

EFFECTIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LESSON PLANNING

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The aim of this workshop is to equip ALTs and homeroom teachers (HRTs) with techniques and ideas for planning and delivering effective English lessons. Attendees will be shown how to develop a basic framework which can be adapted for all their elementary school English classes.



What We Will Cover...

- Planning and preparing for a lesson
- Tips for developing a lesson plan template (we even throw in an example template for free! 🙌👉👈)
- Communication with your teaching partner
- Games and activities (with demonstrations)
- An example lesson from Hi Friends!
- General tips
- Audience participation 😁
- Discussion and question time!

Disclaimer

- The opinions expressed in this presentation are blah, blah, blah...

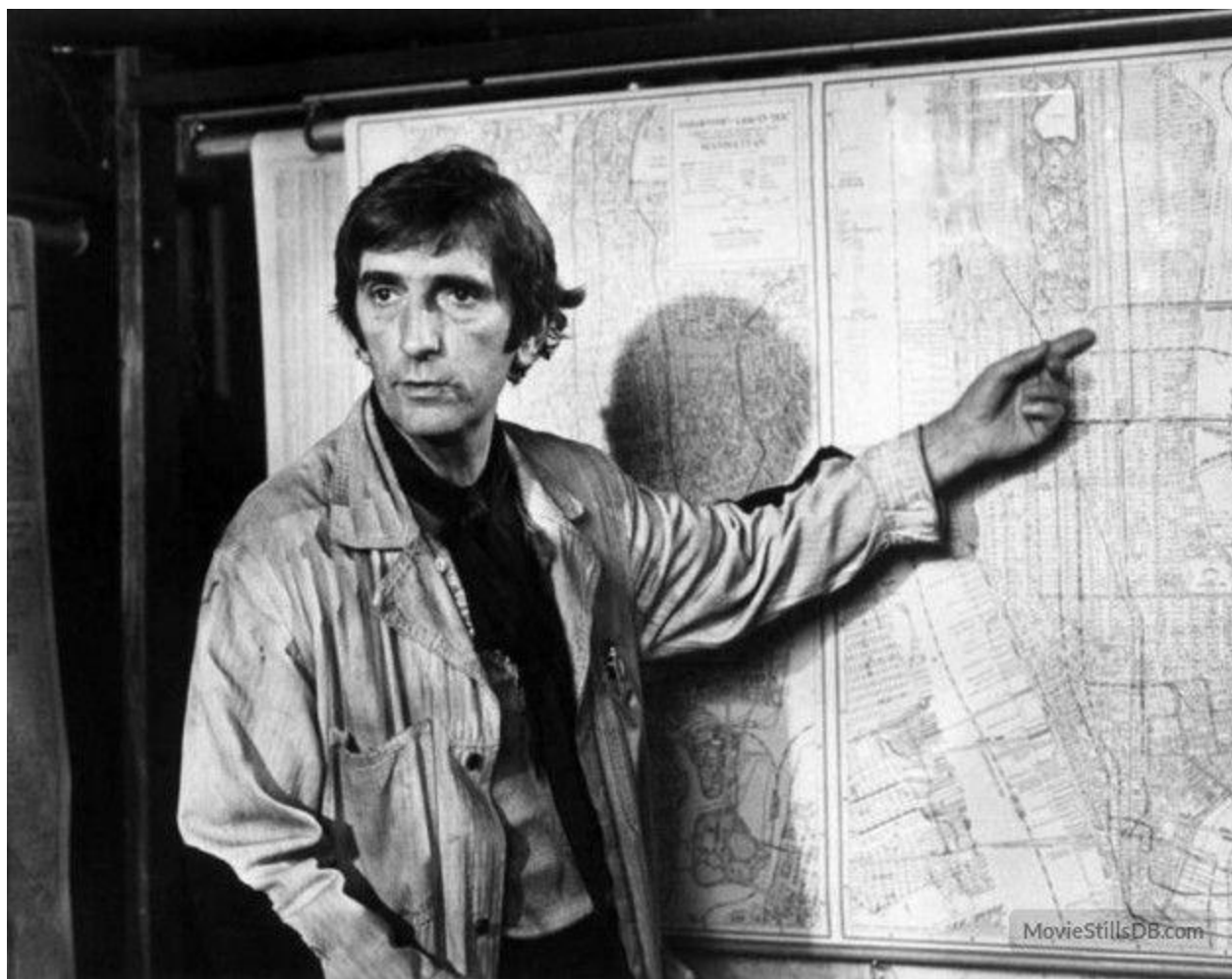


I Like Your Style

- Develop your “way” of teaching
 - Consistency is key
 - A familiar structure helps your teaching partner
 - Be confident in it
 - But of course, you’re free to shake things up from time to time.



Planning



The Steps To Take



- Know what it is you want to teach. Have a vision!
- Then, break it down into steps, or “checkpoints”.
- Once you have decided these checkpoints, you can assign activities.



The Steps To Take Cont.



- Allocate time for each activity. Then...
- Decide how many lessons (45 minute periods) you'll need. Will one period really be enough?
- What materials will you need?
 - How many/much?
 - Can you bring them, or will the teacher need to provide them?
 - Will the students need to bring anything, e.g. scissors, crayons etc?
- Need some space?
 - Think about the layout of the desks. Do they need moving?
 - Is it best to use the gymnasium, or the playing field?
- Discuss with the teaching partner.

Planning Tips



- Things usually take longer than you think. Be prepared to react accordingly.
- Don't rush your plan. Try to be at least a week ahead
- Make sure the goal of each lesson is clear



• NEVER move on to the next teaching checkpoint if the students aren't ready.

Planning Tips Cont.

- Simple is usually better
- Even the best teachers aren't perfect. Don't feel bad if a lesson doesn't go as well as planned.
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- Always leave time to review at the end.
- Remember, it's about learning English whilst having fun, not vice-versa.

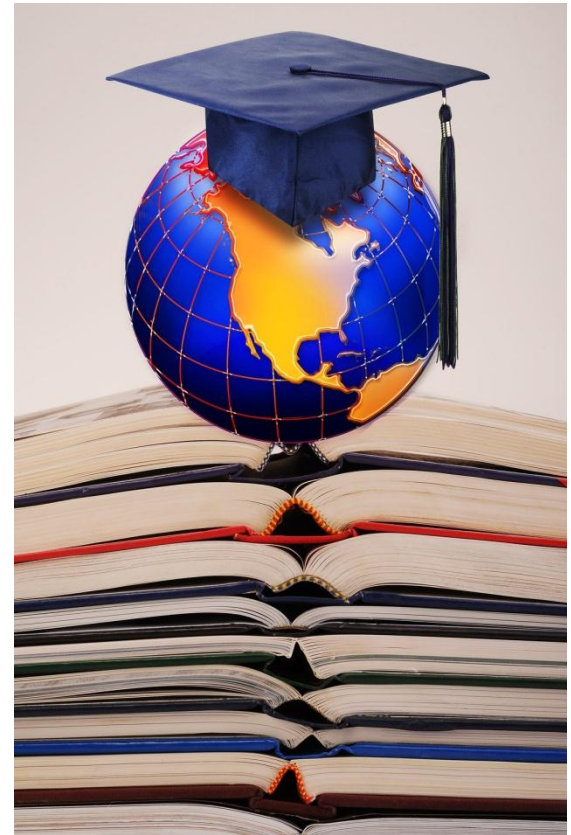


Curriculum - To Do Or Not To Do?



Curriculum - The Advantages

- No panic planning the night before
- More time to prepare materials
- Easier to think of a direction
- Saves time in the long run



What Makes A Good Curriculum?

- Semester based, not yearly
- A clear vision, or sense of direction
- Progressive, not random
- Not too detailed
- Well thought out, not rushed



What Makes A Good Game?

- Verbal repetition, repetition, repetition!
- Simplicity
- Competitiveness
- Teamwork
- Body movement/gesture
- Use of pop culture
- HRT involvement
- Try to avoid elimination games



Questions and Comments

