

Unlock the Secrets to Effective Lesson Planning

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"Good lesson planning is an often invisible but absolutely essential part of all good teaching especially effective language teaching." (Hendrichsen)

WARM-UP

Answer the following questions with a group. Be prepared to share your thoughts with the class.

- 1. How do you decide what to teach on a given day?
- 2. How do you organize your lesson?
- 3. How do you know if your students learned what you wanted them to?

INTRODUCTION

Why Plan?

Importance for Teacher:

- To focus activities toward objective
- To have seamless progression from one activity to the next
- To evaluate student performance
- To connect with preceding or subsequent lessons

Importance for Student:

- To gain confidence that activities have a purpose
- To evaluate their own learning
- To apply what they've learned

What guides your objectives?

- Textbooks
- Standards
- School curriculum

OBJECTIVE:

Today you will learn the steps of a lesson, practice putting activities in the correct order, and writing your own lesson plan that can be used in your class.

WRITING PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

- Make sure it is a "performance objective"
- Make sure it is simple.
- Make sure it is measurable.
- Make sure students can actually do it.
- Make sure it is a competency.

In groups of 3-5, create good objectives for one or more of the following themes:

Personal Information

Food / Nutrition

Consumer Economics

Housing

By the end of class, students will be able to...

Community

Employment

LESSON SEQUENCING ACTIVITY

Instructions: Number the lesson plan steps in order 1-6.

Α	pplication
St	tudents apply new knowledge to own lives or new situations.
Р	ractice
	 Students practice new knowledge through different activities.
	 Practice is guided through materials.
	 May be whole group, small group, pairs or individuals.
Ir	structor models each activity, monitors progress, provides feedback
W	/arm-up and/or review
	 Uses previously learned content to begin a lesson.
	• 5- 10 minutes.
V	laterials are familiar to students from previous lessons.
E	valuation
	 Instructor evaluates students on attainment of objective.
C	an be oral, written, or by demonstrated performance.
Ir	itroduction
	 Focuses student attention on the lesson (asking questions, using
	visuals).
	Objective stated
0	bjective is related to previous lesson
P	resentation
1	 Introduction of new information (Through visuals, realia, description
	explanation, or written text).
	 Instructor checks on student comprehension.

Lesson Plan Format developed by the California Department of Education, Staff Development Institute

LESSON PLAN FORMAT

Warm-up / Review	Use previously learned content to begin a lesson.
Introduction	 Focus students' attention on the lesson by asking questions, using visuals, etc. State the objective(s) and relate the objective(s) to previous lesson(s).
Presentation	 Introduce new information through visuals, realia, description, explanation, or written text. Check on students' comprehension. Prepare students for practice activity.
Practice	 Have students practice new knowledge through different activities as a class, in small groups, pairs or individually (guided practice). Model each activity, monitor progress, and provide feedback.
Evaluation	 Evaluate students on attainment of objective(s) through oral, written, or demonstrated performance.
Application	Give students an activity that has them apply their new knowledge to their own lives or new situations.

SAMPLE

Warm-up / Review	 A. In groups, ask students to make a list of 10 locations in the community similar to the ones they talked about on the previous day. B. Ask representatives to write their lists on the board.
Introduction	Ask the class to tell you what street each location from the Warm-up is on (The supermarket is on). State Objective: Today you will practice giving directions and at the end of the lesson you will tell someone how to get to your house from the school.
Presentation	 A. Introduce new vocabulary like right, left, turn, etc. by demonstrating. Write the words on the board and drill the students. Give directions to places in the room and ask individuals to follow. B. Drill the students by playing Simon Says. C. Present dialog and prepare students for practice.
Practice	Students perform a dialog from the board where one student gives directions to locations in the classroom and the other student follows the directions. A. Ask students to perform the dialog with three different students and follow the directions given. B. Ask students in pairs to use the same vocabulary to give directions to places in the community.
Evaluation	Ask volunteers to demonstrate for the class.
Application	Have each student give a partner directions to his or her home from the school. Have the other students take notes and repeat the directions back.

APPLICATION

Choose **ONE** the following objectives and write a lesson plan in groups:

Basic Communication	Greet people.
	Tell time.
Consumer Economics	Describe articles of clothing.
Nutrition and Food	Interpret food ads.
Health	Call 911 and report an accident.
Community	Identify and access library services.
Workplace	Interview for a job.
Housing	Complain to a landlord.

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LEVEL

Warm-up / Review	
Introduction	State Objective:
Presentation	

Practice	
Evaluation	
Application	