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Guidance for Teachers

These are some additional helpful tips and recommendations for teachers to cover the course efficiently and effectively.

Before starting a text

A pre-reading activity is useful in securing the attention of the learners through activities that lead them to the text. Pre-reading activities should be interesting, relevant, and fun to do. For each text, a pre-reading section has been suggested. It should be used to lead a class discussion. Most pre-reading activities suggested are open-ended, i.e., they may not have a particular answer, but are useful for discussion that leads learners to the text.

Teachers may use any other interesting pre-reading activities with direct relevance to the text to be taught.

All the pre-reading activities contain a reading focus. The purpose of the prereading section is that learners read a text with that focus in mind.

Reading

A carefully planned reading class will go a long way in creating a love for reading in the minds of the learners. Some techniques are suggested here to help learners proceed step-by-step in the class from guided reading to becoming independent readers.

Shadow reading

For young learners, read aloud each sentence of the text slowly. Ask learners to follow the sentence with a finger and repeat after you. If a sentence is longer, break the sentence into meaningful parts. Take a clear pause at each break and at the end of each sentence.

Show action wherever possible to accompany your reading aloud.

Read a text aloud at least twice. Then, ask learners to read aloud. Help them with reading where necessary. All the texts should be taught in this manner. However, in later years, the concept of silent reading is to be introduced as well as it will help with independent learning and comprehension.

Chunk reading

Instead of asking learners to read a whole text all together, for Classes 1–4, each text should be divided into reading chunks that can be better managed by learners. Each text has been divided into two/three reading chunks for the students to understand with ease. Use a focusing question/statement before each reading chunk. Ask one/two link questions when students have finished reading a chunk. The link question/statement can function as the focus for the next reading unit. This has been done for all the prose texts. Linking/reflecting and prediction questions/activities for the reading chunks are given to assist learners in dealing with the texts. Allow learners to guess answers before each reading chunk. It does not matter if their answers do not match the text.

Comprehension questions (factual, inferential, as well as extrapolative) are meant to be used to hold a class discussion leading towards better understanding of a text. They should not be used for rote learning and memorization of facts from a text.

Extra clues from the text/learning questions should be used during discussion to help learners grasp the context and the text better.

It is always a good idea to ask learners to go back to the text to find out the facts during a class discussion.

Comprehension of poems

Poems for young learners reflect the rhythm of the language in a very obvious manner. Since poems are shorter in length, teachers should read aloud the

poetry texts with rhythm for learners to capture the natural pronunciation of English. All the poems here have been marked for their stress pattern, which creates the rhythm. Teachers should practice the rhythm by saying each poem aloud with appropriate stress several times before doing it in class.

For each poem, apart from the rhythm, a listening focus has also been provided. As learners listen, they try to get an answer for the listening focus.

Each poem should be read aloud by the teacher at least twice. Then, learners should be asked to repeat the poem after the teacher. This is an effective listening and pronunciation activity for English stress and rhythm.

When the listening is going on, the books must be kept closed. After the second listening, learners can look at the text and listen to the teacher at the same time.

Learners should then read the poem aloud, and then silently for better comprehension.

For older learners, the teacher should ask the students to keep their books closed and read the poem out to them. Then the teacher could ask a global question, elicit a response which connects to their world knowledge or ask for the theme of what has been read. See if the students can recall phrases and words.

Comprehension questions

Comprehension questions should be done orally in a discussion mode and not in a question-answer mode.

Learners may write the answers after the oral work.

Classroom procedure (group and pair work)

Learners should be given enough opportunities to find answers in pairs and groups, and refer to the texts as many times as they want.

After reading of the text is done, follow this sequence for the questions: i. comprehension, ii. vocabulary, and finally, iii. Pronunciation

Sample Lesson Plan



Week	7	Duration	60 min
Learning Outcomes	 Upon completion of this lesson, stud Choose the correct word from the Understand and use verbs Answer how many questions Enhance their listening and specific structure Think critically on their own Think of rhyming -ng words Answer challenges on their own Comprehend text post reading Write answers to comprehension Work on their composition skill 	the bracket eaking skill n on questior	S

Date and Time	Content and teacher activity	Formative assessment
Day 1: 00/00/00 05 min	Settling time: Ask the students to settle down and share if they have any difficulty or if they have not understood from the previous lesson. Ask them to take out their textbooks and notebooks.	Verbal response

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10 min	Starter: Recap through questioning. Ask students the questions to see how much they remember from the previous lesson. Ask the students who were present in the previous class to help them revise. Ask the everyone and gently probe and encourage the students to provide answers. Try and gauge their speaking and listening skills as well.	Verbal response Recall Speaking and listening skills
	Class presentation skills: If someone is willing to come to the front of the class and present, invite them. Start with the most confident students, however, gently move towards the shy students and encourage them to participate as well. Encourage the students to say a few points of summary on the previously discussed topic. Keep in mind that some students may be shy to participate but may have excellent listening and speaking skills. Scaffold information and make them feel comfortable enough so they may participate.	

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10 min	Pre-reading:	
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	Most pre-reading activities suggested are open- ended, i.e., they may not have a particular answer, but are useful for discussion that leads learners to the text. Use any other interesting pre-reading activities with direct relevance to the text to be taught. All the pre-reading activities contain a reading focus. The purpose of the pre-reading section is that the students read a text with that focus in mind.	
	Ask the pre-reading question present with the text. Try to scaffold the information. Provide helpful hints and gauge if they are able to provide information on their own.	
	Gently probe students and encourage them to participate.	

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10 min 10 min	 Shadow Reading: For young students, read aloud each sentence of the text slowly. Ask the students to follow the sentence with a finger and repeat after you. If a sentence is longer, break the sentence into meaningful parts. Take a clear pause at each break and at the end of each sentence. Show action wherever possible to accompany your reading aloud. Read a text aloud at least twice. Then, ask the students to read aloud. Help them with reading where necessary. All the texts should be taught in this manner. However, in later years, the concept of silent reading is to be introduced as well as it will help with independent learning and comprehension. Write the following questions on the board and along with the class try to find out the answers as you read the chapter for the first time. 1. Who is the central character of the story? 2. Who asked Hans to take the things? 3. Who was Hans visiting? 4. Was Hans an intelligent fellow or a forgetful person? 5. Which objects did Hans lose while taking them to his grandmother? 	Reading skills Comprehension skills Silent reading skills Focused reading Brainstorming Skim & scan

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	After the entire class has read through the chapter and has successfully found all the answer then as a class discuss the answers and see how many pairs have found the correct answers.	
10 min	Teacher's Resource: Answers	
	 Hans is the central character of the story. Hans was asked by his mother. Hans was visiting his grandmother. Hans was a forgetful person. Hans lost a needle, a spoon, a dog, meat, and butter. Mulla Do Piyaza's son was smarter than him. 	
	Feedback:	
	Give feedback on responses.	
10 min	Reading aloud:	Reading skills
	Have a reading session with the students. Focus on the words that they are having difficulty in and repeat until they can read the passage without any problem.	Comprehension skills Discussion skills
	Conflict	Close reading skills
	Most stories have a conflict, or a problem that the characters face. In this story, the miller's daughter is afraid to get caught in the lie that his father has told. This is the problem that they have.	SKIUS
	HOMEWORK:	
	Have you ever told a lie to get out of a sticky situation? How did it go? Did you get into more trouble? Is lying a good thing or a bad one?	

Date and Time	Content and teacher activity	Formative assessment
Day 2: 00/00/00 20 min	Class Work: Comprehension Attempt Exercise A in class. Feedback: Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.	Verbal response Brainstorm Creative thinking Prediction Foreshadowing
20 min	 Class Work: Working with words: It is not necessary to give the meanings of all the unknown words to the students because getting the message/meaning of a text does not depend on understanding every word occurring in it. It is best not to give the meanings of the essential words to the students right away. For young students, the following approach can be used to deal with the vocabulary items occurring in a text: Generally, the meaning of a word is available from the context in which it occurs. Students should be trained in guessing the meaning of words using the contextual clues available. The meaning of some words can be given through pictures. For many verbs, actions can be used to show their meaning, for example, 'enjoyed'. Challenge Question: Have a small discussion on 'Challenge Question'. 	Verbal Response Writing skill Brainstorming Creative writing

Date and Time	Content and teacher activity	Formative assessment
Day 3: 00/00/00 15 min	 ACTIVITY: VERBS 1. Cut chart paper into small cards. 2. Think about five verbs (-ing form) e.g. eating, sleeping, etc. 3. Find relevant pictures and paste them onto the card. 4. Show the card to the class and ask 'What is 	Writing skill Brainstorming Creative thinking skills
	 the boy doing?' They should answer 'He is sleeping.' 5. Then ask them to say 'The boy is sleeping.' 6. Repeat this with all the cards. Introduce more vocabulary about verbs through this activity and continue practicing until students remember and understand the verbs and purpose of using 'ing'. 	
	Activity: Verbs Additional helpful resource:	
	Fill in the blanks with suitable verbs.	
	1. The monkeys were from the tree.	
	 Will you to the party? Arham and Sarah want to cake. 	
	4. Mary at the joke.	
	5. The lamb loudly.	
	6. Abdullah across the English Channel.	

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	7. My friend can a car.	
	8. The policeman the thief.	
	9. The actor really well.	
	10. I the book fairly quickly.	
	11. Do you want to a movie?	
	12. Mrs Woolfe a letter.	
	13. Won't you a song?	
	14. My sister the ballet.	
	15. The puppy into my bed.	
	Classwork: Learning about language	
	Attempt Ex: C 1, 2. Provide assistance when required.	
	Feedback:	
	Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.	
	Homework:	
	Practise verbs.	
10 min	Workbook Exercise:	Writing skill
	Attempt workbook exercises.	
	HOMEWORK:	
	Complete any incomplete work.	

Date and Time	Content and teacher activity	Formative assessment
Day 4: 00/00/00	Activity: Listening and Speaking skills	Verbal response
4 5	Picture description:	-
15 min	Ask the students to pay attention to the picture present on page 71 and encourage them to explain what they see using the describing words. Try to make the lesson as interactive as possible. However, provide assistance where required.	
	Feedback:	
	Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.	
15 min	Class Work: Listening and speaking	Verbal
	Attempt Ex: D 1, 2.	response
	Feedback:	
	Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.	
Day 5:	Class Work: Composition	Verbal
00/00/00	Attempt Exercise E in class.	response
20 min	Discuss the composition with the students and make sure that they understand the concept in detail. Provide them with everything that they may require and keep providing them assistance whenever required.	Writing skills Reading skills Speaking skills Listening skills Composition
	Feedback:	skills
	Give feedback if required.	
	Homework:	
	Complete any incomplete work.	

Date and Time	Content and teacher activity	Formative assessment
05 min	Plenary: Ask the students the following questions: Pick your favourite book and exchange with your friend. Take a look at the cover of your friends' favourite book and try t guess the story.	Brainstorm Verbal Response

ASSESSMENT	REFLECTION