

Developing Teaching Methods to Increase Students' Expression Skills

— Through Communicative Writing Activities —

Lesson Plan

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1 Teaching Material Writing Plus 1 'School Homepage' New Horizon English Course Book 1

2 The Reasons for Choosing the Material

(1) About the Material

The students learned expressions that can be used in the introduction of their school. For future lessons, they will learn how to make a school homepage using words and sentences that they learned through a mock-up activity. While making homepages, they will write introductory sentences.

First grade students are on their first step to learning English, so they have a limited number of expressions that they know and can use. By showing them suitable words and phrases for the homepage, they will become more interested in expressing their ideas through speaking and writing. Introducing their own school is easier for the students and it means that they will be able to concentrate better on the activity. Furthermore, the students will have the chance to work more comfortably. By reading and listening to other schools' introductions, the students will become more interested in creating homepages. It may also be efficient for improving self expression skills.

(2) About the Students

The class consists of 19 boys and 11 girls. The lesson will be for the whole class. The students are very active and talkative and can sometimes be out of control. They need to be controlled sometimes to concentrate on their lesson. Girls tend to be more motivated than boys. They are very eager to learn English. Most boys are also motivated to study. I want to improve their language skills by giving appropriate advice.

(3) About the Teaching Procedure

The result of the survey shows interests toward English learning and shows that most of the students think that their English skills might help them progress in the future, but some say learning English is very difficult. This leads their unresponsiveness in English class. Hopefully, the students will become more interested if they can communicate in English and hear how easy their English is understood by others. Additionally, the students will make their own homepage using the computers.

3 Aims of the Teaching Material

(1) The students can write introductory sentences of their school by arranging information they learned in class.

(2) The students can introduce their school by giving an oral presentation of the homepage they worked on.

(3) The students can expand their English vocabulary and expressions through writing activities.

*The students can review and utilize what they have learned in the previous lessons.

4 Teaching Procedure Content

- (1) Main accomplishment Writing, Speaking
- (2) Situation Making School Homepage
- (3) Function Introducing the school by creating homepages and giving oral presentation afterwards
- (4) Ideas
 - ① Get ideas by listening and reading a school introduction by JTE and ALT
 - ② Search for information about their school and organizing it for the task

5 Standards for Lesson Material

- (1) Interests, eagerness, participation in communication
 - ① Understand the presentations about the school introduction of teachers and students
 - ② Participate by working on the presentation
 - ③ Try to understand the homepages by guessing the meaning of the new words
 - ④ Participate in writing sentences introducing the school using dictionaries and word lists
- (2) Expressing Skills
 - ① Be able to speak or write about their school using correct English words and sentences
 - ② Be able to speak or write about their school using appropriate words and sentences
- (3) Comprehension Skills
 - ① Be able to understand the teacher's school presentation by listening
 - ② Be able to understand the other students' school presentation by listening and reading their sentences
 - ③ Be able to think about ideas for making their own sentences for their homepage by reading and listening to other students' presentations.
- (4) Knowledge and Comprehension of the language
 - ① Get to know the appropriate words and sentences for a school introduction task or activity
 - ② Be able to organize the information for a school introduction task or activity

6 Lesson Procedure of Material

	Aims	Content	View Points				Grading Data
			I	E	C	K	
1	*To have interests in homepages and participate in the lesson	*Understand the aim, lesson procedure and standards *Listen to JTE and ALT's introduction of their schools *Read about other school's homepages and get an idea for their homepage	○				*observing *worksheet *memos
2	*Understand the contents of textbook and participate in activities *Collect information about making a homepage	*Comprehend the textbook *Review the expressions and words for creating homepages *Participate in writing activity with these sentences and words *Collect information	○		○		*word quiz *review quiz
3	*Create the homepage using the information collected	*Arrange the information and start writing homepage		○		○	*worksheet *observing
4	*Finish creating the homepage and introduce orally *understand other students' performance	*Finish creating the writing homepage *Introduce their homepage to the teachers *listen to other students' performance		○		○	*observing *presentation *self evaluation *reflection

I: interests in communication E: expression skills C: comprehension skills K: knowledge about English

7 Today's Lesson

- (1) Lesson Material Writing Plus 1 'School Homepage' New Horizon English Course Book 1

(2) Aims of This Period

*Students can introduce their school by giving oral presentations of the homepage they worked on

*Students listen and understand the other students' introduction

(3) Hypothesis

*Students will be able to acquire the correct expressions by writing sentences

*Students will be able to become more active in communication and improve expression skills by writing and speaking in English through the activity of creating homepages

8 Lesson Procedure of Today's Class Period

Procedure	Students' Activities	Teacher's Aids	Evaluating	materials
Greetings	*Greet teachers and friends *Notice today's aim and activities	*Greet the students *Announce today's aim and activities		*Lesson Planner
Review previous lesson *words expressions	*Review and Practice words and sentences orally *Word game	*Make sure students know and can use the words and sentences correctly.	*observing	*worksheet *word game
Today's lesson	*Write a rough draft that the students can work on from the previous lesson *Ask teachers about the expression that they don't understand to help them finish writing *Correct the mistakes and work on the final homepage worksheet *Practice speech	*Help students to get used to the words and sentences by observing the class *Help students notice mistakes in their work	*observing	*worksheet from previous lesson *homepage worksheet
	*Introduce school by giving a speech in front of the ALT and other teachers (All the students get a chance to present their introduction) *Introduce school in front of the class *Listen to the presentation and write down their impressions on the worksheet	*Listen to each group of students' speeches *Let students from each group give the presentation in front of the class	*Performance of their introduction *Students' cross evaluation	*Cross Evaluation Sheet
Consolidation	*Reflect on the lesson *Fill in the self-evaluation sheet	*Talk about their impressions of the other students' *Ask students to fill out the evaluation sheet	*self evaluation sheet * Survey *quiz	*self evaluation sheet