## TEACHING PRONUNCIATION, VOCABULARY & GRAMMAR

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### The Scope of Pronunciation

- 1. Individual Sounds
  - \* Demonstrate the word first  $\rightarrow$  put it in a sentence
  - \* Make children aware of sound difference D:\ANS'\My Video\KID'S SONGS\D0970F0D\_YouTube Alphabet Sounds.flv
- 2. Sounds in connected speech
  - \* "Rain Rain Go Away" song

#### Cont.

- 3. Stress and Rhythm
  - \* Songs, rhymes and jazz chants D:\ANS'\My Video\KID'S SONGS\SUPER SIMPLE SONGS\39B0673A\_YouTube - Who Took the Cookie\_ -Teaching Tips.flv
    - \* Strong and weak stresses
- 4. Intonation
  - \* Falling & rising tones

#### Techniques & Activities .

- Used to be minimal pairs
- Needs more game-like activities to provide interest and avoid meaningless repetition
- Models from teachers
- Place it in a sentence

#### Pronunciation Goals

 Having speech good enough to be understood by a native speaker even though there may be signs of a foreign accent

## Teaching English Vocabulary

- How children learn the meanings of words
- \* Aitchison (1987):
  - labelling: children must discover that sequences of sound can be used as names for things
  - 2. packaging: children must find out which things can be packaged together under 1 label
  - 3. network-building: children must work out how words relate to one another

# Vocabulary Size, Selection & Learnability

- 7 factors of learnability:
  - 1. Demonstrability
  - 2. Similarity to L1
  - 3. Brevity
  - 4. Regularity of form
  - 5. Learning load
  - 6. Opportunism
  - 7. Centres of interest

## Understanding & Learning the meaning of new words

1. Lexical sets : shops, classroom, fruit

2. Rhyming : spout, out, rain, again <u>D:\ANS'\ANS'</u>

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3. Colour sets : things that are blue

4. Grammatical sets: verbs, nouns

5. Partners or collocation: V + N, Adj + N

6. Opposites : big - small



## Techniques to Teach Vocabulary

#### A. Demonstration techniques:

- 1. Using objects
- 2. Using drawings
- 3. Using illustrations, pictures, photos, flashcards
- 4. using actions, mime, expressions and gesture
- 5. Pointing, touching, tasting, feeling, smelling
- 6. using technology

#### Cont.

- B. Verbal techniques:
  - 1. Explaining
  - 2. Defining the context
  - 3. Eliciting
  - 4. Describing
  - 5. Translating

# Vocabulary practicing, memorizing, and checking activities

#### This involves:

- 1. Classifying/sorting
- 2. Giving instructions
- 3. Picture dictation
- 4. What's missing?
- 5. Kim's game
- 6. Wordsearches
- 7. Sequencing
- 8. Labelling

## Learning English Grammar

What grammar to teach?

- 1. facts
- 2. patterns
- 3. choices → secondary schools

# Principles in Teaching Grammar to Young Learners

- 1. Focus your instruction on meaning
- 2. Avoid using meta-language
- 3. Use visuals
- 4. Provide additional practice
- 5. Recycle
- 6. Use all five senses

# Developing Strategies for Grammar Learning

- 1. Language Files
- 2. Self/ peer-testing
- 3. Marking changes with coloured pens
- 4. Looking for patterns and creating their own
- 5. Comparing English structure and L1
- 6. Learning from mistakes