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Lesson Planning 201: Beyond the Basics

By Lindsay Herron

So you've got the basics of lesson planning down. You can now put together a solid lesson pretty quickly, moving from an introduction and presentation of the target language to controlled and guided practice, finishing with production and review, all more or less in the time required. But are you doing all you can to ensure your lesson's success? This workshop will touch on several areas of lesson planning that new teachers might wish to further explore – and more experienced teachers might wish to review.

First, do you include anticipated problems and solutions in your lesson plan? This is a simple step teachers can take to ensure smooth sailing during class time. There are a wide variety of possible problems to consider, from equipment malfunctions (e.g., the computer might not work, so the PowerPoint game you've slaved over might be rendered useless!) and organizational issues (e.g., there might be an odd number of learners, but you're planning a pair work activity) to linguistic problems (e.g., students might already know *gonna* but don't understand that it includes two words, *going* and *to*) and individual problems (e.g., one particular student tends to answer every question).

When considering problems students might encounter when doing a particular activity, it's also useful to take into account different types of task demand. We'll look specifically at six types of task demand: cognitive (for example, graphical representations and cultural schema), language (including pronunciation and grammar),



interactional (issues related to pair work, group work, etc.), metalinguistic (related to the technical terms used to describe language), involvement (student interest level), and physical (motor skills, sitting still for a long time, etc.). There are certain steps that every teacher can take to help students as they undertake each task; we'll brainstorm possible support steps for each type of task demand.

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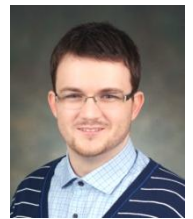
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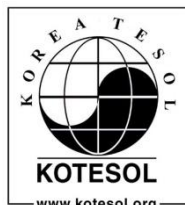


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Working with a textbook or workbook, in particular, requires a certain level of flexibility and innovation, as textbook exercises might score particularly high in terms of “involvement” task demand – that is, they’re often boring. We will explore possibilities for enlivening a sample workbook exercise.

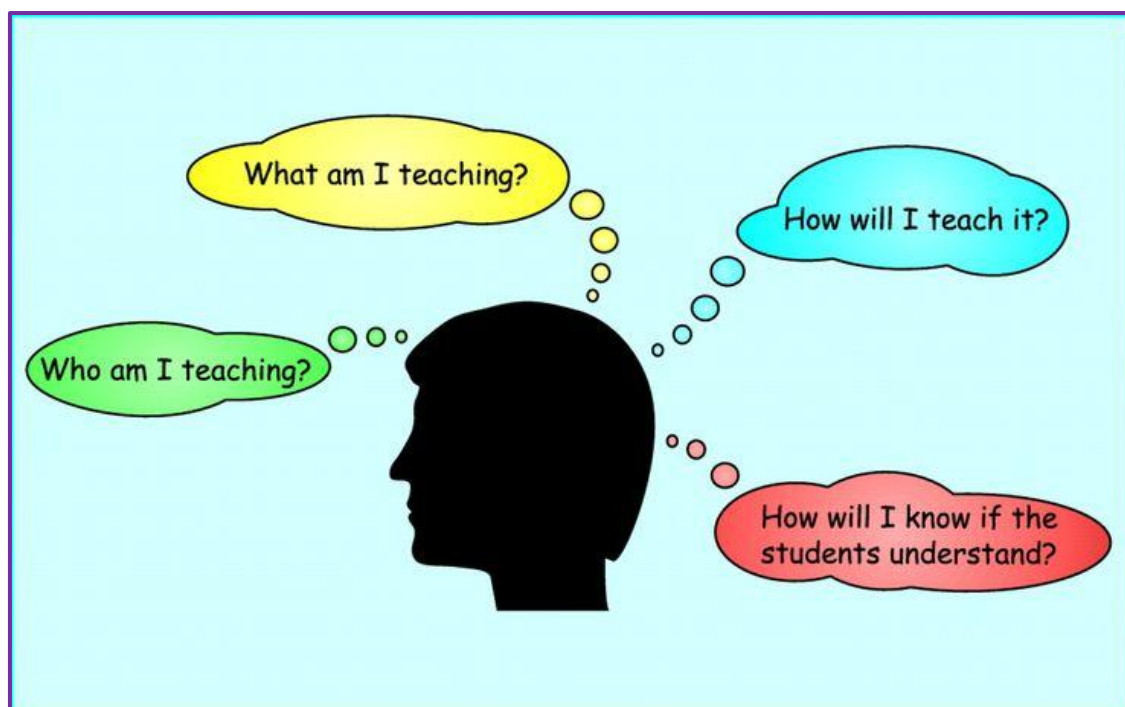
There are other questions that conversational English teachers might ask themselves as they design their lesson and consider task demands – for example, Is the task communicative and meaningful? and Is the lesson balanced? We’ll discuss the difference between communicative activities and non-communicative activities, examples of meaningful and personal exercises, and a wide variety of characteristics that teachers might wish to ensure are balanced in a class. By the end of this workshop, participants will be eager to take a closer look at their own lessons, identify potential problem areas, and prepare solutions and supports, ultimately

crafting a more balanced, effective, and engaging class for all.

THE PRESENTER

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(Lindsay will be going beyond the basics of lesson planning in her workshop presentation at the November 21st Gwangju-Jeonnang Chapter meeting at Gwangju Natl. University of Education.)



Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL November Chapter Meeting

- Time: Saturday, November 21, 2015, 1:45–5:00 p.m.
- Place: Gwangju Natl. University of Ed., Teacher Training Bldg., Room 811 (1st Floor)

■ Schedule

Chapter Meeting: Main Session

- 1:45 pm:** Sign-in and Meet-and-Greet (Admission is free. Future membership is welcomed.)
- 2:00 – 2:50 pm: WORKSHOP PRESENTATION – PART 1**
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- 2:50 – 3:10 pm:** Refreshment Break
- 3:10 – 4:00 pm: WORKSHOP PRESENTATION – PART 2**
- 4:10 – 4:45 pm: SwapShop Session (Open to All)**
 Everyone is encouraged to share their Teaching Discoveries and Secrets with the group. Share your Teaching Tips, Ideas, Classroom Activities, Games, ELT Books, or other Teaching Wisdom. (Handouts welcomed.)
- 4:45 pm:** Announcements / Drawing for Door Prizes / Closing

About 5:45 pm: After-meeting dinner at The First Alleyway

Upcoming Chapter Events

December 12, 2015. Monthly Chapter Meeting & End-of-Year Dinner
Short Stories and L2 Learners
 Tyson Vieira (Kyungnam Univ., Changwon)

January 9, 2016. Monthly Chapter Meeting

February 13, 2016. Monthly Chapter Meeting

March 12, 2016. ANNUAL CHAPTER CONFERENCE

Upcoming KOTESOL Events

Daejeon-Chungcheong Chapter November Symposium and Thanksgiving Dinner
 November 28, 2015.
 Woosong University, Daejeon

Reflective Practice SIG Morning Meeting
 Saturday, November 21, 2015
 Aldersgate Café, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Working Through Teacher-Student Conflicts
 Bryan Hale facilitating