

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 pre-reading 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.

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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	11	Duration	60 min
Learning	Upon completion of this lesson, stud	ents will be	e able to:
Outcomes	Unscramble letters to make new words		
	 Find opposite of words 		
	Think critically on their own		
	 Comprehend text post reading 		
	Think of challenge answers on their own		
	Find pronouns of nouns		
	 Learn to say the letter 'g' in diff 	erent word	s
	Think and answer pre- and white	le reading	questions
	 Write answers to comprehension questions Work on their composition skills 		
	Enhance their listening and specific	eaking skill	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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	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	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 main character of the story? Was this his real name? Why? 2. What did Chocko see in the middle of the night? 3. What did Chocko lose every time he would eat a chocko bar? 4. Was Chocko looking forward to going to the land of littles? 5. What did Chocko decide in the end?	Reading skills Comprehension skills Silent reading skills Discussion skills Focused reading Brainstorming Skim & scan

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10 min	Class discussion: Write the above-mentioned questions on the board and ask the students to read through the text and try to find the answers to these questions. However, ask them to be mindful and not share the answers with anyone. 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 Chocko is the main character of the story. This is not his real name. He is called this because he binges eats chocolates. Chocko saw a little man wearing a purple turban no big than his hand in the middle of the night. Chocko would lose a bead every time he would eat a chocolate bar. No, Chocko was afraid to leave his friends and family and go in a strange land where he would have to drink milk daily and have no chocolate ever. Chocko decided to not eat chocolate for a while and take better care of his teeth. HE decided to start saving money as well. Feedback: Give feedback on responses. 	

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	Reading aloud: 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. Post reading: Explain to the students that stories are built in three major parts of a plot. Stories have plots which have a beginning, middle, and an end. The middle of the story is based on a conflict or a problem. Finding conflict Ask the students to read the lines taken from the story and answer the questions given below: He knew he must stop, but did not know how. Every time he looked in a mirror, he got a shock. His teeth were as dark as chocolate. Chocko was not happy. 'How can I stop?' he cried to himself, as he went to sleep one night. The lines above hint a 'conflict'. A. What do you think the conflict in this story is? Answer: Chocko could not control his eating habits. B. Which words show that there is a problem? Answer: 'He knew he must stop, but did not know	
	how'. C. Was there only one conflict? If your answer is no, give reason(s) from the text. Share their responses with the class.	

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	HOMEWORK:	
	Have you ever had to leave a habit because it was consuming you? Or because your parents asked you to? Were you successful? Was it easy or difficult? How long did it take?	
Day 2:	Class Work: Comprehension	Verbal
00/00/00	Attempt Exercise A in class.	response
20 min	Challenge Question:	Brainstorm
	Have a small discussion on 'Challenge Question'.	Creative thinking
	Feedback:	Prediction
		Foreshadowing
	Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.	
20 min	Class Work: Working with words:	Verbal
	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, 'escaped'. Attempt Exercise B 1, 2.	Response Writing skill Brainstorming Creative writing

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Day 3: 00/00/00 15 min	lines to divide the circ 2. Label the parts with phe, she, they, and the 3. Divide the class into have 4–7 students. Find pronoun circle. 4. Drop a sharpener on 'they' then the student using 'they'. Students sentences using prof 5. Monitor the groups at making correct sente 6. Explain the use of very pronouns. Additional helpful resour	oronouns (I, we, you, us, em). groups. Each group will for each group, prepare a the chart. If it falls on at will make a sentence is will take turns to make nouns. Indicheck that students are inces. The oronouns is a sentence inces.	Verbal Response Writing skill Brainstorming Creative writing

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	1	l in the blanks, using pronouns matching underlined nouns.	
	1.	Farhan said that had a mathematics test on Tuesday.	
	2.	Seema asked her mother ifcould go to watch a movie.	
	3.	Raheel and Kamran do not know when will reach home.	
	4.	Talha and I are tired, andwould like to go home.	
	5.	My dog is unwell so I am taking to the vet.	
	6.	The old man was tired of walking, so sat down to rest.	
	7.	I met Laraib and her father when were going to the market.	
	8.	The travellers complained that were hungry and thirsty.	
	9.	Saman is talking to Salman. She is asking about his school picnic.	
	10.	Nadia and I are sure thatwill win the quiz competition.	
	Classv	vork: Learning about language	
	Attemp	t Ex: C. Provide assistance when required.	

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	Feedback: Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.	
	Homework: Practise Pronouns.	
10 min	Workbook Exercise: Attempt workbook exercises. HOMEWORK: Complete incomplete work.	Writing skill
Day 4: 00/00/00 15 min	Activity: Listening and Speaking skills Pronouncing the letter 'g': Inform the students that although the letter 'g' may appear in several words however, its pronunciation will differ depending on the word. Provide the students examples from the textbook and make sure that they are making correct sounds while saying the 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.	Verbal response

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15 min	Class Work: Listening and speaking Attempt Ex: D 1, 2.	Verbal response
	Feedback: Give feedback on responses and correct any answer if required.	
Day 5: 00/00/00 20 min	Class Work: Composition Attempt Exercise E in class. Discuss the composition with the students and make sure that they understand the concept in detail.	Verbal response Writing skills Reading skills
	Provide them with everything that they may require and keep providing them assistance whenever required.	Speaking skills Listening skills Composition
	Feedback: Give feedback if required. Homework:	skills
	Complete any incomplete work.	
05 min	Plenary: Ask the students the following questions: Summarise the main character in 2 points.	Brainstorm Verbal Response

ASSESSMENT	REFLECTION