

# Teaching



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## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Title : Teaching Evaluation

Credit : 2 Credit hours

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### **Teaching Evaluation**

#### **Course Description**

This course is designed to broaden your perspective on teaching evaluation. You will be introduced to basic principles of teaching evaluation and be introduced with teaching evaluation in Indonesian contexts whether in elementary, secondary and tertiary education, whether in formal or informal education institutions. Then, you will be asked to choose certain topics in teaching evaluation that interest you most. You will try to deepen and broaden your understanding about the topics and share them with your peers through classroom presentation. In addition, you will also be required to design and construct a test, try it out and analyse it using relevant procedures manually or using a certain software.

#### **Course Objectives**

At the end of the semester, you are expected to be able to:

- 1) Explain some basic principles in teaching evaluation.
- 2) Analyse teaching evaluation problems and issues in Indonesia
- 3) Construct a test battery and analyse it.

#### **Course Assessment**

- 1) Attendance: 75%, weight: 15%
- 2) Assignment (test development and validation) 25%
- 3) UTS: 25%
- 4) UAS: 35%

## **Teaching Evaluation**

### **Course Description**

This course is designed to enrich and deepen your knowledge in language assessment and other key areas related to testing and evaluation as well as computer applications in Teaching Evaluation. This also prepare you to be critical in analyzing the existing tests found in school formative/ summative test or books.

### **Course Objectives**

- 1) demonstrate the ability to reflect critically on teaching and learning experiences on the course assessment and relate them to the Indonesian educational context;
- 2) demonstrate a working knowledge of the principles and practice of different forms of modern language assessment;
- 3) analyse existing tests and reconstruct appropriate test ones.

### **Course Assessment**

- 1) Attendance: 75%, weight: 15%
- 2) Project (Analyzing and categorizing test items) 40%
- 3) UTS: 20%
- 4) UAS: 25%

Teaching with heart

This handout is dedicated to my dearest students: you are my motivation to be a better teacher.

# CHAPTER I

## TESTING, ASSESSING, AND TEACHING

### What are testing, assessing, and teaching?

**A test**, in simple terms, is *a method of measuring a person's ability, knowledge, or performance in a given domain*. Method is an instrument—a set of techniques, procedures, or items—that requires performance on the part of test takers. Measurement is a means for offering the test-takers some kind of result. Performance implies to test-takers' ability (competence).

**Assessment**, on the other hand, is an ongoing process that encompasses a much wider domain. Whenever a student responds to a question, offers a comment, or tries out a new word or structure, the teacher subconsciously makes an assessment of the student's performance.

Tests, then, are a subset of assessment; they are certainly not the only form of assessment that a teacher can make. Test can be useful devices, but they are only one among many procedures and tasks that teachers can ultimately use to assess students.

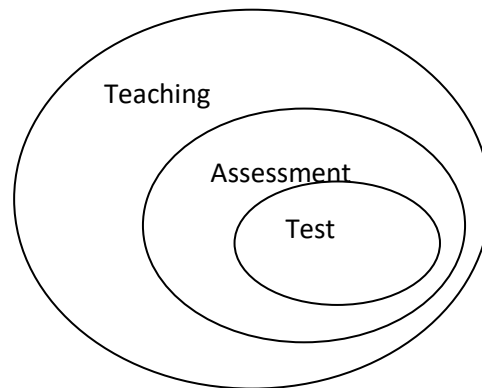


Figure 1.1. Test, assessment, and teaching

Teaching sets up the practice games of language learning: the opportunities for learners to listen, think, take risks, set goals, and process feedback from the “coach” and then recycle through the skills that they are trying to master.

## **Informal and formal assessment**

**Informal assessment** can take a number of forms, starting with coaching and other impromptu feedback to the students. Examples include saying “Nice job!” “Good work!” “Did you say can or can’t?,” or putting ☺ on some homework. Informal assessment does not stop there. A good deal of a teacher’s informal assessment is embedded in classroom tasks designed to elicit performance without recording results and making fixed judgments about a student’s competence.

On the other hand, **formal assessments** are exercises or procedures specifically designed to tap into storehouse of skills and knowledge. They are systematic, planned sampling techniques constructed to give teacher and students an appraisal of student achievement. To extend the tennis technology, formal assessments are the tournament games that occur periodically in the course of a regimen of practice.

*Think: is formal assessment the same as test?*

## **Formative and summative assessment**

**Formative assessment:** evaluating students in the process of “forming” their competencies and skills with the goal of helping them to continue that growth process. The key to such formation is the delivery (by the teacher) and internalization (by the students) of appropriate feedback on performance, with an eye toward the future continuation (or formation) of learning.

Summative assessment aims to measure, or summarize, what a student has grasped, and typically occurs at the end of a course or unit of instruction. A summation of what a student has learned implies looking back and taking stock of how well student has accomplished objectives, but does not necessarily point the way to future progress. Final exams in a course and general proficiency exams are examples of summative assessment.

*Can you offer your students an opportunity to convert tests into “learning experiences”?*

### **Norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests**

**Norm-referenced tests**, each test taker’s score is interpreted in relation to a mean (average score), median (middle score), standard deviation, and percentile rank. Scores are usually reported back to the test-takers in the form of numerical score. Ex. TOEFL. Such test must have fixed predetermined responses in a format that can be scored quickly at minimum expense. Money and efficiency are primary concerns in these tests.

**Criterion-referenced tests**, on the other hand, are designed to give test-takers feedback, usually in the form of grades or specific course or lesson objectives. Classroom tests involving the students in only one class, and connected to a curriculum, are typical of criterion-referenced testing. Here much time and effort on the part of the teacher (test administrator) are sometimes required in order to deliver useful, appropriate feedback to students or “instructional value.” In language assessment, with an audience of classroom language teachers and teachers in training, and with its emphasis on classroom-based assessment (as opposed to standardized, large-scale testing), criterion-referenced testing is of more prominent interest than norm-referenced testing.

### **Discrete-point and integrative testing**

This historical perspective underscores two major approaches to teaching evaluation that were debated in the 1970s and early 1980s. These approaches still prevail today, even if in mutated form: the choice between discrete-point and integrative testing methods. **Discrete-point tests** are constructed on the assumption that language can be broken down into its component parts and that those parts can be tested successfully. These components are the skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing, and various units of language (discrete points) of phonology/graphology, morphology, lexicon, syntax, and discourse.

Such an approach demanded a decontextualization that often confused the test-taker. So, as the profession emerged into an era of emphasizing communication authenticity, and context, new approaches were sought. Oller (1979) argued that language competence is a unified set of interacting abilities that cannot be tested separately. His claim was that communicative competence is so global and requires such integration (hence the term “integrative” testing) that it cannot be captured in additive tests of grammar, reading, vocabulary, and other discrete points of language.

What does an **integrative test** look like? Two types of tests have historically been claimed to be examples of integrative tests: cloze tests and dictations. A cloze test is a reading passage (perhaps 150 to 300 words) in which roughly every sixth or seventh word has been deleted; the test-taker is required to supply words that fit into the blanks. Cloze test is claimed to cover knowledge of vocabulary, grammatical structure, discourse structure, reading skills and strategies, and an internalized “expectancy” grammar (enabling one to predict an item that will come next in a sequence).

Dictation is a familiar language-teaching technique that evolved into a testing technique. Essentially, learners listen to a passage of 100 to 150 words read aloud by an administrator (or audiotape) and write what they hear, using correct spelling. The listening portion usually has three stages: an oral reading without pauses; an oral reading with long pauses between every phrase (to give the learner time to write down what is heard); a third reading at normal speed to give tes-takers a chance to check what they wrote.

### **Exercises:**

1. Review the distinction between norm-referenced and criterion-referenced testing. Which one is appropriate in your classroom condition?
2. Why are cloze and dictation considered to be integrative test?
3. Brainstorm a variety of test tasks that class members have experienced in learning a foreign language. Then decide which of those tasks are performance-based, which are not.



## **CHAPTER II**

### **PRINCIPLES OF LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT**

#### **PRACTICALITY**

An effective test is practical. This means that it

- Is not excessively expensive
- Stays within appropriate time constraints
- Is relatively easy to administer, and
- Has a scoring/ evaluation procedure that is specific and time-efficient

A test that is prohibitively expensive is impractical. A test of language proficiency that takes a student five hours to complete is impractical- it consumes more time (and money) than necessary to accomplish its objective. A test that requires individual one-on-one proctoring is impractical for a group of several hundred test-takers and only handful of examiners. A test that takes a few minutes for a students to take several hours for an examiner to evaluate is impractical for most classroom situations. A test that can be scored only by computer is impractical if the test takes place a thousand miles away from the nearest computer. The value and quality of a test sometimes hinge on such nitty-gritty, practical considerations.

#### **RELIABILITY**

A reliable test is consistent and dependable. If you give the same test to the same students or matched students on two different occasions, the test should yield similar results. The issue of reliability of a test may be addresses by considering a number of factors that may contribute to the unreliability.

##### **Student-Related Reliability**

The most common learner-related issue in reliability is caused by temporary illness, fatigue, a “bad day”, anxiety, and other physical or psychological factors, which may make an “observed” score deviate from one’s true score. Also included in this category are such factors as a test-taker’s “test-wiseness” or strategies for efficient test taking.

### **Rater Reliability**

Human error, subjectivity, and bias may enter into the scoring process. Inter-rater reliability occurs when two or more scorers yield inconsistent scores of the same test, possibly for lack of attention to scoring criteria, inexperience, inattention, or even preconceived biases. Otherwise, intra-rater reliability is a common occurrence for classroom teachers because of unclear scoring criteria, fatigue, bias toward particular “good” and “bad” students, or simple carelessness.

### **Test Administration Reliability**

The street noise that causes a tape recorder cannot be listened clearly, photocopying variations, the amount of light in different parts of the room, variations of temperature, and even the condition of desks and chairs.

### **Test Reliability**

If a test is too long, test-takers may become fatigued by the time they reach the later items and hastily respond incorrectly. Timed tests may discriminate against students who do not perform well on a test with a time limit.

## **VALIDITY**

Validity is the extent to which references made from assessment results are appropriate, meaningful, and useful in terms of the purpose of the assessment.

### **Consequential Validity**

Consequential validity encompasses all the consequences of a test, including such considerations as its accuracy in measuring intended criteria, its impact on the preparation of test-takers, its effect on the learner, and the (intended and unintended) social consequences of a test’s interpretation and use.

### **Face Validity**

Face validity refers to the degree to which a test looks right, and appears to measure the knowledge or abilities it claims to measure, based on the subjective personnel who

decide on its use, and other psychometrically unsophisticated observers. Face validity will likely be high if learners encounter

- A well-constructed, expected format with familiar tasks,
- A test that clearly doable within the allotted time limit,
- Items that are clear and uncomplicated,
- Directions that are crystal clear,
- Tasks that relate to their course work (content validity), and
- A difficulty level that presents a reasonable challenge.

### **AUTHENTICITY**

Authenticity is defined as the degree of correspondence of the characteristics of a given language test task to the features of a target language task, and then suggest an agenda for identifying those target language tasks and for transforming them into valid test items. In a test, authenticity may be present in the following ways:

- The language in the test is as natural as possible.
- Items are contextualized rather than isolated.
- Topics are meaningful (relevant, interesting) for the learner.
- Some thematic organization to items is provided, such as through a story line or episode.
- Tasks represent, or closely approximate, real-world tasks.

### **WASHBACK**

Wash back is the effect of testing on teaching and learning. Wash back enhances a number of basic principles of language acquisition: intrinsic motivation, autonomy, self-confidence, language ego, interlanguage, and strategic investment, among others. One way to enhance wash back is to comment generously and specifically on test performance.

Informal performance assessment is by nature more likely to have built-in wash back effects because the teacher is usually providing interactive feedback. Formal test can

also have positive wash back, but provide no wash back if the students receive a simple letter grade or a single overall numerical score.

## **APPLYING PRINCIPLES TO THE EVALUATION OF CLASSROOM TESTS**

1. Are the test procedures practical?
  - a. Are administrative details clearly established before the test?
  - b. Can students complete the test reasonably within the set time frame?
  - c. Can the test be administered smoothly, without procedural “glitches”?
  - d. Are all materials and equipment ready?
  - e. Is the cost of the test within budgeted limits?
  - f. Is the scoring/ evaluation system feasible in the teacher’s time frame?
  - g. Are methods for reporting results determined in advance?
2. Is the test reliable?
  - a. Every student has a cleanly photocopied test sheet,
  - b. Sound amplification is clearly audible to everyone in the room,
  - c. Video input is equally visible to all,
  - d. Lighting, temperature, extraneous noise, and other classroom condition are equal (and optimal) for all students, and
  - e. Objective scoring procedures leave little debate about correctness of an answer.
3. Does the procedure demonstrate content validity?
  - a. Are classroom objectives identified and appropriately framed?
  - b. Are lesson objectives represented in the form of test specification?
    - i. Divide them into a number of sections
    - ii. Offer students a variety of item types, and
    - iii. Give an appropriate relative **weight** to each section.
4. Is the procedure face valid and “biased for best”?
  - a. Directions are clear
  - b. The structure of the test is organized logically
  - c. Its difficulty level is appropriately pitched

- d. The test has no “surprises”, and
- e. Timing is appropriate

#### Test-Taking Strategies

##### ➤ **Before the Test**

1. Give students all the information you can about the test: exactly what will the test cover? Which topics will be the most important? What kind of items will be on it? How long will it be?
2. Encourage students to do a systematic review of material. For example, they should skim the textbook and other material, outline major points, write down examples.
3. Give the practice or exercises, if available
4. Facilitate formation of a study group, if possible.
5. Caution students to get a good night’s rest before the test.
6. Remind students to get to the classroom early.

##### ➤ **During the Test**

1. After the test is distributed, tell students to look over the whole test quickly in order to get good grasp of its different parts.
2. Remind them to mentally figure out how much time they will need for each part.
3. Advise them to concentrate as carefully as possible.
4. Warn students a few minutes before the end of the class period so that they can finish on time, proofread their answers, and catch careless errors.

##### ➤ **After the Test**

1. When you return the test, include feedback on specific things the students did well, what he or she did not do well, and, if possible, the reasons for your comments.
2. Advise students to pay careful attention in class to whatever you say about the test results.
3. Encourage questions from students.
4. Advise students to pay special attention in the future to points on which they are weak.

(Keep in mind that what comes before and after the test also contributes to its face validity. Good class preparation will give students a comfort feel with the test, and good feedback-wash back-will allow them to learn from it.

5. Are the test tasks as authentic as possible?
  1. Is the language in the test as natural as possible?
  2. Are items as contextualized as possible rather than isolated?
  3. Are topics and situations interesting, enjoyable, and/or humorous?

4. Is some thematic organization provided, such as through a story line or episode?
5. Do tasks represent, or closely approximate, real-world tasks?

Think the following two examples, which one is better multiple-choice task?

**Example 1 “Going To”**

1. What \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend?
  - a. You are going to do
  - b. Are you going to do
  - c. Your gonna do
2. I’m not sure. \_\_\_\_\_ anything special?
  - a. Are you going to do
  - b. You are going to do
  - c. Is going to do
3. My friend Melissa and I \_\_\_\_\_ a party. Would you like to come?
  - a. Am going to
  - b. Are going to
  - c. Go to
4. I’d love to! \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. What’s it going to be?
  - b. Who’s going to be?
  - c. Where’s it going to be?
5. It is \_\_\_\_\_ to be at Ruth’s house.
  - a. Go
  - b. Going
  - c. Gonna

**Example 2**

1. There are three countries I would like to visit. One is Italy.
  - a. The other is New Zealand and other is Nepal
  - b. The others are New Zealand and Nepal
  - c. Other are New Zealand and Nepal
2. When I was twelve years old, I used \_\_\_\_\_ every day.
  - a. Swimming
  - b. To swimming
  - c. To swim
3. When Mr. Brown designs a website, he always creates it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Artistically
  - b. Artistic
  - c. Artist
4. Since the beginning of the year, I \_\_\_\_\_ at Millennium Industries.

- a. Am working
  - b. Had been working
  - c. Have been working
5. When Mona broke her leg, she asked her husband \_\_\_\_\_ her to work.
- a. To drive
  - b. Driving
  - c. Drive

6. Does the test offer beneficial wash back to the learner?

The design of an effective test should point the way to beneficial wash back. A test that achieves content validity demonstrates relevance to the curriculum in question and thereby sets the stage for wash back. When test items represent the various objectives of a unit, and/or when sections of a test clearly focus on major topics of the unit, classroom tests can serve in a diagnostic capacity even if they aren't specifically labeled as such.

**Exercises:**

1. Review the five basic principles of language assessment that are defined and explained in this chapter. Be sure to differentiate among several types of evidence that support the validity of a test, as well as four kinds of reliability.
2. It is stated that "Wash back is the effect of testing on teaching and learning. Wash back enhances a number of basic principles of language acquisition: intrinsic motivation, autonomy, self-confidence, language ego, interlanguage, and strategic investment, among others." Discuss the connection between wash back and the above-named general principles of language learning and teaching. Come up with some specific examples for each.
3. Wash back is described here as positive effect. Can tests provide negative wash back? Explain.

## CHAPTER III

### DESIGNING CLASSROOM LANGUAGE TEST

#### Designing Multiple-Choice Test Items

- The technique tests only recognition knowledge.
- Guessing may have a considerable effect on test scores.
- The technique severely restricts what can be tested.
- It is very difficult to write successful items.
- Wash back may be harmful.
- Cheating may be facilitated.

#### Primer terminology:

1. Multiple-choice items are all receptive, or selective, response items in that the test-taker chooses from a set of responses (commonly called a supply type of response) rather than creating a response. Other receptive item types include true-false questions and matching list.
2. Every multiple-choice item has a **stem**, which presents a stimulus, and several (usually between three and five) **options** or **alternatives** to choose from.
3. One of those options, the **key**, is the correct response, while the others serve as **distractors**.

#### Four Guidelines for Designing Multiple-choice Items:

1. Design each item to measure a specific objective.
2. State both stem and options as simply and directly as possible.
3. Make certain that the intended answer is clearly the only correct one.
4. Use item indices to accept, discard, or revise items
  - a. **Item Facility (IF)** is the extent to which an item is easy or difficult for the proposed group of test-takers. You may wonder why that is important if in your estimation the item achieves validity. The answer is that an item that is too easy (say 99 percent of respondents get it right) or too difficult (99



percent get it wrong) really does nothing to separate high-ability and low-ability test takers. It is not really performing much “work” for you on a test. The formula looks like this,

$$\text{IF} = \frac{\text{\#Ss answering the item correctly}}{\text{Total \# of Ss responding to that item}}$$

For example, if you have an item on which 13 out of 20 students respond correctly, your IF index is 13 divided by 20 or .65 (65 percent). Appropriate test items will generally have Ifs that range between .15 and .85.

- b. **Item Discrimination (ID)** is the extent to which an item differentiates between high-and low-ability test takers. Suppose your class of 30 students has taken a test. Once you have calculated final scores for all 30 students, divide them roughly into thirds-that is, create three rank-ordered ability groups including the top 10 scores, the middle 10, and the lowest 10. To find out which of your 50 or so test item were most powerful in discriminating between high and low ability, eliminate the middle group, leaving two groups which results that might look something like this:

<b>Item #23</b>	<b># Correct</b>	<b># Incorrect</b>
High-ability Ss (top 10)	7	3
Low-ability Ss (bottom 10)	2	8

The formula for calculating ID

$$\text{ID} = \frac{\text{high group \# correct} - \text{low group \# correct}}{\frac{1}{2} \times \text{total of your two comparison groups}} = \frac{7 - 2}{\frac{1}{2} \times 20} = \frac{5}{10} = .50$$

The result of this example item tells you that the item has a moderate level of ID. High discriminating power would approach a perfect 1.0, and no discriminating power at all would be zero. In most cases you would want to discard an item that scored near zero.

## SCORING, GRADING, AND GIVING FEEDBACK

### Scoring

Here are your decisions about scoring your test:

<i>Items</i>	<i>Percent of total grade</i>	<i>Range</i>	<i>Possible total correct</i>
<i>Oral interview</i>	40%	4 scores, 5 to 1 range x 2	40
<i>Listening</i>	20%	10 items @ 2 points each	20
<i>Reading</i>	20%	10 items @ 2 points each	20
<i>Writing</i>	20%	2 scores, 5 to 1 range x 2	20
<i>Total</i>			100

### Grading

- How you assign letter grades to this test is a product of
- The country, culture, and content of this English classroom,
- Institutional expectations (most of them unwritten)
- Explicit and implicit definitions of grades that you have set forth,
- The relationship you have established with this class, and
- Students' expectations that have been engendered in previous tests and quizzes in this class.

### Giving Feedback

You might choose to return the test to the student with one of, or combination of, any of the possibilities below:

1. A letter grade
2. A total score
3. Four sub scores (speaking, listening, reading, writing)
4. For the listening and reading sections
  - a. An indication of correct/incorrect responses
  - b. Marginal comments
5. For the oral interview
  - a. Scores for each element being rated

- b. A checklist of areas needing work
  - c. Oral feedback after the interview
  - d. A post-interview conference to go over the results
6. On the essay
- a. Scores for each element being rated
  - b. A checklist of areas needing work
  - c. Marginal and end-of-essay comments, suggestions
  - d. A post-test conference to go over work
  - e. A self-assessment
7. On all or selected parts of the test, peer checking of results
8. A whole-class discussion of results of the test
9. Individual conferences with each student to review the whole test

Review the nine different options for giving feedback to students on assessment. Review the practicality of each and determine the extent to which practicality is justifiably sacrificed in order to offer better wash back to learners.

## **CHAPTER IV**

### **STANDARDIZED TESTING**

A standardized test presupposes certain standard objectives, or criteria, that are held constant across one form of the test to another. The criteria in large-scale standardized tests are design to apply to a broad band of competencies that are usually not exclusive to one particular curriculum. A good standardized test is the product of a thorough process of empirical research and development. It dictates standard procedures for administration and scoring. And finally, it is typical of a norm-referenced test, the goal of which is to place test-takers on a continuum across a range of scores and to differentiate test-takers by their relative thinking.

#### **Examples:**

SAT: Scholastic Aptitude Test

GRE: Graduate Record Exam

GMAT: Graduate Management Admission Test

LSAT: Law School Aptitude Test

TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language

IELTS: International English Language Testing System

UCLES: University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate

#### **Advantages:**

- A ready-made previously validated product that frees the teacher from having to spend hours creating a test.
- Administration to large groups can be accomplished within reasonable time limits.
- In the case of multiple-choice formats, scoring procedures are streamlined (for either scan able computerized scoring or hand-scoring with a hole-punched grid) for fast turnaround time.

- There is often an air of face validity to such authoritative-looking instruments.

**Disadvantages:**

- The inappropriate use of such tests, for example, using an overall proficiency test as an achievement test simply because of the convenience of the standardization.
- Some standardized tests include tasks that do not directly specify performance in the target objective.

**Exercises:**

1. Tell the class about the worst test experience you've ever had. Briefly analyze what made the experience so unbearable, and try to come up with suggestions for improvement of the test and/or its administrative conditions.
2. Compile a brief list of pros and cons of standardized testing. Cite illustrations of as many items in each list as possible.
3. Select a standardized test that you are quite familiar with. Mentally evaluate that test using the five principles of practicality, reliability, validity, authenticity, and washback.

## CHAPTER V

### ASSESSING LISTENING

**I may not have  
the answer,  
but I'll find it.  
I may not have  
the time,  
but I'll make it.**



#### **Micro- and macro skills of listening**

Micro skills (attending the smaller bits and chunks of language, in more of bottom-up process)

1. Discriminate among the distinctive sounds of English.
2. Retain chunks of language of different lengths in short-term memory.
3. Recognize English stress patterns, words in stressed and unstressed positions, rhythmic structure, intonation contours, and their role in signaling information.
4. Recognize reduced forms of words.
5. Distinguish word boundaries, recognize a core of words, and interpret word order patterns and their significance.
6. Process speech at different rates of delivery.
7. Process speech containing pauses, errors, corrections, and other performance variables.
8. Recognize grammatical word classes (nouns, verbs, etc.), systems (e.g., tense, agreement, and pluralization), patterns, rules, and elliptical forms.
9. Detect sentence constituents and distinguish between major and minor constituents.
10. Recognize that a particular meaning may be expressed in different grammatical forms.
11. Recognize cohesive devices in spoken discourse.

Macro skills (focusing on the larger elements involved in a top-down approach to a listening task)

12. Recognize the communicative functions of utterances, according to situations, participants, goals.
13. Infer situations, participants, and goals using real-world knowledge.
14. From events, ideas, and so on, described, predict outcomes, infer links and connections between events, deduce causes and effects, and detect such relations as main idea, supporting idea, and new information, given information, generalization, and exemplification.
15. Distinguish between literal and implied meanings.
16. Use facial, kinesics, body language, and other nonverbal clues to decipher meanings.
17. Develop and use a battery of listening strategies, such as detecting key words, guessing the meaning of words from content, appealing from help, and signaling comprehension or lack thereof.

## INTENSIVE LISTENING

Recognizing phonological and morphological elements

Phonemic pair, consonants	Phonemic pair, vowels
Test-takers hear: He's from California	Test-takers hear: Is he living?
Test-takers read: (a) He's from California (b) She's from California	Test-takers read: (a) Is he living? (b) Is he leaving?
Stress pattern in can't	One-word stimulus
Test-takers hear: My girlfriend can't go to the party	Test-takers hear: vine
Test-takers read: (a) My girlfriend can't go to the party (b) My girlfriend can go to the party	Test-takers read: (a) vine (b) wine

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### Paraphrase recognition

Sentence paraphrase	Dialogue paraphrase
<p>Test-takers hear: Hello, my name's Keiko. I come from Japan.</p> <p>Test-takers read:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>keiko is comfortable in Japan.</li> <li>keiko wants to come to Japan.</li> <li>Keiko is Japanese.</li> <li>Keiko like Japan.</li> </ol>	<p>Test-takers hear: Man: Hi, Maria, my name's George. Woman: Nice to meet you, George. Are you American? Man: No, I'm Canadian</p> <p>Test-takers read:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>George lives in the U.S.</li> <li>George is American.</li> <li>George comes from Canada</li> <li>Maria is Canadian.</li> </ol>

### RESPONSIVE LISTENING

Appropriate response to a question	Open-ended response to a question
<p>Test-takers hear: How much time did you take to do your homework?</p> <p>Test-takers read:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In about an hour.</li> <li>About an hour.</li> <li>About £ 10.</li> <li>Yes, I did.</li> </ol>	<p>Test-takers hear: How much time did you take to do your homework?</p> <p>Test-takers write or speak:</p> <hr/>

### SELECTIVE LISTENING

Listening cloze	Information transfer
<p>Test-takers hear: Ladies and gentlemen, I now have some connecting gate information for those of you making connections to other flights out of San Francisco.</p> <p>Flight <u>seven-oh-six</u> to Portland will depart from gate <u>seventy-three</u> at <u>nine-thirty</u> p.m.</p>	<p>Test-takers hear: Choose the correct picture. In my back yard I have a bird feeder. Yesterday, there were Test-takers hear: Two birds and a squirrel fighting for the last few seeds in the bird feeder. The squirrel was on top of the bird feeder while the larger bird sat at the bottom of the feeder screeching at the squirrel. The</p>



Flight <u>ten-forty-five</u> to Reno will depart at <u>nine-fifty</u> p.m. from gate <u>seventeen</u> .	smaller bird was flying around the squirrel, trying to scare it away.
Test-takers write the missing words or phrases in the blanks.	Test-takers see 4 different pictures dealing with the description.

Some other alternatives:

1. Note-taking
2. Editing
3. Interpretative tasks
4. Retelling

**Exercises:**

1. Given that we spend much more time listening than we do speaking, why are there many more tests of speaking than listening?
2. Look at the list of micro- and macro skills of listening. Brainstorm some tasks that assess those skills.
3. It is noted that one cannot actually observe listening and reading performance. Do you agree? And do you agree that there isn't even a product to observe for speaking, listening and reading? How then, can one infer the competence of a test-taker to speak, listen, and read a language?

**CHAPTER VI**  
**ASSESSING SPEAKING**

**SPEECH RULES!**



**LISTEN**

**COMPREHEND**



**REMEMBER**

**SPEAK!**



**Basic types of Speaking**

1. Imitative. The ability to simply parrot back (imitate) a word or phrase or possibly a sentence.
2. Intensive. This frequently employed in assessment contexts is the production of short stretches of oral language designed to demonstrate competence in a narrow band grammatical, phrasal, lexical, and phonological relationships (such as prosodic elements – intonation, stress, rhythm, juncture) including directed response tasks, reading aloud, sentence and dialogue completion; limited picture-cued tasks including simple sequences; and translation up to the simple sentence level.
3. Responsive. These assessments include interaction and test comprehension but at the somewhat limited level of very short conversations, standard greetings and small talk, simple requests and comments, and the like. The stimulus is almost always a spoken prompt (in order to preserve authenticity), with perhaps only one or two follow-up questions or retorts.
4. Interactive. The difference between responsive and interactive speaking is in the length and complexity of the interaction, which sometimes includes multiple exchanges and/or multiple participants.

5. Extensive (monologue). It includes speeches, oral presentations, and storytelling, during which the opportunity for oral interaction from listeners is either highly limited.

### **Micro skills of oral production**

1. Produce differences among English phonemes and allophonic variants.
2. Produce chunks of language of different lengths.
3. Produce English stress patterns, words in stressed and unstressed positions, rhythmic structure, and intonation contours.
4. Produce produced forms of words and phrases.
5. Use an adequate number of lexical units (words) to accomplish pragmatic purposes.
6. Produce fluent speech at different rates of delivery.
7. Monitor one's own oral production and use various strategic devices – pauses, fillers, self-corrections, backtracking-to enhance the clarity of the message.
8. Use grammatical word classes (nouns, verbs, etc.), systems (e.g., tense, agreement, and pluralization), word order, patterns, rules, and elliptical forms.
9. Produce speech in natural constituents: in appropriate phrases, pause groups, breathe groups, and sentence constituents.
10. Express a particular meaning in different grammatical forms.
11. Use cohesive devices in spoken discourse.

### **Macro skills**

12. Appropriately accomplish communicative functions according to situations, participants, and goals.
13. Use appropriate styles, registers, implicate, redundancies, pragmatic conventions, and convention rules, floor-keeping and –yielding, interrupting, and other linguistic features in face-to-face conversations.

14. Convey links and connections between events and communicative such relations as focal and peripheral ideas, events and feelings, new information, generalization and exemplification.
15. Convey facial features, kinesics, body language, and other nonverbal cues along with verbal language.
16. Develop and use a battery of speaking strategies, such as emphasizing key words, rephrasing, providing a context for interpreting the meaning of words, appealing for help, and accurately assessing how well your interlocutor is understanding you.

## IMITATIVE SPEAKING

### Word repetition task

<p>Test-takers hear:  Repeat after me;  Beat (pause) bit (pause)  Bat (pause) vat (pause)</p> <p>I bought a boat yesterday.  The glow of the candle is growing</p> <p>When did they go on vacation?  Do you like coffee?</p> <p>Test-takers repeat the stimulus.</p>	<p>Score:</p> <p>2 → acceptable pronunciation  1 → comprehensible, partially correct pronunciation  0 → silence, seriously incorrect pronunciation</p>
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## INTENSIVE SPEAKING

<i>Directed response task</i>	<i>Read-aloud stimulus, paragraph length</i>
<p><i>Test-takers hear</i>  Tell me he went home  Tell me that you like rock music.  Tell me that you aren't interested in tennis.  Tell him to come to my office at noon.  Remind him what time it is.</p>	<p>Despite the decrease in size, quality – of our cultural world, there still remain strong differences between the usual British and American writing styles. The question is, how do you get your message across? English prose conveys its most novel ideas as if they were timeless truths, while American writing exaggerates; if you believe half of what is said, that's enough. The former uses understatement; the latter, overstatement. There are also disadvantages to each characteristic approach. Readers who are used to being screamed at may not listen when</p>

someone chooses to whisper politely. At the same time, the individual who is used to a quiet manner may reject a series of loud imperatives.

## RESPONSIVE SPEAKING

Question and answer
<p>Test-takers hear:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What do you think about whether today?</li> <li>2. What do you like about the English language?</li> <li>3. Why did you choose your academic major?</li> <li>4. What kind of strategies have you used to help you learn English?</li> <li>5. Have you ever been to the United States?</li> </ol>
Giving instructions and directions
<p>Test-takers hear:</p> <p>Describe how to make a typical dish from your country.          What's a good recipe for making _____?          How do you access email on a PC computer?          How would I make a typical costume for a _____ celebration in your country?          How do you program telephone numbers into a cell (mobile) phone?          How do I get from _____ to _____ in your city?</p> <p>Test-takers respond with appropriate instructions/directions.</p>
Paraphrasing
<p>Test-takers hear: Paraphrase the following little story in your own words.</p> <p>My weekend in the mountains was fabulous. The first day we backpacked into the mountains and climbed about 2,000 feet. The hike was strenuous but exhilarating. By sunset we found these beautiful alpine lakes and made camp there. The sunset was amazingly beautiful. The next two days we just kicked back and did little day hikes, some rock climbing, bird watching, swimming, and fishing. The hike out on the next day was really easy-all downhill- and the scenery was incredible.</p> <p>Test-takers respond with two or three sentences.</p>

## INTERACTIVE SPEAKING

### Interview

Oral interview content specifications	Sample questions
<p><b>Warm-up</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Small talk</li> </ol> <p><b>Level check:</b></p> <p>Test-taker hear ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Answers wh-questions</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Warm-up:</b> How are you? What's your name? Etc.</li> <li><b>2. Level check</b></li> </ol>

<p>3. Produces a narrative without interruptions.</p> <p>4. Reads a passage aloud.</p> <p>5. Tells how to make something or do something.</p> <p>6. Engages in a brief, controlled, guided role play.</p> <p><b>Probe:</b> Test-taker...</p> <p>7. Responds to interviewer's questions about something the test-taker doesn't know and is planning to include in an article or paper.</p> <p>8. Talks about his or her own field of study or profession.</p> <p>9. Engages in a longer, more open-ended role play (for example, simulates a difficult or embarrassing circumstance) with the interviewer.</p> <p>10. Gives an impromptu presentation on some aspects of test-taker's field.</p> <p><b>Wind-down:</b></p> <p>11. Feelings about the interview, information on results, further questions.</p>	<p>How long have you been in this (country, city)?</p> <p>Tell me about you family.</p> <p>What is your (academic major, job)?</p> <p>How long have you been at your (degree, job)?</p> <p>Describe your home (city, town).</p> <p>What are your (hobbies, interests)?</p> <p><b>3. Probe</b></p> <p>What are your goals for learning English in this program?</p> <p>Describe your (academic field, job) to me. What do you like and dislike about it?</p> <p>What is your opinion of (a recent headline news event)?</p> <p>Describe someone you greatly respect, and tell me why you respect that person.</p> <p>If you could redo your education all over again, what would you do differently?</p> <p><b>4. Wind-down</b></p> <p>Did you feel okay about this interview?</p> <p>You'll get your results from this interview.....</p> <p>Do you have any question to me?</p> <p>It was interesting to talk with you. Best wishes.</p>
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## **EXTENSIVE SPEAKING**

### Oral presentations

- ✓ Specify the criterion
- ✓ Set appropriate tasks
- ✓ Elicit optimal output
- ✓ Establish practical, reliable scoring procedures

### Picture-cued story-telling

- ✓ Visual pictures
- ✓ Photographs
- ✓ Diagrams
- ✓ Charts

### Retelling a story, news event

- ✓ Listening comprehension
- ✓ Production of (oral discourse features, fluency, and interaction with the hearer)

### Translation (of extended prose)

Longer texts are presented for the test-taker to read in the native language and then translate into English. Those tests could come in many forms: dialogue, directions for assembly of a product, a synopsis of a story or play or more, directions on how to find something on a map, and other genres.

### **Exercises:**

1. Review the five basic types of speaking that were outlined at the beginning. Offer examples of each and pay special attention to distinguishing between imitative and intensive, and between responsive and interactive.
2. What makes speaking difficult? Devise a list that could form a set of specifications to pay special attention to in assessing speaking.

## CHAPTER VII

### ASSESSING READING



#### **Micro skills**

1. Discriminate among the distinctive graphemes and orthographic patterns of English.
2. Retain chunks of language of different lengths in short-term memory.
3. Process writing at an efficient rate of speed to suit the purpose.
4. Recognize a core of words, and interpret word order patterns and their significance.
5. Recognize grammatical word classes, systems, patterns, rules, and elliptical forms.
6. Recognize that a particular meaning may be pressed in different grammatical forms.
7. Recognize cohesive devices in written discourse and their role in signaling the relationship between and among clauses.

#### **Macro skills**

8. Recognize the rhetorical forms of written discourse and their significance for interpretation.
9. Recognize the communicative functions of written texts, according to form and purpose.



10. Infer context that is not explicit by using background knowledge.
11. From described events, ideas, etc., infer links and connections between events, deduce causes and effects, and detect such relations as main idea, supporting idea, new information, generalization, and exemplification.
12. Distinguish between literal and implied meanings.
13. Detect culturally specific references and interpret them in a context of the appropriate cultural schemata.
14. Develop and use a battery of reading strategies, such as scanning and skimming, detecting discourse markers, guessing the meaning of words from context, and activating schemata for the interpretation of texts.

### Types of reading and the samples

#### 1. Multiple Choice

Perceptive Reading	Selective Reading
<p><b>Minimal Pair Distinction</b> Circle “S” for same or “D” for different</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Led      let    S    D</li> <li>2. Bit      bit    S    D</li> <li>3. Seat     sit    S    D</li> <li>4. Too      to     S    D</li> </ol> <p><b>Grapheme Recognition Task</b> Circle the “odd” item, the one that doesn’t “belong”</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Piece    peace    piece</li> <li>2. Book    book     boot</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He’s not married. He’s _____  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Young</li> <li>b. Single</li> <li>c. First</li> <li>d. A husband</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. If there’s no doorbell, please _____ on the door.  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kneel</li> <li>b. Type</li> <li>c. Knock</li> <li>d. Shout</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. The bank robbery occurred _____ I was in the restaurant.  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That</li> <li>b. During</li> <li>c. While</li> <li>d. which</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

2. Picture-cued Items

***Perceptive Reading***

***Selective Reading***

<p>Test-takers hear: <i>Point to the part of the picture that you read about here.</i></p> <p>Test takers see the picture and read sentence written on a separate card.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The man is reading a book.</i></li> <li>2. <i>The cat is under the table.</i></li> </ol>	<p><i>Test-takers read a three-paragraph passage, one sentence of which is:</i></p> <p>During at least three quarters of the year, the Arctic is frozen.</p> <p>Click on the chart that shows the relative amount of time each year that water is available to plants in the Arctic.</p> <p><i>Test-takers see the pictures:</i></p>
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3. Editing

***Selective Reading***

***Interactive Reading***

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The <u>abrasively</u> action of the wind <u>wears away</u> <u>softer</u> layers of rock.</i></li> <li>2. <i>There are two way of <u>making</u> a gas <u>condense</u>: cooling it or <u>putting</u> it under pressure.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Researchers have <u>discovered</u> that the <u>application</u> of bright light can sometimes be <u>uses</u> to <u>overcome</u> jet lag</i></li> </ol> <p><b><i>Extensive Reading (Skimming Tasks)</i></b></p> <p><i>What is the main idea of this text?</i></p> <p><i>What is the author's purpose in writing the text?</i></p> <p><i>What kind of writing this....?</i></p> <p><i>How easy or difficult do you think this text will be?</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) <u>Ever</u> since super market first <u>appeared</u>, they have been <u>take</u> over <u>the</u> world.</li> <li>(2) <u>Supermarkets</u> have changed people's life <u>styles</u>, yet <u>and</u> at the same time, changes in people's life <u>styles</u> have encourages the opening of supermarkets.</li> <li>(3) As a <u>result this</u>, many small <u>stores</u> have been <u>forced out of</u> business.</li> <li>(4) <u>Moreover</u>, some small stores <u>will</u> be able to survive <u>this</u> unfavorable <u>situation</u>.</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Summarizing and Responding</u></b></p> <p>Write a summary of the txt. Your summary should be about one paragraph in length (100-150 words) and should include your understanding of the main idea and supporting details</p>
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**Exercises:**

1. Look at the list of micro- and macro skills of reading. Brainstorm some tasks that assess those skills.
2. What makes reading difficult? How to manage it into the test?

## **CHAPTER VII**

### **ASSESSING WRITING**



#### **Types of writing performance**

1. Imitative. This category includes the ability to spell correctly and to perceive phoneme-grapheme correspondences in the English spelling system.
2. Intensive (controlled). Producing appropriate vocabulary within a context, collocations and idioms, and correct grammatical features up to the length of a sentence.
3. Responsive. Assessment tasks require learners to perform at a limited discourse level, connecting sentences into a paragraph and creating a logically connected sequence of two or three paragraphs.
4. Extensive. It implies successful management of all the processes and strategies of writing for all purposes, up to the length of an essay, a term paper, a major research project report, or even a thesis.

#### **MICRO- AND MACROSKILLS OF WRITING**

##### **Micro skills**

1. Produce graphemes and orthographic patterns of English.
2. Produce writing at an efficient rate of speed to suit the purpose.
3. Produce an acceptable core of words and use appropriate word order patterns.
4. Use acceptable grammatical systems (tense, agreement, pluralization), patterns, and rules.

5. Express a particular meaning in different grammatical forms.
6. Use cohesive devices in written discourse.

### **Macro skills**

7. Use the rhetorical and conventions of written discourse.
8. Appropriately accomplish the communicative functions of written texts according to form and purpose.
9. Convey links and connections between events, and communicative such relations as main idea, supporting idea, new information, given information, generalization, and exemplification.
10. Distinguish between literal and implied meanings when writing.
11. Correctly convey culturally specific references in the context of the written text.
12. Develop and use battery of writing strategies, such as accurately assessing the audience's interpretation, using prewriting deices, writing with fluency in the first drafts, using paraphrases and synonyms, soliciting peer and instructor feedback, and using feedback for revising and editing.

### **IMITATIVE WRITING**

#### Tasks in Hand Writing Letters, Words, and Punctuation

1. Copying
2. Listening cloze selection tasks
3. Picture-cued tasks
4. Converting numbers and abbreviations to words

#### Spelling Tasks and Detecting Phoneme-Grapheme Correspondences

1. Spelling tests
2. Picture-cued tasks
3. Multiple choice techniques
4. Matching phonetic symbols

## **INTENSIVE (CONTROLLED) WRITING**

### Dictation and dicto-comp

A paragraph is read at normal speed, usually three or two times; then the teacher asks students to rewrite the paragraph from the best of their recollection. In one of several variations of the dicto-comp technique, the teacher, after reading the passage, distributes a handout with key words from the paragraph, in sequence, as cues for the students.

### Grammatical transformation tasks

- Change the tenses in a paragraph.
- Change full forms of verbs to reduced forms (constructions).
- Change statements to yes/no or WH-questions.
- Change questions into statements.
- Combine two sentences into one using a relative pronoun.
- Change direct speech to indirect speech.
- Change from active to passive voice.

### Picture-cued tasks

1. Short sentences. A drawing of some simple action is shown; the test-taker writes a brief sentence.
2. Picture description. A somewhat more complex picture may be presented showing, say, a person reading on a couch, a cat under a table, books and pencils on the table, chairs around the table, a lamp next to the couch, and a picture on the wall over the couch. Test-takers are asked to describe the picture using the four of the following prepositions: *on, over, under, next to, around*, as long as the prepositions are used appropriately, the criterion is considered to be met.
3. Picture sequence description. A sequence of three or six pictures depicting a story line can provide a suitable stimulus for written production. The picture

must be simple and unambiguous because an open-ended task at the selective level would give test-takers so many options.

## **RESPONSIVE AND EXTENSIVE WRITING**

### **Paraphrasing**

Guided question answer is a guided question-and-answer format in which the test administrator poses a series of questions that essentially serve as an outline of the emergent written text.

### **Guided writing stimuli**

1. Where did the story take place? (setting)
2. Who were the people in the story? (character)
3. What happened first? And then? And then? (sequences of events)
4. Why did \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_? (reasons, causes)
5. What did \_\_\_\_\_ think about \_\_\_\_\_? (opinion)
6. What happened at the end? (climax)
7. What is the moral of this story? (evaluation)

### **Paragraph construction tasks**

1. Topic sentence writing
  - a. Specifying the writing of a topic sentence,
  - b. Scoring points for its presence or absence, and
  - c. Scoring and/or commenting on its effectiveness in stating the topic.
2. Topic development within a paragraph
  - a. The clarity of expression of ideas
  - b. The logic of the sequence and connections
  - c. The cohesiveness or unity of the paragraph
  - d. The overall effectiveness or impact the paragraph as a whole
3. Development of main and supporting ideas across paragraph
  - a. Addressing the topic, main idea, or principal purpose
  - b. Organizing and developing supporting ideas
  - c. Using appropriate details to undergird supporting ideas
  - d. Showing facility and fluency in the use of language
  - e. Demonstrating syntactic variety

## CHAPTER VIII

### ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENT



#### **Characteristics:**

1. Require students to perform, create, produce, or do something;
2. Use real-world contexts or simulations;
3. Are nonintrusive in that they extend the day-to-day classroom activities;
4. Allow students to be assessed on what they normally do in class every day;
5. Use task that represent meaningful instructional activities;
6. Focus on process as well as products;
7. Tap into higher-level thinking and problem-solving skills;
8. Provide information about both the strengths and weaknesses of students;
9. Are multicultural sensitive when properly administered;
10. Ensure that people, not machines, do the scoring, using human judgment;
11. Encourage open disclosure of standards and rating criteria; and
12. Call upon teachers to perform new instructional and assessment roles.

#### **Performance-based assessment**

The characteristics:

1. Students make a constructed response.



2. They engage in higher-order thinking, with open-ended tasks.
3. Tasks are meaningful, engaging, and authentic.
4. Tasks call for the integration of language skills.
5. Both process and product are assessed.
6. Depth of a student's mastery is emphasized over breadth.

This implies that teachers should:

- State the overall goal of the performance,
- Specify the objectives (criteria) of the performance in detail,
- Prepare students for performance in stepwise progressions,
- Use a reliable evaluation form, checklist, or rating sheet,
- Treat performances as opportunities for giving feedback and provide that feedback systematically, and
- If possible, utilize self- and peer-assessments judiciously.

## **Portfolios**

Materials:

- Essays and compositions in draft and final forms;
- Reports, project outlines;
- Artwork, photos, newspaper or magazine clippings;
- Audio and/or video recordings of presentations, demonstrations, etc.;
- Journals, diaries, and other personal reflections;
- Tests, test scores, and written homework exercises;
- Notes on lectures; and
- Self- and peer-assessments – comments, evaluations, and checklists.

Six possible attributes:

- Collecting
- Reflecting

- Assessing
- Documenting
- Linking
- Evaluating

**Benefits:**

- Foster intrinsic motivation, responsibility, and ownership,
- Promote student-teacher interaction with the teacher as facilitator,
- Individualize learning and celebrate the uniqueness of each student,
- Provide tangible evidence of a student's work,
- Facilitate critical thinking, self-assessment, and revision processes.
- Offer opportunities for collaborative work with peers, and
- Permit assessment of multiple dimensions of language learning.

**Steps and guidelines:**

1. State objectives clearly.
2. Give guidelines on what materials to include.
3. Communicate assessment criteria to students.
4. Designate time within the curriculum for portfolio development.
5. Establish periodic schedules for review and conferencing.
6. Designate an accessible place to keep portfolios.
7. Provide positive wash back-giving final assessment.

**Journals**

**Steps:**

1. Sensitive introduce students to the concept of journal writing.
2. State the objective(s) of the journal (language-learning logs, grammar journals, responses to readings, strategic-based learning logs, self-assessment reflections, and diaries of attitudes, feelings, and other effective factors).
3. Give guidelines on what kinds of topics to include.

4. Carefully specify the criteria for assessing or grading journals.
5. Provide optimal feedback in your responses:
  - a. Cheerleading feedback, in which you celebrate successes with the students or encourage them to persevere through difficulties,
  - b. Instructional feedback, in which you suggest strategies or materials, suggest ways to fine-tune strategy use, or instruct students in their writing, and
  - c. Reality-check feedback, in which you help the students set more realistic expectations for their language abilities.

### **Conferences and Interviews**

Functions and subject matters:

- Commenting on drafts of essays and reports
- Reviewing portfolios
- Responding to journals
- Advising on a student's plan for an oral presentation
- Assessing a proposal for a project
- Giving feedback on the results of performance on a test
- Clarifying understanding of a reading
- Exploring strategies-based options for enhancement or compensation
- Focusing on aspects of oral production
- Checking a student's self-assessment of a performance
- Setting personal goals for the near future
- Assessing general progress in a course.

### **Observations**

- Sentence-level oral production skills
- Discourse level skills
- Interaction with classmates

- Reactions to particular students, optimal productive pairs and groups.
- Frequency of student-initiated responses
- Quality of teacher-elicited responses
- Latencies, pauses, silent periods
- Length of utterances
- Evidence of listening comprehension
- Affective states
- Evidence of attention-span issues, learning style preferences
- Students' verbal or nonverbal response to materials, types of activities, teaching styles..
- Culturally specific linguistic and nonverbal factors.

### Self- and Peer-Assessment

Indirect self-assessment rating scale:

<i>I demonstrate active listening in class</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>I volunteer my comments in small-group work</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>When I don't understand a word, I guess from context</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>My pronunciation is very clear</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>I make very few mistakes in verb tenses</i>	5	4	3	2	1
<i>I use logical connectors in my writing</i>	5	4	3	2	1

## **CHAPTER IX**

### **ERROR ANALYSIS**

#### **Error Analysis**

Brown (2000: 218) calls error analysis as the fact that learners do make errors, and that these errors can be observed, analyzed, and classified to reveal something of the system operating within the learner, led to surge of study of learners' errors. While Nation and Newton (2009: 141) argue that error analysis is the study of errors to see what process gave rise to them. And correcting errors is best done if there is some understanding of why the error occurred.

Error analysis became distinguished from contrastive analysis by its examination of errors attributable to all possible sources, not just those resulting from negative transfer of the native language (Brown, 2000: 218). Error analysis easily superseded contrastive analysis, as it is discovered that only some of the errors a learner makes are attributable to the mother tongue, that learners do not actually make all the errors that contrastive analysis predicted they should, and that learners from disparate language backgrounds tend to make similar errors in learning one target language. Errors-overt manifestations of learners' system-arise from several possible general sources: interlingual errors of interference from the native language, intralingual errors within the target language, the sociolinguistic context of communication, psycholinguistic or cognitive strategies, and no doubt countless affective variables (Brown, 2000: 218).

Since errors constitute an important part of the learners' language, error analysis has become a useful technique of investigating and describing learners' language. The practical aspect of error analysis lies in its function in guiding the remedial activities to correct an unsatisfactory state of affairs for the learner or the lecturer. In the classroom, an active second language learner will not need a great deal of overt correction of errors if the constructive and meaningful feedback of communicative

contexts is present. However, some correction is beneficial. The lecturer has to determine what errors to correct and how to correct them.

Dulay, Burt, and Krashen (1982: 140) state the instant and widespread appeal of error analysis (EA) stemmed perhaps from the refreshing alternative it provided to the prevailing but more restrictive “contrastive analysis” approach to errors. Contrastive analysis (CA) treatment of errors, rested on a comparison between the two learner’s native and target languages. It was thought that contrastive analysis of the learner’s two languages would predict the areas in the target language that would pose the most difficulty.

### **Kinds of Error**

In order to analyze learner language in an appropriate perspective, it is crucial to make a distinction between mistakes and errors, technically two very different phenomena. A mistake refers to a performance error that is either random guess or a “slip”, in that is failure to utilize a known system correctly. Hesitations, slips of the tongue, random ungrammaticalities, and other performance lapses in native-speaker production also occur in second language speech. Harmer (1986: 35) identifies an error is the result of incorrect rule learning; language has been stored in the brain incorrectly, a mistake is less ‘serious since it is the retrieval that is faulty not the knowledge; student knows the rule, but makes a slip when producing it. Mistakes, when attention is called to them, can be self-corrected. On the other hand, an error cannot be self-corrected, according to James (1998) in Brown (2000: 217), while mistakes can be self-corrected if the deviation is pointed out to the speaker.

A number of different categories for description of errors have been identified in research on learner language. Errors may be viewed as either global or local (Burt & Kiparsky, 1972) in Brown (2000: 223). Global errors hinder communication; they prevent the hearer from comprehending some aspect of the message, local errors do not prevent the message from being heard, usually because there is only a minor violation

of one segment of a sentence, allowing the hearer/reader to make an accurate guess about the intended meaning.

Lennon (1991) in Brown (2000: 223) suggests that two relate dimensions of error, domain and extent should be considered in any error analysis. Domain is the rank of linguistic unit (from phoneme to discourse) that must be taken as context in order for the error to become apparent, and extent is the rank of linguistic unit that would have to be deleted, replaced, supplied, or reordered in order to repair the sentence.

Based on Linguistic Category Taxonomy, errors are classified according to “both the language component and the particular linguistic constituent the error affects” (Dulay, Burt, Krashen, 1982: 146). In this study language components are limited to morphology and syntax, which follow Politzer and Ramirez’s model as a guideline.

Politzer and Ramirez, who studied 120 Mexican-American children learning English in the United States, classified the errors into (1) morphology; indefinite article incorrect, possessive case incorrect, third person singular verb incorrect, simple past tense incorrect, past participle incorrect, and comparative incorrect. (2) Syntax; noun phrase, verb phrase, verb and verb construction, word order, and some transformations.

To describe the errors, Dulay, Burt, and Krashen (1982:138-139) state that there are six most common errors produced by the learners as the following table:

#### **Learners’ Common Errors**

<b>No</b>	<b>Common Errors</b>	<b>Example</b>
<b>1</b>	Omitting grammatical morphemes: items that do not contribute much to the meaning of sentences.	<i>He hit car</i>
<b>2</b>	Double marking a semantic feature (e.g. past tense)	<i>She didn’t went back</i>
<b>3</b>	Regularizing rules	<i>Womans for women</i>

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| 4 | Using archiform-one form in place of several- such as the use of her for both she and her.  | <i>I see her yesterday. Her dance with my brother.</i>                                    |
| 5 | Using two or more forms in random alternation even though the language requires the use of each only under certain conditions.  | random use of <i>he</i> and <i>she</i> regardless of the gender of the person of interest |
| 6 | Misordering items in constructions that require a reversal of word-order rules that had been previously acquired or misplacing items that may be correctly placed in more than one place in the sentence. | <i>What you are doing</i><br><i>They are all the time late.</i>                           |

Other classification of errors is comparative taxonomy. The classification of errors in a comparative taxonomy is based on comparisons between the structure of L2 errors and certain other types of constructions (Dulay, Burt, Krashen, 1982: 163). For example, if one were to use a comparative taxonomy to classify the errors of an Indonesian student learning English, one might compare the structure of the student's errors to that of errors reported for children acquiring English as a first language.

In the research literature, L2 errors have most frequently been compared to errors made by children learning the target language as their first language and to equivalent phrases or sentences in the learner's mother tongue. Those comparisons have yielded the two major error categories in this taxonomy: developmental errors and interlingual errors. Two other categories that have been used in comparative analysis taxonomies are derived from the first two: ambiguous errors, which are classifiable as either developmental or interlingual; and, of course, the grab bag category, Other, which are neither.

Developmental errors are errors similar to those made by children learning the target language as their first language, for example, *dog eat it*. Developmental errors consist of omissions, additions, misformations, and misordering. Interlingual errors are similar in structure to a semantically equivalent phrase or sentence in the learner's



native language, for example *the man skinny*. Interlingual errors here, simply refer to L2 errors that reflect native language structure, regardless of the internal processes or external conditions that spawned them. Ambiguous errors are those that could be classified equally well as developmental or interlingual. That is because these errors reflect the learner's native language structure, and at the same time, they are of the type found in the speech of children acquiring a first language, for example in the utterance *I no have car*. Other errors are the errors that do not fit into any other category, for example in the utterance *She do hungry* (Dulay, Burt, and Krashen, 1982: 165-172). Some researches had been conducted about errors made by the learners, although precise proportions differ from study to study, all the investigations conducted to date have reached the same conclusion: the majority of errors made by second language learners are not interlingual, but developmental.

Corder (1981) simply comments that errors can be classified through a comparison process between the data being the original erroneous utterance and the constructed one that is the process similar to that of contrastive analysis. He seems to have exclusively on one alternative for classifying errors, i.e. error types in terms of linguistic categories.

In this study, error analysis was used to categorize and to find out the types of students' errors given corrective feedback by the lecturer. Students' errors were classified, analyzed, commented, and grouped based on their categories. Thus, there is clear explanation about findings presented in this study. Linguistic categories proposed by Corder (1981) are used to categorize students' errors given corrective feedback by the lecturer. Those are errors on grammar and errors on vocabulary.

### **Sources of Errors**

To know why certain errors are made and what cognitive strategies and styles even personality variables underlie certain errors, identifying sources of errors is important to take another step toward understanding how the learners' cognitive and affective processes relate to the linguistic system and to formulate an integrated understanding of the process of second language. Brown (2000: 224-227) stated there

are four factors causing errors; interlingual transfer, intralingual transfer, context of learning, and communication strategies.

Interlingual transfer is a significant source of error for all learners. The beginning stages of learning a second language are especially vulnerable to interlingual transfer from the native language, or interference. In these early stages, before the system of the second language is familiar, the native language is the only previous linguistic system upon which the learner can draw. For example, “sheep” for “ship”, or “the book of Jack” instead of “Jack’s book”. All these errors are the result of transfer from the native language, many such errors are detectable in learner speech. Fluent knowledge or even familiarity with a learner’s native language of course aids the lecturer in detecting and analyzing such errors.

Researchers have found that the early stages of language learning are characterized by a predominance of interference (interlingual transfer), but once learners have begun to acquire parts of the new system, more and more interlingual transfer-generalization within the target language- is manifested. This of course follows logically from the tenets of learning theory. As learners progress in the second language, their previous experience and their existing subsumers begin to include structures within the target language itself. Negative intralingual transfer, or overgeneralization, has already been illustrated in such utterances as “Does John can sing?.” “He goed,” “I don’t know what time is it.” Once again, lecturer and researcher cannot always be certain of the source of an apparent interlingual error, but repeated systematic observations of a learner’s speech data will often remove the ambiguity of a single observation of an error.

A third major source of error, although it overlaps both types of transfer, is the context of learning. “Context” refers, for example, to the classroom with its lecturer and its materials in the case of school learning or the social situation in the case of untutored second language learning. Students often make errors because of a misleading explanation from the lecturer, faulty presentation of a structure or word in a text book, or even because of a pattern that was rotary memorized in a drill but

improperly contextualized. Two vocabulary items presented contiguously-for example, *point at* and *point out*-might in later recall be confused simply because of the contiguity of presentation.

Communication strategy is the last source of errors stated by Brown (2000: 224-227). Learners obviously use production strategies in order to enhance getting their message across, but at times these techniques can themselves become a source of error. Once an ESL learner said, “Let us work for the well-done of our country.” While it exhibited a nice little twist of humor, the sentence had an incorrect approximation of the word *welfare*. Likewise, word coinage, circumlocution, false cognates, and prefabricated patterns can all be sources of error.

The following table is the example of error and the causes found by Richards (1974), Duskofa (1969), and Lennon (1991) in Nation and Newton (2009: 141):

#### **Learners’ Errors and Causes**

<i>Cause</i>	<i>Example error</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
<i>Interference from the first language</i>	There are too many differences. When I was young I was very sick. But now that I am a virgin I can take care of myself.	The first language does not mark singular and plural. <i>Virgin</i> and <i>adolescent</i> are the same word in the first language.
<i>Interference from the second language</i>	One factor which aids second language learning to occur.	The use of <i>aid</i> is modeled on the use of <i>help</i> .
<i>Reduction to increase efficiency</i>	Big square on top of small square.	The learner was under time pressure to complete a task and so left out unnecessary items.

<i>Accidental error</i>	I said ... told him not to do it.	Self-correction indicates that the learner knows what to say.
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The second type of lecturer feedback is negative feedback. It is provided to inform students about the proper answers following students' response to a similar query. It is delivered through explanation, elicitation or provision of better or other alternative answers. Nevertheless, there are some points before delivering negative feedback: whether it is necessary to correct learner's error, when it should be done, which error that should be corrected and how to correct it (Chaudron, 1988: 135). It is expected that the considerations can help the lecturers control classroom management and the process of teaching and learning.

According to Ur (1996: 242), the use of positive and negative feedback should not be separated since both support the students' output in the second language. When a lecturer gives negative feedback to the students, they may think that something was wrong within their response in L2. To avoid over-judgmental behavior, the lecturers are expected to provide positive feedback and make them understand that mistakes are natural.

In analyzing the data, sources of the errors were considered as the students' background in producing the errors. So, besides categorizing the errors into grammatical errors, meaning errors and mispronunciation, students' errors were analyzed based on the source of the errors.

## **CHAPTER X**

### **BARRET TAXONOMY**

#### **The Barrett Taxonomy of Cognitive and Affective Dimensions of Reading Comprehension**

In reading methods courses, textbook manuals, and lists of behavioral objectives, three kinds of questions are usually mentioned: 1) literal, 2) inferential, and 3) assimilative, which includes critical questioning for factual material and creative questions for stories, poems, plays, etc... The reading manuals are usually very helpful to the teacher in guiding questioning, but the other subject areas rarely have manuals with such explicit help. Teachers often try to use the literal, inferential, and assimilative categories in the content areas, but find there is need for clarification or examples of the categories.

The Barrett Taxonomy (Clymer, 1968), designed originally to assist classroom teachers in developing comprehension questions and / or test questions for reading, is especially useful for classroom questioning in other content areas as well. The first two categories, literal comprehension and reorganization, deal with the facts as presented orally or in the books the students have read, and thus result in closed questions that have a single correct response. A possible exception is Synthesizing (2.4) if the combination of facts presented leads to a totally new idea. Under those conditions, the student has creatively added his or her uniqueness to the presented information. However, in classroom learning, synthesis is most often the putting together of facts to reach a generalization or concept or definition.

The remaining categories will always involve the student's own background of experience. As a result, it is possible to have as many different, but correct, responses as there are students present, since each brings to school a different background of home, family, friends, and learnings. These categories therefore lead to the development of open-ended questions.

Although the classroom teacher who focuses on these higher questions has to allow more time for the varied responses, the degree of learning that can be evaluated is at least as great, and often greater, since adequate response to questions at these levels must incorporate the information that could have been gathered by “fact” questions. Therefore, as much or more can be gained for teacher and for students from a lesson with only a few higher level questions and the varied responses, since all the “facts” are checked while the students get practice in using higher cognitive thinking processes.

## **Quick Reference Outline of The Barrett Taxonomy**

### **1.0 Literal Comprehension**

#### **1.1 Recognition**

1.1.1 Recognition of Details

1.1.2 Recognition of Main Ideas

1.1.3 Recognition of a Sequence

1.1.4 Recognition of Comparison

1.1.5 Recognition of Cause and Effect Relationships

1.1.6 Recognition of Character Traits

#### **1.2 Recall**

1.2.1 Recall of Details

1.2.2 Recall of Main Ideas

1.2.3 Recall of a Sequence

1.2.4 Recall of Comparison

1.2.5 Recall of Cause and Effect Relationships

1.2.6 Recall of Character Traits

## **2.0 Reorganization**

2.1 Classifying

2.2 Outlining

2.3 Summarizing

2.4 Synthesizing

## **3.0 Inferential Comprehension**

3.1 Inferring Supporting Details

3.2 Inferring Main Ideas

3.3 Inferring Sequence

3.4 Inferring Comparisons

3.5 Inferring Cause and Effect Relationships

3.6 Inferring Character Traits

3.7 Predicting Outcomes

3.8 Interpreting Figurative Language

## **4.0 Evaluation**

4.1 Judgments of Reality or Fantasy

4.2 Judgments of Fact or Opinion

4.3 Judgments of Adequacy and Validity

4.4 Judgments of Appropriateness

4.5 Judgments of Worth, Desirability and Acceptability

## **5.0 Appreciation**

5.1 Emotional Response to the Content

5.2 Identification with Characters or Incidents

5.3 Reactions to the Author's Use of Language

5.4 Imagery

## **The Complete Barrett Taxonomy**

### **1.0 Literal Comprehension**

Literal comprehension focuses on ideas and information which are explicitly stated in the selection. Purposes for reading and teacher's questions designed to elicit responses at this level may range from simple to complex. A simple task in literal comprehension may be the recognition or recall of a single fact or incident. A more complex task might be the recognition or recall of a series of facts or the sequencing of incidents in a reading selection. (Or these tasks may be related to an exercise which may itself be considered as a reading selection.) Purposes and questions at this level may have the following characteristics.

### **1.1 Recognition**

Recognition requires the student to locate or identify ideas or information explicitly stated in the reading selection itself or in exercises which use the explicit ideas and information presented in the reading selection. Recognition tasks are:

#### **1.1.1 Recognition of Details**

The student is required to locate or identify facts such as the names of characters, the time of the story, or the place of the story (or just about any other kind of explicit fact or detail requiring literal comprehension).

#### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Locate the name of \_\_\_\_\_
2. Find the following information: date of flight, time in orbit, speed of the space craft, and the height reached.
3. Watch for details as you read.
4. Find the story by using the Contents pages.
5. Read and find out: If \_\_\_\_\_ thinks \_\_\_\_\_ ; the time of day \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Add each explorer to your chart telling "Who," "What," "Where," and "When." (This exercise even though it involves the recognition of sixteen separate details is considered on question.) Skim (or read) for locations, names, or dates.



### **1.1.2 Recognition of Main Ideas**

The student is asked to locate or identify an explicit statement in or from a selection which is a main idea of a paragraph or a larger portion of the selection. (At times caution and real discernment must be utilized to distinguish a main idea from a detail.)

#### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Find out what \_\_\_\_\_ is going to do.
2. What happened when or during \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. What important thing did the character find out?
4. What part did the character play in \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Underline the main ideas in this \_\_\_\_\_ .

### **1.1.3 Recognition of a Sequence**

The student is required to locate or identify the order of incidents or actions explicitly stated in the selection.

#### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Read to find out : What did \_\_\_\_\_ do first?
2. What did \_\_\_\_\_ do next?
3. What did \_\_\_\_\_ do last?
4. Be prepared to tell how Geraldine changed her white dress to red and yellow and what happened then. (This sentence contains two separate questions: how Geraldine changed her dress requires the recognition of a sequence, Level 1.13; what happened then requires the recognition of a main idea and is classified at level 1.12.

### **1.1.4 Recognition of Comparison**

The student is requested to locate or identify likenesses and differences in characters, times, and places that are explicitly stated in the selection. (Levels 1.14, 1.24, and 3.4 involve comparisons. Seeing likenesses and differences, seeing relationships, and

making comparisons between characters, incidents, and situations are fairly synonymous at these levels. However, when a cause and effect relationship exists, it shall be classified at the next higher level of the taxonomy provided the criteria of some other level are not more nearly met. There is a level for cognition of comparisons, a level for recall of comparisons, and a level for inferring of comparisons. Examples for each of these levels define what constitutes a comparison question.)

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Read to find out the differences between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Look for ideas which conflict with each other.
3. Are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the same?
4. Find similes; find metaphors.
5. Read to find out how \_\_\_\_\_ changed.

**1.1.5 Recognition of Cause and Effect Relationships**

The student in this instance may be required to locate or identify the explicitly stated reasons for certain happenings or actions in the selection. (Cause and effect are not restricted to motivations and interests. For example, there are cause and effect relationships which are inorganic.)

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Find out the reasons for \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. What caused \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. What were the results of \_\_\_\_\_ ? (In this example the effect has to be recognized.)
4. Find the sentence that tells why \_\_\_\_\_ did (or was) \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. What happened to shorten his stay at \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### **1.1.6 Recognition of Character Traits**

The student is required to identify or locate explicit statements about a character which help to point up the type of person he or she is.

#### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Read orally the parts which prove that he was clever, bold, kind, courageous, and intelligent.
2. Find the words and phrases which describe the characters. (Some of these words and phrases describe character traits. Of course, many descriptive words and phrases do not pertain to character traits.)
3. Find agnomens. (Nicknames)

### **1.2 Recall**

Recall requires the student to produce from memory ideas and information explicitly stated in the reading selection. Recall tasks are:

#### **1.2.1 Recall of Details**

The student is asked to produce from memory facts such as the names of characters, the time of the story, or the place of the story. (Recall of almost any explicit fact or detail from the selection is included. A single detail as well as several details scattered throughout the story are both level 1.21 questions.)

#### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. What hardships were endured?
2. How much land was claimed?
3. Who paid for his journey?
4. Over what kind of land did they travel? (This question requires recall of details from several places in the story; however, no sequencing or reorganization is asked for.)
5. Write a list of all the details you can remember.
6. Recite the \_\_\_\_\_ listed.

### 1.2.2 Recall of Main Ideas

The student is required to state the main idea of a paragraph or a larger portion of the selection from memory, when the main idea is explicitly stated in the selection.

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. What did the \_\_\_\_\_ mean to this world?
2. What important statement did he make?
3. What uses were made of \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. What knowledge was gained from \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. What did he or she do \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. What did he or she say? (This question refers to what Stanley says when he first met Livingston and in this instance constitutes a level 1.22 thought process.)
7. What happened to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### 1.2.3 Recall of a Sequence

The student is asked to provide from memory the order of incidents or actions explicitly stated in the selection. (A sequence will be constituted only when order of occurrence is specifically required.)

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Describe in correct sequence \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Look at the illustrations and tell the story in sequence. (The illustrations aid the recall but are not sufficient.)
3. Number these \_\_\_\_\_ in the order in which they took place in the selection.
4. Make a chart that shows the \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the selection.
5. Tell in correct order \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. What happened on the fourth day?

### 1.2.4 Recall of Comparison

The student is required to call up from memory the likenesses and differences in characters, times, and places that are explicitly stated in the selection. (Questions are classified at this level if they ask for likenesses and/ or differences.)

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Compare and contrast one journey with another journey as to: climate, terrain, natives, length of time, difficulties and successes.
2. How was this \_\_\_\_\_ different from others?
3. In what ways were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ similar? different?
4. Compare and contrast each of the following pairs: (Each pair constitutes a question.)
5. Compare the size of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 1.2.5 Recall of Cause and Effect Relationships

The student is requested to produce from memory explicitly stated reasons for certain happenings or action in the selection.

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Why did \_\_\_\_\_ do \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Why was \_\_\_\_\_ so determined to \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. What was the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. What caused \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Why did \_\_\_\_\_ decide to \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. How did \_\_\_\_\_ accomplish \_\_\_\_\_ ? (This action in such instances causes an effect.)
7. What was the reaction of \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### 1.2.6 Recall of Character Traits

The student is asked to call up from memory explicit statements about characters which illustrate the type of persons they are.

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Why are they well suited to \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. How did Stanley feel? (The story states that Stanley felt shy.)
3. How had he shown he was \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. What was \_\_\_\_\_ like?
5. Summarize her attitude toward life. (In spite of the use of the word summarize, this question actually calls for no more than the recall of an explicit statement.)

### 2.0 Reorganization

Reorganization requires the student to analyze, synthesize, and/ or organize ideas or information explicitly stated in the selection. To produce the desired thought product, the reader may utilize the statements of the author verbatim or he or she may paraphrase or translate the author's statements. Reorganization tasks are:

### 2.1 Classifying

In this instance the student is required to place people, things, places, and / or events into categories. (When pupils are asked to recognize or recall certain kinds of details, relationships, or traits, they are in effect classifying, but at a lower level of the taxonomy. The key to this level is that things must be sorted into a category or a class.)

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Read each phrase below. Does it tell you "who," "what," "when," "how," or "where?"
2. "Sank here." (A phrase taken from a selection)

3. Which of the following are \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. Place the following under the proper heading.
5. Classify the following according to \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Which of the following \_\_\_\_\_ does not belong. (Where based upon the selection and not merely a matter of word meaning. Care also has to be exercised in such cases to make sure the inferring of a comparison, level 3.4 is not necessitated.)

## **2.2 Outlining**

The student is requested to organize the selection in outline form using direct statements or paraphrased statements from the selection.

### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Organize the facts into main heads and subheads to form an outline.
2. Complete the following outline.
3. Divide the story into \_\_\_\_\_ parts.

## **2.3 Summarizing**

The student is asked to condense the selection using direct or paraphrased statements from the selection. (This level is interpreted as also being applicable when less than the entire selection is condensed).

### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. What has happened up to this point?
2. Tell the story in your own words.

## **2.4 Synthesizing**

In this instance, the student is requested to consolidate explicit ideas or information from more than one source. (The pupil is required to put together information from more than one place. More is required than just a collecting of information for this

information must become fused so that information from more than one source provides a single answer to a question. While the taxonomy refers to a single selection, quite often in order to answer a question, information obtained from a previous selection or selections must be utilized. The intent of the taxonomy, despite its restrictive reference to the selection, is not only the reading comprehension questions from review units, lessons, and exercise, but also many other reading comprehension questions.)

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. How long did the entire \_\_\_\_\_ last ?
2. Fill in your time line.
3. What was the speed of the \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. Did \_\_\_\_\_ have enough \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Compute \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. How many times did \_\_\_\_\_ take place ?
7. On what day did \_\_\_\_\_ happen ?
8. Figure out \_\_\_\_\_ .

### **3.0 Inferential Comprehension**

Inferential comprehension is demonstrated by the student when he or she uses the ideas and information explicitly stated in the selection, his or her intuition, and his or her personal experience as a basis for conjectures and hypotheses. Inferences drawn by the student may be either convergent or divergent in nature and the student may be asked to verbalize the rationale underlying his or her inferences. In general, then, inferential comprehension is stimulated by purposes for reading and teachers' questions which demand thinking and imagination that go beyond the printed page. (Personal experience is interpreted to include formal learning experiences, as well as those things which the reader has personally experienced in a first hand situation. Prior knowledge, regardless of where this knowledge came from, is an integral part of inference. The crucial factor distinguishing inference questions from recognition and recall questions is that their answers are not explicitly stated but must be inferred.)



### 3.1 Inferring Supporting Details

In this instance, the student is asked to conjecture about additional facts the author might have included in the selection which would have made it more informative, interesting, or appealing. (Whether or not additional details are indeed “more informative, interesting, or appealing” is largely subjective. If the inferring of a detail is required, the question is to be placed at this level.)

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Did he realize \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Was the discovery planned or accidental? (The classification of this question at this level is another example of making a debatable decision in favor of the higher category. The statement in the text says, “He sailed west toward Greenland, but because of bad storms he went off course and came instead upon an unknown land.”)
3. How did she converse with the natives?
4. What was the weather like?
5. Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. Did \_\_\_\_\_ believe? (Such a question may go beyond inference and require level 5.2, Identification.)

### 3.2 Inferring Main Ideas

The student is required to provide the main idea, general significance, theme, or moral which is not explicitly stated in the selection. (Such questions may pertain to part of a selection.)

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. What is the main idea of this \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Discuss the significance of \_\_\_\_\_ ?

3. Read these short workbook selections and then select or write the best
4. title for each. (This question goes beyond synthesis and requires inference.)
5. What is the poem or story saying?
6. Answer this riddle. (Where more than mere word meaning is required.)
7. Read these paragraphs and then write or select the main idea of each.
8. Write a sentence summarizing the main idea of \_\_\_\_\_ .

### 3.3 Inferring Sequence

The student, in this case, may be requested to conjecture as to what action or incident might have taken place between two explicitly stated actions or incidents, or he or she may be asked to hypothesize about what would happen next if the selection had not ended as it did but had been extended.

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Many days from \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ are omitted in her report.
2. Suggest the events that happened in those days.
3. What will happen next?
4. What happened between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Place these \_\_\_\_\_ in logical order.

### 3.4 Inferring Comparisons

The student is required to infer likenesses and differences in characters, times, places, things, or ideas. Such inferential comparisons revolve around ideas such as : here and there, then and now, he and she, and she and she.

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Compare: effectiveness and value to future explorers.
2. Compare \_\_\_\_\_ as to completeness and importance or detail.

3. How does \_\_\_\_\_ resemble \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. Compare \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ related?
6. Complete the following similes or metaphors. (If based on ideas in the
7. selection.)

### 3.5 Inferring Cause and Effect Relationships

The student is required to hypothesize about the motivations of characters and their interactions with time and place. He or she may also be required to conjecture s to what caused the author to include certain ideas, words, characterizations, and action in his or her writing. (“Why” and “Because” are often clues to this category.)

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Why did Marco Polo say, “Take this book and cause it to be read to
2. you?” (The answer requires inferring why people would have to have the
3. book read to them.)
4. Why was it necessary to \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Why would \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. How did \_\_\_\_\_ know \_\_\_\_\_ ?
7. Why did they \_\_\_\_\_ ?
8. Why did the author include \_\_\_\_\_ ?
9. What is the result of \_\_\_\_\_ ?
10. What might have happened if \_\_\_\_\_ ?
11. What makes this \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ ?
12. What makes you think \_\_\_\_\_ ?
13. Did \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ ?
14. How could \_\_\_\_\_ ?
15. Why is it helpful to have a \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### 3.6 Inferring Character Traits

In his case, the student is asked to hypothesize about the nature of characters on the basis of explicit clues presented in the selection.

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. List their character traits.
2. What did \_\_\_\_\_ prove about their attitudes toward \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. What does \_\_\_\_\_ tell us about her?
4. Is \_\_\_\_\_ very wise?
5. What kind of person is \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. What words will describe \_\_\_\_\_ ?
7. What was \_\_\_\_\_ 's attitude about \_\_\_\_\_ ?

### 3.7 Predicting Outcomes

The student is requested to read an initial portion of a selection and on the basis of this reading he or she is required to conjecture about the outcome of the selection. (An initial portion of a selection may be no more than the title.)

#### EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. What do you think will happen?
3. Will he help them?
4. Someone may predict \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Read \_\_\_\_\_ and guess what will happen.

### 3.8 Interpreting Figurative Language

The student, in this instance, is asked to infer literal meanings from the author's figurative use of language.

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. What is meant by the phrase, “continue unrolling the map”?
2. Interpret the following figurative expressions: ...

**4.0 Evaluation**

Purposes for reading and teacher’s questions, in this instance, require responses by the student which indicate that he or she has made an evaluative judgment by comparing ideas presented in the selection with external criteria provided by the teacher, other authorities, or other written sources, or with internal criteria provided by the reader’s experiences, knowledge, or values. In essence evaluation deals with judgment and focuses on qualities of accuracy, acceptability, desirability, worth, or probability of occurrence. (Evaluative judgment is the key to this category.) Evaluative thinking may be demonstrated by asking the student to make the following judgments.

**4.1 Judgments of Reality or Fantasy**

Could this really happen? Such a question calls for a judgment by the reader based on his or her experience.

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Is \_\_\_\_\_ imaginary?
2. How many unreal things can you find?
3. Did \_\_\_\_\_ really happen?
4. Is \_\_\_\_\_ fact or fiction?
5. Is \_\_\_\_\_ possible?

**4.2 Judgments of Fact or Opinion**

Does the author provide adequate support for his or her conclusions? Is the author attempting to sway your thinking? Questions of this type require the student to analyze and evaluate the writing on the basis of the knowledge he or she has on the subject as well as to analyze and evaluate the intent of the author.

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Do you think \_\_\_\_\_ had anything to do with \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Which \_\_\_\_\_ seem to be correct?
3. What strange ideas did \_\_\_\_\_ have?
4. Which \_\_\_\_\_ are fact? opinion?
5. Based on the facts that are given, does \_\_\_\_\_ seem reasonable?

**4.3 Judgments of Adequacy and Validity**

Is the information presented here in keeping with what you have read in the subject in other sources? Questions of this nature call for the reader to compare written sources of information with an eye toward agreement and disagreement and completeness and incompleteness.

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Did \_\_\_\_\_ ever actually \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Continue to check on \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Why was \_\_\_\_\_ true? not true?
4. Is adequate information given about \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Is \_\_\_\_\_ really \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. Which ideas are still accepted and which ones are no longer believed?
7. Label each \_\_\_\_\_ true or false.
8. Find proof from other sources that \_\_\_\_\_ ?

**4.4 Judgments of Appropriateness**

What part of the story best describes the main character? Such a question requires the reader to make a judgment about the relative adequacy of different parts of the selection to answer the question. (It is believed that this level should not be limited to the main character, nor should it be limited to just narrative text. One can judge the appropriateness of text support to prove a subject or topic.)

#### **4.5 Judgments of Worth, Desirability and Acceptability**

Was the character right or wrong in what he or she did? Was his or her behavior good or bad? Questions of this nature call for judgments based on the reader's moral code or his or her value system. The same holds true for judging the moral character of a political, social, or economic policy in informational or expository text as well as evaluating an author's proposal.

##### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Do you like this character?
2. How do you feel about this character?
3. Is \_\_\_\_\_ the right thing to do?
4. Is \_\_\_\_\_ acting fairly?
5. Why was it wrong for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. What do you think of \_\_\_\_\_ 's attitude?
7. Is a high degree of \_\_\_\_\_ a good quality to have?

#### **5.0 Appreciation**

Appreciation involves all the previously cited cognitive dimensions of reading, for it deals with the psychological and aesthetic impact of the selection on the reader. Appreciation calls for the student to be emotionally and aesthetically sensitive to the work and to have a reaction to the worth of its psychological and artistic elements. Appreciation includes both the knowledge of and the emotional response to literary techniques, forms, styles, and structures.

##### **5.1 Emotional Response to the Content**

The student is required to verbalize his or her feelings about the selection in terms of interest, excitement, boredom, fear, hate, amusement, etc. It is concerned with the emotional impact of the total work on the reader. (The emotional impact of the total work on the reader is not considered necessary.)

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Are you surprised?
2. Why did you like or dislike this selection?
3. Was this selection interesting? funny?
4. What part of the story did you find most exciting?
5. Select your favorite story or passage.
6. Questions requiring the pupil to respond to the plot.
7. Did the story have a happy ending?
8. Which \_\_\_\_\_ did you enjoy the most?

**5.2 Identification with Characters or Incidents**

Teachers' questions of this nature will elicit responses from the reader which demonstrate his or her sensitivity to, sympathy for, and empathy with characters, happenings, and ideas portrayed by the author.

**EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. What words will describe the feelings of \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. How did they feel when \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Will \_\_\_\_\_ be difficult for \_\_\_\_\_ ? (This goes beyond level 3.7, prediction.)
4. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Encourage pupils to identify with \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Do you think he will follow the advice?
7. Did she act recklessly? (This would be an example of level 4.5, except that in order to make a decision as to whether or not she acted recklessly, the situation must be identified with.)
8. Write your own ending to this story. (It is believed that this question goes beyond inferring of a sequence and the making of a prediction and falls at level 5.2.)
9. Devise a conversation between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .



10. What would you do if you were \_\_\_\_\_ ?
11. What is \_\_\_\_\_ thinking?
12. How would you have felt if you were \_\_\_\_\_ ?
13. How did \_\_\_\_\_ talk when \_\_\_\_\_ ?
14. Relate \_\_\_\_\_ to you own life.

### **5.3 Reactions to the Author's Use of Language**

In this instance the student is required to respond to the author's craftsmanship in terms of the semantic dimension of the selection, namely, connotations and denotations of words. (Level 5.3 pertains essentially to the appreciation of the author's skill and craftsmanship in selecting and using words. Such appreciation is dependent upon the denotation and connotations of words. Emotions are inherent in appreciation.)

#### **EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:**

1. Questions requiring recognition or discussion of qualifiers.
2. Why is \_\_\_\_\_ a good term?
3. Demonstrate how \_\_\_\_\_ 's voice sounded when he spoke \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. What personifications, allegory, puns, malapropisms did the author use?
5. What "loaded" language was used? propaganda? understatements? exaggerations? emotion-laden words?
6. How did the author express the idea of \_\_\_\_\_ ?
7. In what way is the word \_\_\_\_\_ used in the selection?

### **5.4 Imagery**

In this instance, the reader is required to verbalize his or her feelings with regard to the author's artistic ability to pain word pictures which cause the reader to visualize, smell, taste, hear, or feel.

EXAMPLES AND PATTERNS:

1. Picture may be drawn to illustrate the different phases of the antelope hunt. (This was classified at level 5.4 which would be perfectly congruent if Barrett had used the word express instead of verbalize.)
2. Based upon the selection draw a picture or make a design. (Caution must be exercised in determining that such questions do require appreciation of the author's artistic ability to create imagery and not just understanding of word or sentence meaning.)
3. Read rhythmically and expressively. (Includes choral reading.)
4. Dramatize the story.
5. Read the part the way the character might have talked. (This question goes beyond identifying as spelled out at level 5.2 and requires level 5.4.)
6. Find the phrase which helps you build a mental picture of \_\_\_\_\_ .
7. In a mind's-eye picture, how did the \_\_\_\_\_ look?
8. Reenact the \_\_\_\_\_ scene.
9. How does \_\_\_\_\_ make you feel?
10. Take the role of \_\_\_\_\_ . (This goes beyond identification)
11. Questions requiring appreciation of dialogue may require utilization of this level.
12. What \_\_\_\_\_ has the author created?
13. How did the author cause you to \_\_\_\_\_ ?

## CHAPTER XI

### CORRECTIVE FEEDBACK

#### **Notion of Corrective Feedback**

To facilitate language learning, lecturers must perform a balancing complicated act of two necessary but seemingly contradictory roles. They must establish positive affects among students, yet also engage in the inherently confrontational activity of corrective feedback on error (Magilow, 2005) in Jarkasi (2007). The positive affect derives from a variety of lecturers' behaviors, including humor, encouragement, personal interest, and a natural use of language. Corrective feedback conveys, in many ways, precisely the opposite messages confrontation, potential discouragement, and focus on forms instead of content.

In teaching L2, it is necessary to response towards the students' speech production as one of many ways to show the attention of the lecturer to the students. Feedback is an important thing in English Communicative Teaching Learning Activities. During the activities the students somehow involved in interaction that gives opportunities, desires and purposes which is able to empower the students to get in touch with the language they learn. This English classroom interaction will lead the students to do their best toward the target language. Along with these activities, lecturers are allowed, to indicate the students' errors of incorrectness of language output, which is technically known as corrective feedback (Lightbown and Spada, 1994) in Jarkasi (2007).

A piece of corrective feedback is a response from an addressee to a speaker's erroneous utterance. The incorrect utterance can consist of grammatical errors, meaning errors or inappropriate use of lexical items. According to Ellis, Loewen and Erlam (2006) in Basiron (2008) corrective feedback is a response to a learners erroneous utterance by: i) indicating where the error has occurred, ii) providing the correct structure of the erroneous utterance, or iii) providing metalinguistic information describing the nature of the error, or any combination of these.

All corrective feedback is classified either as explicit or implicit form (Ellis *et al* and Long) in Basiron (2008). Explicit corrective feedback tells overtly that an error has occurred whereas implicit feedback does not. Studies identified six different types of corrective feedback employed by language lecturers (Panova& Lyster, 2002) in Basiron (2008). Table shows the various types of corrective feedback:

### Various Types of Corrective Feedback

Corrective Feedback	Explanation
Explicit Correction	Clearly indicating that the students' utterance was incorrect, the lecturer provides the correct form. e.g. ... <i>the coyote, the bison and the cr...crane.</i> "And the crane. We say crane."
Recast	Without directly indicating that the student's utterance was incorrect, the implicitly reformulates the student's error, or provides the correction. e.g. <i>"Maple sap. Good."</i>
Clarification request	By using phrases like "Excuse me?" or "I don't understand," the lecturer indicates that the messages has not been understood or that the student's utterance contained some kind of mistake and that a repetition or a reformulation is required. e.g. <i>"Pardon?"</i>
Metalinguistic clues	Without providing the correct form, the lecturer poses questions or provides comments or information related to the formation student's utterance. e.g. <i>"Do we say it like that?", "Is it femininie?"</i>
Elicitation	The lecturer directly elicits the correct form from the student by asking questions (e.g. "How do we say that in French?"), by pausing to allow the students to complete the lecturer utterance (e.g. "It's a...")or by asking student to reformulate the utterance (e.g. "Say that

	again.” Elicitation questions differ from questions that are defined as metalinguistic clues in that they require more than a yes/no response.
Repetition	A lecturer repeats a student’s incorrect utterance and raises her voice to highlight the error. e.g. “The giraffe?”

There are different types in giving corrective feedback toward students’ errors, this study will use Lyster and Ranta (1997) model to identify lecturer’s techniques in giving corrective feedback with some considerations. First, it has complete types catering explicit and implicit corrective feedback. Second, the explanation is clear to differentiate one type to another. After the study, the most frequently types used in the oral classroom will be found.

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