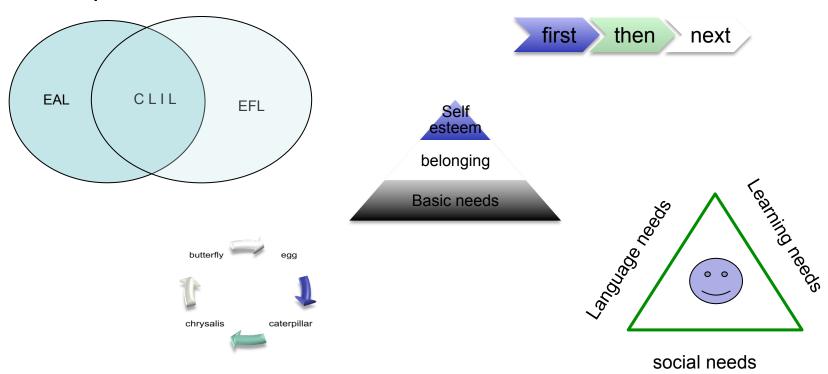
Let Me Introduce

Why does it work?

- Opportunities to deliver curriculum content
- Practice in reading > reading aloud.
- Process of listen>understand/think> construct speech in own words.
- Communication and interaction is integral.
- Students work with many others.
- Possible application across many topics/ subjects.

What is a Visual Organiser

- A visual organiser or key visual is a diagrammatic way of organising and presenting an idea.
- It is not a photograph or illustration.
- Examples



Visual organisers for classifying

| Venn Diagrams(i) | To show a whole set and a subset |
|--------------------|---|
| Venn Diagrams (ii) | To show concepts and connection where items are - a - b - both -neither |
| Tree Diagram | Classify words and show relationships |
| Key | To divide information using yes/no answers |
| Carroll diagram | To classify information using two sets of criteria |
| Quadrant | To show connections between two sets of concepts |

Sorting cards onto a visual organiser. Why it works

- Opportunities to explore vocabulary
- Practice in explaining concepts
- Opportunities to expand mental models
- Visual organisers structure thinking
- You can reinforce the organisers with games.

Barrier games

- Barrier games are games where one person (or pair) has half the information and the other person (or pair) has the other half.
- Complete information sets can be obtained by asking questions or by passing on information.

Familiar informal examples would be battleships. The deduction game "20 questions" is also related.

Barrier Games

Why do they work?

- Opportunities to deliver curriculum content
- Practice in reading or interpreting data.
- Practice in questioning
- Communication and interaction is integral.
- All students must participate
- Possible application across many topics/ subjects.

Clue cards to make experts

- In this variation pupils work as a group.
 Each person has some information which is essential.
- The group then work together to complete a joint task.

Information gaps / Expert groups

Pupils work in a group to understand some information. They are then regrouped to work with pupils who have learnt something else. Each new group should have a complete set of information by the end.

Jigsawing

a term used to describe the grouping and regrouping.

Information gaps / Expert groups / Jigsawing

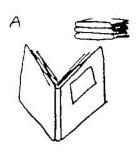
Why do they work?

- Opportunities to read/ listen/ talk
- All pupils must participate
- Learning is carried and recalled to support embedding
- Opportunities to differentiate
- Easy to organise
- All pupils have their own set of complete information to support subject knowledge tasks.

How are activities planned?

- What do we want the children to know?
- What kinds of thinking do we hope they will practice?
- What kinds of language do they need? Necessary language and potential language?
- What key visuals best produce the thinking and the language?
- Can we make our activity sociable?

A Martian Sends a Postcard Home Craig Raine



Caxtons are mechanical birds with many wings and some are treasured for their markings..

Only the young are allowed to suffer openly. Adults go to a punishment room

with water, but nothing to eat. They lock the door and suffer the noises

alone. No one is exempt and everyone's pain has a different smell.





A Martian Sends a Postcard Home

Read and listen to the poem 'A Martian Sends a Postcard Home'

The Martian has never seen things on Earth before. It uses lots of different words to describe common everyday objects.

Match the pictures of the objects (the A Cards) to the correct number of verse or verses.

You can do it like this:



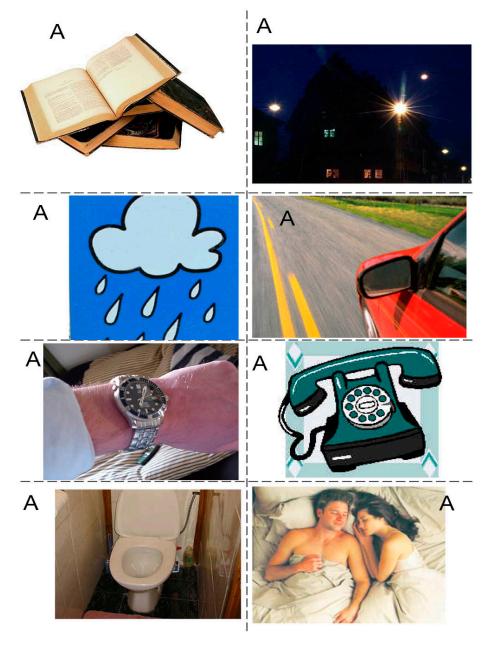
5. But time is tied to the wrist or kept in a box ticking with impatience.

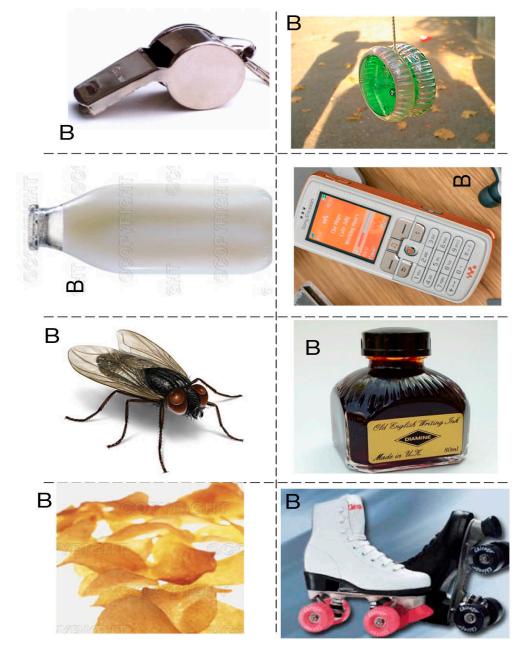


What is it?? Imagine you are a Martian!

You need the B cards for this activity. Work in pairs. One of you pick up a card - you are the only one knows what it is. Describe the object, but you must not say its name.







AN ASTROLOGER'S DAY by R K Narayan

PUNCTUALLY at midday he opened his bag and spread out his professional equipment, which consisted of a dozen cowrie shells, a square piece of cloth with obscure mystic charts on it, a notebook, and a bundle of palmyra writing. His forehead was resplendent with sacred ash and vermilion, and his eyes sparkled with a sharp abnormal gleam which was really an outcome of a continual searching look for customers, but which his simple clients took to be a prophetic light and felt comforted. The power of his eyes was considerably enhanced by their position placed as they were between the painted forehead and the dark whiskers which streamed down his cheeks Even a half-wit's eyes would sparkle in such a setting. To crown the effect he wound a saffroncoloured turban around his head. This colour scheme never failed. People were attracted to him as bees are attracted to cosmos or dahlia stalks











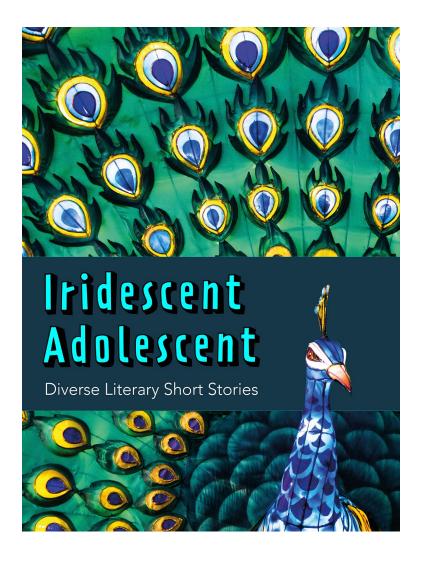


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