Grammar for Pleasure

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For children all learning is a pleasure....







Or is it?!!!!



















Teachers who treat mistakes as weeds to be ruthlessly weeded out, who pick up every error and allow nothing to pass uncorrected, do an immense amount of harm. Their students understandably become reluctant to say anything at all. They make no mistakes because they say nothing.

Michael Swan



Back to the brain...







How do we excite dopamine and bring the positive aspect of emotion into the classroom?

- Stimulation e.g Wonder No way! Look at this!
- Competition
- Guessing
- The unexpected
- Humour
- Quiet time... (emotional relief for a significant part of our students and opportunity to focus)
- Emotional/personal involvement
- Opportunity for persistence and experimentation
- Positive engagement.



Amazing Animals



2 Circle the correct answer.





Training Services

Amazing Animals

3 🕙 Write Yes, it is or No, it isn't. Listen and check.



Is it a dolphin? Yes, it is.

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Is it an eagle?



Is it a crocodile?



Is it an octopus?



Weird Science



Read the answers and write the questions. Use the verbs in the box and the phrases below. Listen and check.





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How good are your powers of deduction?

5 Work with a partner. Make five deductions and give reasons.

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Interpreting modern art

- 3 Circle the correct option. If both are possible, circle both.
 - A: What do you think these shapes are?
 - B: They (a) must be / may be flowers because they have petals. I'm sure they are.
 - B: I don't know they (b) must be / could be.
 - A: And this (c) could be / may be water because it's blue. And these shiny things (d) can't be / could be little fish.
 - But the dark blue (e) may not / could not be water. It (f) could be / might be the night sky. And the shiny things (g) may not be / might not be fish. They (h) must be / could be stars in the sky.
 - A: No! They (i) can't be / might be stars! They aren't the right shape! They don't look like stars at all. But the picture is beautiful.





Grammar Acquisition





Grammar Acquisition in reality



10000 hours

6 years 14000 words & sophisticated syntax Time osure ack 30 months syntactical utterances 24 months morphological markings 18 months 2-word couplings 12 months - first words 6 months ^Y babbling

What is Grammar?

When we say Grammar what is the first thing that comes to mind? For most people it's the "Rules" or for others standard English.

According to one definition in an online dictionary, Grammar is "A set of **actual** or *presumed* prescriptive notions about correct use of a language:"

The Rules

- Prescriptive Grammarians frequently state that only the rules are important
- Descriptive Linguists say that the function is the most important element and that rules can be broken if necessary

 Pedagogic – Teachers; normally they fall into the camp of the last person to get to them.



Pedagogic Activities that STIMULATE Dopamine, Pleasure, Learning & Memory

- Information Gap & Problem-Solving
- **TPR** (*Fly swatting, Mobile Story, Twister*)
- True For You
- Listening & Writing Games
- Language in Context : Dialogues/Chants
- Teamwork



Twister







With Learners for Life



Hopscotch



Fly-Swatting





Alphabet Story Game

Read the text. Number the pictures in order.



I'm Aarav and I live in India. I get up at 6 o'clock. I have breakfast with my brother Arjun. We have bread, cheese and yoghurt. My dad's a taxi driver. He takes us to school in his taxi, but he doesn't take us home. We walk home. After school I ride my bike and Arjun studies. On Saturdays I don't get up early. I go to the market with my mum and Arjun watches TV. In the afternoon we go to the sports club. Where do you live? What do you do at the weekend?



Jazz Chants

2 🕙 Listen, point and say the chant.

I like dancing, I think it's really cool. I like running in the park, And swimming in the pool.

I don't like playing board games, But computer games are great!

Do you like washing the dishes? No, I don't. That's what I hate!





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Gerund as object: like + -ing

Dialogues Many Ways





Rewards!!!





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