# **Teaching and learning sequence summary**

**EAP unit standard 22891, version 2: Deliver an oral presentation for an academic purpose**

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This sequence is designed for learners preparing for tertiary level study. It is aimed at learners who are learning to speak clearly and fluently on a complex topic for an extended period.

The teaching and learning sequences will scaffold and prepare students for the summative assessment of this standard. The teaching and learning sequences link to the [Dimensions of effective practice.](http://elearningasinquiry.tki.org.nz/The-dimensions-of-effective-practice)Lessons are built around [Principles of effective teaching and learning for English language learners.](http://esolonline.tki.org.nz/ESOL-Online/Teacher-needs/Pedagogy/Principles-of-effective-teaching-and-learning-for-English-language-learners) Teachers will also need to make links to relevant [Key competencies](http://keycompetencies.tki.org.nz/What-are-KCs).

**Using the teaching and learning sequences.**

These teaching and learning sequences are intended as a guide to the skills that students will need to develop to meet the requirements of the standard. They provide examples of ways that teachers can support students to acquire these skills. It is important to select only the activities that address your students’ learning needs and not to cover materials and or skills that students have already mastered. For some students it may be necessary to provide additional tasks to support mastery of specific skills.

**Learning tasks**

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| **Teaching & learning sequence** | **Skills & knowledge** | **Performance** **criteria** |
| 1. | Using appropriate academic conventions and language   * Use of structure to link to the academic purpose * Use of content which demonstrates a broad knowledge of the topic * Ability to include theoretical concepts * Use of academic vocabulary | * 1. Presentation addresses the academic   purpose and displays a broad knowledge base incorporating some theoretical concepts.  Range: structure and content of presentation, coherence, relevance.   * 1. Vocabulary is appropriate to the academic   context.  Range: vocabulary must be at the level as indicated by *A New Academic Word List.* |
| 2. | Structure   * Sentence structure * Use of transitions * Use of structure to engage audience | 1.3 Varied and complex English language  structures are used with few inaccuracies.   * 1. Presentation is coherent. |
| 3. | Delivery   * Effective delivery of the presentation | * 1. Spoken language is clear and easily   understood –pronunciation, fluency, audibility, accuracy. |
| 4. | Engagement   * Use of strategies to engage the audience. | 1.5 A range of strategies is used to promote sustained engagement with the audience. |
| 5. | Effectiveness of presentation   * Effective choice of and use of visual aids | * 1. Use of visual aids contributes to the   effectiveness of the presentation. |

### What is the impact of the teaching and learning?

### After the learning tasks, students should complete the formative assessment task for unit standard 22891, version 2.

### After the formative assessment, teachers can identify evidence of students’ learning progress as well as any gaps. Teachers should plan to build on what worked well and to address learning needs by recycling tasks in the teaching and learning sequences.

When students are ready, they can complete the summative assessment for unit standard 22891**:** Deliver an oral presentation for an academic purpose.

**EAP unit standard 22891, version 2: Deliver an oral presentation**

**for an academic purpose.**

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| **Dimension of effective practice** | **Teaching and learning sequence 1:**  **Using appropriate conventions and language** | **Metacognitive prompts** |
| *Expectations*  *Knowledge of the learner*  *Engaging learners with the text*  *Instructional strategies*  *Instructional strategies*  *Partnerships*  *Knowledge of the learner* | *Ensuring students know the learning outcomes*  Use the following learning tasks to activate prior knowledge on the academic purpose of the presentation.  **Teaching and learning purposes**   * Presentation addresses the academic purpose and displays a broad knowledge base (1.1) * Theoretical concepts are included. Content is relevant (1.1) * Vocabulary is appropriate to the context (1.4)   **Student learning outcomes:**  I can   * communicate the academic purpose of my presentation. * demonstrate that I understand the topic, including theory and concepts. * use appropriate academic conventions including academic vocabulary.   *Finding out the learners’ prior knowledge*  If students have completed the listening T&L sequence they may not need this activity.  **1. KWL**  This activity aims to find out what students know already about the MDGs and encourages them to think about what they still need to find out.   * Students fill in the KW part of the KWL template. * In groups they share what they have written.   *Planning the learning tasks so that all learners are actively involved*  Students may not need to do this activity if they have already completed other T&L sequences.  **2. Jigsaw reading**  The aim of this activity is to ensure all students have an understanding of the MDGs and theoretical concepts involved, so that they can choose a goal to focus on.   * Divide students equally into “home” groups of 4 or 5 students. Allocate each student a number. * Students move to “expert” groups according to their number (i.e. all the number one’s together). Everyone in the expert group will become an expert on the same goal. * Students work with members of their “expert” group to read about their goal. They decide on the main points and record on their summary sheet. They then prepare a short presentation and decide how they will teach their topic to their “home” group. You may want students to prepare mini-posters or other suitable visual representation while in their “expert” groups. These posters can contain important facts, information, and diagrams related to the study topic. * Students return to their “home” teams and take turns teaching their group members the material. Group members take notes on the summary sheet. * Involve the class in a discussion on the effectiveness of each presentation i.e. what worked well, what could have been improved and what they needed more information about.   Vocabulary activities  It is important to keep recycling these activities throughout the formative learning stages so that students are confident in the use of academic vocabulary when they are assessed. The following are some ways this could be done.  *Giving learners many opportunities to first notice and then use new language*  **3. Concept star**  The purpose of this activity is to find out the academic vocabulary that students already know on the topic. It also serves as a tool to add vocabulary throughout the teaching and learning sequences.   * Students add vocabulary on the topic to the concept star under the correct heading. * In small groups students share what they have and justify their decision for where they placed words on the star. * During the formative work on this standard, encourage students to add new words to their concept stars.   **4. Articulate**  This activity is an interactive way of ensuring that students know the meaning of key phrases in this topic.   * Class is divided into two teams. One person from each team sits on a chair at the front facing their team. * The teacher writes a phrase on the board. * Students from each team have to explain the phrase without using any of the words. * When one team has given the correct word another team member takes the chair for the second phrase and so on.   Follow up activity: A similar activity can be used to familiarise students with the assessment vocabulary from the standard.  Academic purpose and broad knowledge base  **5. Ranking activity: Setting an effective research question**  The aim of this activity is help students to identify the type of research question that will enable them to address the academic purpose.   * Students complete the ranking exercise individually. * In pairs, they compare their rankings and justify their first choices. * Students individually write their research questions. * In pairs, students peer review each other’s research questions.   *Making the learning comprehensible to all students*  **6. Shared dictation: Focusing your presentation**  The purpose of this activity is to give students some background information whilst at the same time giving them practice in pronunciation and speaking confidently.   * In pairs, student A dictates his/her dictation to student B. * When finished they change roles and student B dictates. * At the end they get together and compare with the originals. * Encourage students to give each other feedback on pronunciation and fluency. * Students then complete information boxes below.   **7. Trash or treasure: Identifying key information**  The aim of this activity is to focus students on key information needed to present on the MDG they have chosen.   * Students are in groups according to the goal they have chosen. * Each group is given a variety of material on their particular goal. They need to decide whether it is ‘trash’ or ‘treasure’ according to whether or not it addresses their research question. * Students highlight key information in the ‘treasure texts’.   Alternatively, if students have access to online resources, the activity could be done online.  *Providing opportunities for reflection and evaluation* Reflection: ‘Learning log’End the lesson by referring back to the learning outcomes.Put the following starters on the board. Each student chooses two sentence starters to respond to. Starters:  *The most important thing I learnt was...*  *One thing I am still unsure about is...*  *I need more time focusing on …*  *Three academic words or phrases I have learnt are...* | *Do I know which students will need extra support?*  *How can I build on learning outcomes covered in the listening teaching and learning sequences?*  *How will this inform the activities I focus on? Which activities are not needed?*  *Can I group students so that one group has an easier text?*  *Have I encouraged students to be creative in their presentations?*  *How can I recycle these activities to give students sufficient repetition?*  *What do the completed concept stars tell me about students’ current understanding of topic and ability to use academic vocabulary?*  *How can I build on what students already know about research questions?*  *How can I pair students to ensure those who need support are catered for?*  *Have I spent time going over criteria for deciding whether material is useful in answering the research focus?*  *Which activities do I need to revisit?* |

**Student tasks**

**Teaching and learning sequence 1**

**1. KWL**

* Fill in the KW part of the KWL template.
* In groups, share what you have written.

**The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

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| What I **k**now about the MDGs | **W**hat I want to learn about the MDGs | What I have **l**earnt about the MDGs |
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* Towards the end of the formative sequence, return and complete ‘What I have learnt about the MDGs’.

**2. Jigsaw reading.**

Texts for each group can be located at: <http://teachunicef.org/sites/default/files/units/mdgs_grades_9_to_12.pdf>

Permission has been granted to use these UNICEF resources. ‘How’s the World Doing? MDG fact sheets on all of the goals can be accessed from 4a to 4h depending on how many groups you have. Larger classes could include Goal 8: Develop a global partnership for development.

**MDG Goals Summary of main points**

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| 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger |  |
| 2.Achieve universal primary education |  |
| 3.Promote gender equality and empower women |  |
| 4 & 5.Reduce child mortality  and improve maternal health |  |
| 6.Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases |  |
| 7. Ensure environmental sustainability |  |

**3. Concept star**

**What?**



**Where?**

**When?**

**Why? How?**

* Add vocabulary on the topic to the concept star under the correct heading.
* In small groups share what you have and justify your decision for where you placed words on the star.
* During the teaching and learning sequence return to this activity to add new words to your concept stars.

**4. Articulate**

* You are in two teams. One person from each team sits on a chair at the front facing their team.
* The teacher writes a phrase on the board.
* Students from each team have to explain the phrase without using any of the words.
* When one team has given the correct word another team member takes the chair for the second phrase and so on.

**Phrases to use:**

child mortality

extreme poverty

gender equality

sustainable development

eradicate poverty

**5. Ranking activity: Setting an effective research question**

The topic is to look at a specific Millennium Development Goal and focus on progress to towards achieving the goal. The goal chosen for this exercise is: **MDG 4: Reduce child mortality**

*It is important that the type of research question links to the topic and the goal. Look at the following question types and rank in order of suitability for this topic. Once you have decided on the best one and compare with a partner. You will need to justify your choice.*

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| a) **Cause**: Why did this happen? What are the causes of....?  b) **Effect**: What effect does this have...?  c) **Comparison/contrast:** How are these (things/events) similar or different?  d) **Structural:** How are the parts of something interrelated?  e) **Characteristics:** What are the characteristics/properties of...?  f) **Problem/solution**: What is the problem and what are some possible solutions.  g) **Extent:** To what extent has something been successful?  h) **Discuss:** Consider both sides of the topic and draw a conclusion.  i) **Describe:** What are the main aspects of...?  j) **Analyse:** Examine and discuss critically...  h) **Evaluate:** What is the benefit/worth of …? |

Now write your research question. It may be a combination of the types above. It needs to connect to the topic.

*My research question is:*

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Share what you have written with your partner and your teacher and use the feedback to revise your question.

**6. Shared dictation: Focusing your presentation**

* In pairs, student A dictates his/her dictation to student B.
* When finished, change roles and student B dictates.
* At the end get together and compare with the originals.
* Give each other feedback on pronunciation and fluency.
* Then complete the information boxes below.

**Shared dictation texts**

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| **A.** A good presentation has a clear focus. Unlike a written text where you can re-read information, a presentation is mainly the words spoken by the presenter. There is no opportunity for listeners to recapture the words once they have been said. To maintain your audience's attention, your presentation needs to be well planned and have a clear focus. |

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| **B.**  Your audience will determine the amount and the depth of the material you present. For instance, for an informed audience, you can skim over the basic material. If they don't know much about your topic, you need to provide enough background information so they can understand the presentation. |

**Complete the boxes below.**

Use the information from the shared dictation to help you fill in the boxes below. This activity will help you to have a clear focus and stay on the topic.

*Describe your audience and their needs.*

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| What my audience already knows about the topic:  What my audience will expect me to cover: |

**7. Trash or Treasure: Identifying key information**

* Your teacher will group you according to the goal you have chosen.
* Each group will be given a variety of material on their particular goal. You need to decide whether it is ‘trash’ or ‘treasure’ according to whether or not it addresses your research question.
* At the end highlight key information in the ‘treasure’ texts.

Below is a list of possible websites to use:

<http://www.unicef.org/mdg/>

<http://www.unicef.org.nz/Teachers>

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/exr/facts/mdg.htm>

<http://www.oxfam.org.uk/education/resources/change-the-world-in-eight-steps>

<http://www.endpoverty2015.org/resources/>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/global-development/2010/sep/14/millennium-development-goals-resources>

<http://www.dochas.ie/pages/resources/default.aspx?id=34>

<http://www.peacecorpsconnect.org/resources/education/millennium-development-goals/>

<http://www.cbm.org/MDG-online-resource-251195.php>

<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/beyond2015.shtml>

<http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/MDG%20Report%202012.pdf>

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| **Dimension of effective practice** | **Teaching and learning sequence 2: Using appropriate structure** | **Metacognitive prompts** |
| *Expectations*  *Knowledge of the learner*  *Engaging learners with the text*  *Engaging learners with text.*  *Instructional strategies*  *Engaging learners with texts*  *Instructional strategies*  *Knowledge of the learner* | **Teaching and learning purposes**   * Varied and complex English language structures are used with few inaccuracies (1.3) * Presentation is coherent (1.1)   *Ensuring students know the learning outcomes*  **Student learning outcomes:**  I can   * use a range of sentence structures with few errors. * use transitions to help my listeners follow what I am saying. * structure my presentation to engage the audience.   *Finding out the learners’ prior knowledge*  **1. So what’s the difference?**  The aim of this activity is to find out how much students know about the differences between spoken and written texts.   * In groups students study the two texts and note down differences. * Share findings and discuss possible reasons for differences.   Follow up activities  Students complete the cloze activity to consolidate learning. Encourage them to do it individually first and then share answers with a partner.  *Making the lesson comprehensible to all learners*  **2. Combining sentences**  In this activity students are encouraged to notice different types of sentences as they practise creating effective complex sentences. Return to the table from the previous activity and remind students that although academic presentations contain complex sentences, we use a variety of sentence structures in spoken English.   * Teacher models examples on the board. * Students complete exercises individually. * In pairs students compare answers. * Finish with a class brainstorm and discussion on why it is important to use a variety of sentence structures in a presentation. Record ideas on a poster.   **3. Sentence fragments**  Write a variety of sentences on the board including a sentence fragment. Do a Think-Pair-Share on why you can use fragments in spoken English but not in academic writing.   * Look at the first underlined example from the speech and ask students why it isn’t a complete sentence. * Students then work through the text in pairs to underline the remaining fragments.   Follow up: Ask students to circle any compound sentences and highlight the complex sentences.  **4. Using rhetorical questions**  Find out what students already know about the use of rhetorical questions in oral presentations.   * Model changing the first statement into a rhetorical question. * Students complete the table and then check their answers with a partner. * Students view Helen Clarke’s speech (start at 6.18 minutes in) and listen to changes in voice pitch, and the pauses at the end of each question. * Encourage students to look at their draft presentations and think about where they could use rhetorical questions.   **5. Time for transitions**  In this activity the students need to recall their learning from the Teaching & Learning sequence for unit standard 22892 (if they have done this). This activity will build on their prior learning.   * In pairs, students place the transition words in the correct box according to their function. * Students read the text and decide which transition word is best for each missing space. * Encourage students to look at their own draft presentation, highlight transition words they have already used and add more if necessary.   **6. Transforming text**  Students are encouraged to notice the sentence structure of the text (mainly simple sentences, a lack of pronoun reference and no connectives).   * In pairs students change the text to include use of a variety of sentence forms and pronouns. * In groups, students compare their transformed texts. * Students deliver their improved text orally to a   different partner for feedback.  Refer back to the cloze summary of the previous activity and ensure students know the importance of having a range of sentence structures in their spoken text.  *Using approaches that include listening, reading, speaking and writing*  **7. Engaging the audience**  The purpose of these activities is to demonstrate to students how introductions and conclusions can be structured to engage their audience.   * Discuss what makes a good conclusion. * Discuss what makes a good introduction * Study the examples. Why are they effective? * Highlight the transition words in the texts.   Follow up activity  View this YouTube clip on ‘How to start your Presentation’  <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62Kyu5mz6iI&feature=c4overview&list=UUX8FfV7dUBjgv6Wwuw4XQMw>  Discuss the structure and strategies used to engage the audience and help them understand what is to come.  *Providing multiple opportunities for authentic language use with a focus on learners using academic language.*  **8. Putting it all together: Structuring the presentation**  The purpose of this activity is to reinforce learning from the listening teaching and learning sequence.   * In small groups students sequence the cut up oral text. * They then place it in the template against the corresponding descriptors.   Follow up:  Use the text to encourage students to notice language features e.g. use of transitions, repetition of key words, rhetorical questions etc.  **9. Applying the learning**  In pairs, students use the peer feedback form to comment on their partner’s draft presentation. They use the feedback to make changes.  *Providing opportunities for reflection and evaluation*  **Reflection:** End the lesson by referring back to the learning outcomes.Students use their peer feedback form to write a short reflection on what they have learned and how they applied the learning. | *Do I know which students will need extra support?*  *How can I link these outcomes to previous learning?*  *Have I explained the purpose of this activity?*  *Are all students participating equally?*  *What does the student discussion tell me about their understanding?*  *What further opportunities can I use to enable students to practise these skills?*  *Do all students need this activity?*  *Have I ensured*  *that students have made the connection between this exercise and the draft text for their presentation?*  *What information has this activity provided on student learning and gaps that need to be addressed?*  *Am I confident that students understand the differences between a written introduction & conclusion and a spoken introduction & conclusion?*  *How can I build on learning from the previous teaching and learning sequences?*  *Do all students understand the function of these language features?*  *What does the quality of the feedback given tell me about how students have applied the learning in this sequence?* |

**Student tasks**

**Teaching and learning sequence 2**

**1. So what’s the difference?**

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| **Written text**  <http://www.worldbank.org/mdgs/education.html> | **Spoken text**  [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HQLdF4EwHSplNXKBCjNOMVG-6c0rDyEOT8g6mNAIQAI/edit#](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HQLdF4EwHSplNXKBCjNOMVG-6c0rDyEOT8g6mNAIQAI/edit) |
| Support for primary education has been a priority over the past decade for the International Development Association (IDA), the World Bank’s fund for the poorest countries. IDA integrates education into national economic strategies, and creates education systems that empower children to become productive citizens.  With IDA’s help over the last decade, countries have trained more than 3 million additional teachers, built or renovated more than 2 million classrooms for 105 million children, and purchased or distributed about 300 million textbooks. | Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen, education and health go hand in hand. The evidence demonstrating the links is overwhelming.    We know, too, that the education of girls brings an especially high payback for health. In this sense, education and health are a sisterhood.    Education and health go hand-in-hand in the drive to lift people out of poverty and give them an opportunity to develop their full human potential. |

Fill in the grid with what is different about speaking. The first example is done.

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| **Writing** | **Speaking** |
| Writers rely on the words on the page to express meaning and their ideas. | Speakers use their voices (pitch, rhythm, stress) and their bodies to communicate their message. |
| Writers use punctuation. |  |
| Writers use longer more complex sentences in academic writing. |  |
| Most writing is planned and can be changed through editing and revision before an audience reads it. |  |
| Writers receive no immediate feedback from their audience. |  |
| Written language is permanent: the reader can go back over it again and again if the meaning is not immediately clear |  |
| Writing avoids repetition. |  |
| Academic writing is objective in tone. |  |

**Cloze activity: Fill in the missing words.**

Note: This could be done as a listening cloze dictation. The students are told that when a signal is made (a clap or bell) they draw a line. At the end they read through the dictation and fill in the missing words.

There may be more than one possible word, but your sentences must be grammatically correct.

It is usually much more difficult for listeners to interpret language that is read aloud than a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ text, where the language is more dense and lacks the pauses and fillers that give us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to absorb the spoken message. Presentations that are read from a written script are usually more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to follow than those that are delivered with the speaker \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the audience and talking \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ outline notes.

Answers for assessor (accept any answer that is grammatically correct in the sentence)

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**2. Combining sentences**

a. From simple to **compound** sentences. Use the best conjunction from the box below to join the two sentences into one compound sentence.

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1. The first target of the MDG was to reduce extreme poverty rates by half. This was met five years ahead of the 2015 deadline.

2. The global poverty rate fell in 2010 to less than half the 1990 rate. In 2015 almost one billion people will still be living on less than $1.25 per day.

3. There is a cash-for-work programme for poor rural women. Ninety-one percent of the children of participating women now attend school.

4. Less than a third of Bangladeshi live below the national poverty line. This reduction was achieved in as little as a decade.

5. Gender inequality undermines human productivity and welfare. It also hinders development and growth overall.

6. There has been great progress in getting children into school. Evidence shows that many children and youth leave school without having learned the basic skills needed for life and work.

**2b.** From simple to **complex** sentences. Now combine the simple sentences above into a **complex** sentence (containing either an adverb clause, adjective clause, or a noun clause).

Examples

*Learning is critical for children and youth to succeed. It is important to give all children the opportunity to have a good education.*

Complex sentences with examples of the different ways this can be done:

*1) Because learning is critical for children and youth to succeed, we must ensure that all children have the opportunity to have a good education. OR*

*2) We must ensure that all children have the opportunity to have a good education, because learning is critical for children and youth to succeed. OR*

*3) When all children have the opportunity to have a good education, their learning will enable them to succeed.*

**3. Sentence fragments**

One of the differences between spoken and written English is that often when we speak we don’t use complete sentences. These are called fragments.

Look at excerpts from Helen Clarke’s speech on "Beyond the Millennium Development Goals” and underline the fragments. The first one is done for you.

Moving beyond 2015 – broader issues to address. There is no doubt in my mind that a renewed global development agenda is desirable, and would re-energize human and sustainable development. In renewing, though, there is no need to start from scratch. The next agenda should build on the MDGs’ success, aim to complete their “unfinished business”, and reflect the profound global changes since 2000.

Some concluding thoughts. Two things are important now:  
1. maintaining a high level of public interest in the outcome of the negotiations on post-2015 and sustainable development goals, and  
  
2. accelerating achievement of the goals we have. The greater the success of the MDGs, the greater the credibility of the process of negotiating a new agenda will be.

A sobering reflection. Whether or not the MDG targets are met, around one billion people will still be living in extreme poverty in 2015. Many still will not have clean drinking water or improved sanitation. Many will still be suffering from hunger, malnutrition, gender discrimination, and more. Such suffering is inconsistent with the vision for dignity, equity, peace, and prosperity of the Millennium Declaration.

Retrieved from:

<http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/presscenter/speeches/2013/08/19/speech-helen-clark-at-2013-robert-chapman-lecture-on-beyond-the-millennium-development-goals-/>

**4. Using rhetorical questions**

In her speech, Helen Clarke used a number of rhetorical questions.

Some of the questions in the speech have been made into statements below. Change them back into questions.

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| **Statements** | **Questions** |
| There should be one. |  |
| It should apply. |  |
| There should be global targets. |  |
| There should be a universal agenda with local targets. |  |
| There should be a focus on tackling inequalities. |  |
| People want different things from a future agenda. |  |

View the speech at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FssUHDsSkKI>

The rhetorical questions begin at 6.18 minutes.

What do you notice about Helen Clarke’s voice when she asks a rhetorical question?

Why does she pause after each one?

**5. Time for Transitions**

Put the following words and phrases (sometimes called ‘signal words or connectives) into their correct place in the table depending on their function.

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| to sum up | previously | in addition | besides |
| in other words | furthermore | in brief | before |
| at this point | to conclude | also | as a consequence |
| however | finally | to illustrate | to demonstrate |
| on the other hand | alternatively | first of all | for instance |
| nevertheless | for example | next | in spite of |
| the next point I want to make is | from this we can see that | to recap the main points | the points I will focus on are |
| this will lead to | it is also true that | from this we can see |  |

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| **To introduce an additional idea** | **To summarise or conclude** | **To indicate time** |
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| **To indicate sequence or order** | **To give an example** | **To show an opposite idea - contrast** |
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**6. Transforming text**

* In pairs, change the text to include the use of a variety of sentence forms and pronouns.
* In groups, compare your changed texts.
* Deliver your improved text orally to a different partner for feedback.

What do you notice about the text below? How can you improve it?

Key interventions to control malaria have expanded. There has been increased attention and funding. A number of African countries have more insecticide-treated bed nets (ITNs). These are among the most effective tools available for preventing mosquito bites. Mosquito bites cause malaria. A few countries came close to the 2005 target. The target was of 60% coverage. A strengthened commitment is needed. Countries need to reach the revised target of 80% ITN use.

**7. Engaging the audience**

**Introductions**

* Discuss what makes a good introduction.
* Study the example. Why is it effective?
* Highlight the transition (or signal) words used.

Text adapted from: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXepkIWPhFQ>

Michael Pritchard: “How to make filthy water drinkable”

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| Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I see you’ve all been enjoying the water that has been provided for you at the conference (speaker holds up a glass of water) and I’m sure you’ll feel it’s from a safe source. But what if it wasn’t (pause). What if it was from a source like this (image of a child drinking from a muddy stream).  Statistics would say that over half of you would be suffering from diarrhoea. I’ve talked a lot in the past about statistics and the provision of safe drinking water for all. But they just don’t seem to get through. Using current thinking the scale of the problem just seems too huge to contemplate solving. So, we just switch off.  Well, today I’d like to show you how, by thinking differently, the problem has been solved.  And by the way, since I’ve been speaking another thirteen thousand people around the world are suffering now with diarrhoea and four children have just died. |

**Conclusions**

* Discuss what makes a good conclusion.
* Study the example. Why is it effective?
* Highlight the transition (or signal) words used. Why is one transition word repeated?

Text adapted from: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXepkIWPhFQ>

Michael Pritchard: “How to make filthy water drinkable”

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| So, by thinking differently and processing water at the point of use, mothers and children no longer have to walk four hours a day to collect their water. They can get it from a source nearby.  So, with just 8 billion dollars we can meet the MDG target of halving the number of people without access to safe drinking water. But why stop there? With 20 billion dollars everyone can have access to safe drinking water.  So the three and a half billion people who suffer every year as a result, and the two million kids who die every year will live. |

**8. Putting it all together: Structuring the presentation**

Like essays, formal presentations are structured. They have a beginning (or introduction), a middle (or body), and an end (or conclusion). Place the cut up text in the correct places to make a cohesive presentation.

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| **The introduction**  introduces the topic by:  giving the purpose of the presentation    outlining the scope of the talk  capturing the interest of the audience |  |
| **The body** develops the topic by:  having a clear topic sentence  adding supporting detail  supporting claims with evidence |  |

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| **The conclusion** should return to the points made in the introduction by:  summing up the main points of the presentation  leaving a strong impression in the minds of listeners. |  |

**Text**

(Cut up and distribute in a different order)

Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg's speech at the UN General Assembly meeting on Millennium Development Goals.

Adapted from: <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/speech-at-un-millennium-development-goals-summit>

It is an honour for me to address the General Assembly today for the first time as Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

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And it is a privilege to be here with you to discuss how together we can reach the Millennium Development Goals;

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To make the necessary commitments towards eradicating the problems that blight the world we share:

Poverty, hunger, disease, and the degradation of our natural environment.

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First and foremost, our single, common purpose is to uphold the dignity and security that is the right of every person in every part of the world. Development is, in the end, about freedom. It is about freedom from hunger and disease; freedom from ignorance; freedom from poverty. Development means ensuring that every person has the freedom to take their own life into their own hands and determine their own fate.

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The last decade has seen some important progress. That progress has, however, been uneven, and, on a number of our goals we remain significantly off track.

So my message to you today, from the UK government, is this - we will keep our promises; and we expect the rest of the international community to do the same.

For our part, the new government has committed to reaching 0.7% of GNI in aid from 2013. That aid will be targeted in the ways we know will make the biggest difference.

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And I am pleased to announce today that the UK will be stepping up our efforts to combat malaria.

In Africa, a child dies from this disease - this easily preventable disease - every 45 seconds. So we will make more money available, and ensure that we get more for our money, with the aim of halving malaria-related deaths in ten of the worst affected countries.

The Millennium Development Goals must be a priority for each and every nation present in this room. Developed nations must honour their commitments. And developing nations must understand that they will not receive a blank cheque. Developing countries and donors must work together - as equal partners - towards securing our common interest. They will be expected to administer aid in ways that are accountable, transparent, and responsible - creating the conditions for economic growth and job creation. Prioritising national budgets on health, infrastructure, education and basic services. Managing natural resources, particularly biodiversity, in an environmentally sustainable way. Improving the lives of women and girls: empowering them; educating them; ensuring healthy mothers can raise strong children. There can be no doubt that women and girls hold the key to greater prosperity: for their families, for their communities, and for their nations too.

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If we each step up, we can meet the Millennium Development Goals.

We can liberate millions of people from daily suffering, and give them the resources to take control of their lives, and their destinies.

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So let future generations look back and say that they inherited a better world because - at this critical moment, at this difficult moment - we did not shrink from our responsibilities.

Let them say that we rose to the challenge, that we kept our promise.

**9. Applying the learning: Peer feedback form**

Use the form to get feedback from a partner on the structure of your draft presentation

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| **Your presentation** | ✓/✗ | **Comments** |
| **The introduction** |  |  |
| introduces the topic |  |  |
| gives the academic purpose |  |  |
| outlines the scope of the talk |  |  |
| captures the interest of the audience |  |  |
| **The body** |  |  |
| has clear topic sentences for each section |  |  |
| adds supporting detail with evidence and examples |  |  |
| uses transitions |  |  |
| demonstrates a broad understanding of the topic |  |  |
| **The conclusion** |  |  |
| returns to the points made in the introduction |  |  |
| sums up the main points of the presentation |  |  |
| leaves a strong impression in the minds of listeners |  |  |

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| **Dimension of effective practice** | **Teaching and learning sequence 3: Effective delivery of the presentation** | **Metacognitive prompts** |
| *Expectations*  *Knowledge of the learner*  *Instructional strategies*  *Instructional strategies*  *Instructional strategies*  *Partnerships*  *Instructional strategies*  *Expectations*  *Knowledge of the learner* | *Ensuring students know the learning outcomes*  **Teaching and learning purposes**   * Delivery of speech is fluent and audible * Pronunciation is understandable and word choice is accurate (1.2)   **Student learning outcomes:**   * I can speak clearly and be understood.   *Finding out the learners’ prior knowledge*  **1. You be the judge**   * Students view two presentations (one poor model and one good model). * Students make notes as they view presentations. * Discuss findings and qualities needed for effective delivery of speeches. * Go through marking criteria for effective delivery (p.29).   *Linking learning to real life*  **Emphasis on fluency**  Select from the following activities according to your students’ needs.  **2. In the hot seat**   * Teacher cuts up familiar topics and places them in a container. * A student is chosen to be in the hot seat. He/she chooses a topic and speaks for 2 minutes. * The other students mark for delivery. * Feedback session focuses on positive aspects of delivery and suggests any improvements that need to be made.   *Planning the learning tasks so that all learners are actively involved.*  **3. 4-3-2 activity**  The purpose of this activity is to develop oral fluency. Learners give the same talk to three different learners with decreasing time to do it.   * The students work in pairs. Student A talks to Student B and has a time limit of four minutes to do this. Student B just listens and does not interrupt or question. * When the four minutes are up, the teacher says, "Change partners". Student A then moves to a new Student B. The teacher says "Begin" and Student A gives exactly the same talk to the new partner but this time has only three minutes. * When the three minutes are up, the teacher says "Stop. Change partners." With a new partner, Student A now has two minutes to talk. * During the three deliveries of the same talk, the B learners do not talk. However, after each talk, give the listeners time to give constructive feedback on oral fluency using the speaking frame (p.31). * When the A learners have given their talk three times, the B learners can now go through the same sequence, this time as speakers.   *Ensuring a balance between receptive and productive language*  **Emphasis on audibility**  Select from the following activities according to your students’ needs.  **4. Shouting dictation**  This activity gives students practice at speaking loud enough to be heard.   * Students are in pairs and sitting at a distance from each other. In a class, this can be done with a row of students (A) and a gap in between the second row of students (B). * Student A shouts the dictation as student B copies it down. * Then roles are reversed and student B shouts the dictation as student A copies it down. * Students can be encouraged to ask for clarification or check that they have heard the word correctly.   Follow up: Students check their version against the copy below and make any alterations. They then give feedback to their partner on any words they had difficulty hearing, or any words they had difficulty in pronouncing.  *Making the lesson comprehensible to all learners*  **Emphasis on pronunciation**  Select from the following activities according to your students’ needs.  **5. Running dictation**  In this activity the ‘runner’ needs to have correct  pronunciation in order for the text to be reproduced correctly. The writer is not allowed to clarify or ask for words to be repeated so that the runner concentrates on clear pronunciation.   * Photocopy the text and attach to the far walls of the room. The challenge is for each pair to reproduce the text. * Each pair decides who will be the runner and who will be the writer. * The runner memorises as much as s/he can and then returns to dictate it to their partner who writes down what is said as accurately as possible. * The writer is not allowed to clarify or ask for words to be repeated. * When pairs have finished, the teacher checks with the original. * The pair that finishes first and has a text that is closest to the original is the winner.   Follow up with a discussion on any words/blends/sounds that caused pronunciation difficulties.  *Recycling the use of the same language in different ways*  **6. Verb dictation: Creating confidence**  The aim of this activity is to provide students with strategies for overcoming nervousness so they can present in a confident manner.   * Teacher reads each sentence and writes the verb only on the board. * When finished, students use the verbs as prompts to recreate the sentences orally. * Finish with a discussion on the main messages of the dictation.   *Using approaches that include listening, reading, speaking and writing*  **7. Peer feedback**  1. Students record the introduction of their speech using a recording device e.g. VoiceThread, Vocaroo, or mobile phone.  2. Other students listen and post constructive comments.  *Providing opportunities for reflection and evaluation*  **Reflection**  In pairs, students write about   * a skill and a quality their partner has. * a skill or quality they want to develop. | *Which students will need scaffolding and which students will need extending?*  *What criteria are the students using to judge the speeches?*  *Which students need more practice with similar follow up activities?*  *How self-aware are students on fluency in speech?*  *Are students able to give constructive and targeted feedback?*  *Which students need individual support because of pronunciation difficulties?*  *What further opportunities can I use to enable students to practise these skills?*  *Have I thought about how to effectively pair students?*  *What information has this sequence provided on student learning and gaps that need to be addressed?*  *Do I need to model this activity so that all students can participate?*  *Have I explained the reason for this activity?*  *What do the reflections tell me about gaps that still need to be addressed?* |

### Student tasks

### Teaching and learning sequence 3

### 1. You be the judge

Presentation A: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yzIC7o8GbSQ>

Presentation B: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4fPYATvzR8>

Make notes as you view each presentation.

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| **Presentation A** | **Presentation B** |
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### Presentations: Marking criteria for effective delivery

Marking guide:

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poor good very good outstanding

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| **Effective Delivery** | **Number** |
| **A. Fluency**  1. Does not speak too slow or too fast.  2. Few hesitations    3. Few fillers e.g. ‘ums’ and ‘ers’.  3. Varying the tone of their voice rather than using a monotone.  4. Able to pronounce all words clearly and correctly. |  |

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| **Volume**  1. Able to be heard easily by everyone in the room  2. Able to vary volume. |  |
| **Confidence**  1. Appears self-confident and assured.  2. Makes eye contact    3. Knows the material well (does not look down at notes too much).  4. Stands straight with no distractions. |  |

**2. In the hot seat**

Topics to cut up (Note, for fluency it is important these are topics your students have prior knowledge on and can talk without preparation. You will need to adapt/change to suit the needs of your class).

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| The importance of water |
| A country I would like to visit |
| The biggest problem facing children today |
| How is education a key to helping people break out of poverty? |
| Developed countries should give money to support developing countries. Do you agree? |
| The importance of sanitation |
| How diseases can be prevented |
| How the youth of today can help solve world problems |

**3. 4,3,2 activity**

**Speaking frame: Giving feedback on oral fluency**

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| **I think you** | spoke |  | at the right pace  too quickly  too slowly |
| had | no  some  a lot of | hesitations. |
| used | no  some  too many | fillers (um, er etc) |
|  | varied  didn’t vary | the tone of your voice. |
| pronounced | all  most  some | words clearly and correctly. |

**4. Shouting dictation**

This activity will give you practice at speaking loud enough to be heard.

* Student A shouts the dictation as student B copies it down.
* Then roles are reversed and student B shouts the dictation as student A copies it down.

You can ask for clarification or check that you have heard the word correctly.

**Text A: Education**

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| Education is vital for combating poverty and disease. It creates more opportunities for people and gives them a stronger voice in society. Without education there can be no development –personal, economic or social. The MDG target is to ensure that, by 2015, children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course  of primary schooling. Currently, only 52 out of 155 developing countries have achieved this goal. |

**Text B: Gender disparity**

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| Women and girls play vital roles within families and in society as a whole – yet they remain subject to discrimination on social, political and legal levels. While many women have started to realise their potential, there are still huge barriers to overcome.  The MDG target is to eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, no later than 2015. |

**5. Running dictation**

* Decide who will be the runner and who will be the writer.
* The runner needs to run to the text, memorise as much of the sentence as possible and then return to dictate it to their partner.
* The writer is not allowed to clarify or ask for words to be repeated.
* When you have finished, your teacher will check with the original.
* The pair that finishes first, and has a text that is closest to the original, is the winner.

**Text: Child Mortality**

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| Worldwide, more than ten million children die each year before they reach the age of five, almost all of them in developing countries. Most of these deaths could be prevented by clean water, sanitation, good food and health care. In developing countries, as many as one child in ten dies before the age of five. The MDG target is reduce the under-five mortality rate by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015. |

**6. Verb dictation: Creating confidence**

* Your teacher will read each sentence and write the verb only on the board.
* In pairs, use the verbs as prompts to retell the text.
* Discuss the main messages of the dictation.

1. **Practise** your talk with a friend.

2. **Ensure** that your talk is the correct length (8 to 10 minutes).

3. **Rehearse** any words or phrases that may be difficult for you to pronounce.

4. **Learn** the beginning of your talk off by heart.

5. **Make** eye contact with your audience.

6. **Stand** straight and raise your chin.

7. **Keep** your hands still.

8. **Try** to talk at your normal rate of speech.

9. **Pause** and take some deep breathes for relaxation.

**7. Peer feedback**

Record the introduction of your speech using a recording device e.g. VoiceThread, Vocaroo, or mobile phone. Other students will listen and post constructive comments.

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| **Dimension of effective practice** | **Teaching and learning sequence 4: Using strategies to engage the audience** | **Metacognitive prompts** |
| *Expectations*  *Knowledge of the learner*  *Engaging students with text*  *Instructional strategies*  *Expectations*  *Knowledge of the learner* | *Ensuring students know the learning outcomes*  **Teaching and learning purposes**   * A range of strategies is used to promote sustained engagement with the audience (1.5)   **Student learning outcomes:**   * I can use a range of verbal and non-verbal strategies to engage the audience * I can respond to questions from the audience.   *Finding out the learners’ prior knowledge*  **1. Communication strategies**  This activity aims to build on students’ prior knowledge of verbal and non-verbal strategies. The emphasis is on  their understanding of the function of each strategy.  Begin with a quick writing exercise in which students write down as many strategies as they know. Then focus on why they are used.   * In pairs, student A presents a part of his/her speech. * Student B puts a card down whenever the particular strategy is used. * When finished, student B gives feedback. * Roles are then reversed.   *Using approaches that include viewing, listening, speaking and writing*  **2. The X factor**   * Watch a YouTube clip without sound (see possible links in student tasks). * As they watch students note down non-verbal strategies used in the template. * Students listen to the same clip a second time (no picture). * As they listen, students note down verbal strategies. * Finish with a discussion on the effectiveness of the strategies used.   *Making the lesson comprehensible to all learners*  **3. Running cloze dictation**  The purpose of this activity is to give students information about how they can prepare for a question time after their presentation.   * Students follow the same instructions for running dictation but when the runner comes to a missing word he says ‘line’ to the writer. * When the runner has dictated the passage the two students try and work out the missing words together. * When they are satisfied with their answers they take it to the teacher for checking. (Any answer that fits the context and grammar of the sentence is acceptable)   **4. Applying the learning**  Put students into mixed pairs and ask them to practise their presentations. Encourage students to particularly focus on giving helpful feedback on strategies used to engage the audience.  *Providing opportunities for reflection and evaluation*  **Reflection: Post Its**   * Students have 2 ‘Post Its’. On one they summarise what they have learnt. On the other they summarise areas they want more practice in. * When finished they stick them to different areas of the whiteboard. | *How can I explain the learning outcomes so that students see the importance of them?*  *What does this activity tell me about gaps students have in their understanding?*  *Is this activity building on what my students know about strategies?*  *Who are the more confident students that I can pair with those who need extra support?*  *What further opportunities can I use to enable students to practise these skills?*  *What information has this reflection provided on student learning and gaps that need to be addressed?* |

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**Student tasks**

**Teaching and learning sequence 4**

**1. Communication strategies**

* In pairs, student A will present a part of his/her speech.
* Student B then puts a card down whenever the particular strategy is used.
* When finished student B gives feedback.
* Roles are then reversed.

**Communication cards: Verbal and non-verbal strategies**

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| **pause** | **change in volume** |
| **change in pitch** | **gesture** |
| **rhetorical question** | **originality** |
| **humour** |  |

**2. The X factor**

Links to possible YouTube speeches:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXepkIWPhFQ>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r4fPYATvzR8>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lCusDqc_S7o&list=PL376B969E8F50E8D1&index=3>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d3m4-Yo8ocI&list=PL376B969E8F50E8D1&index=4>

**3. Running cloze dictation**

### Responding to questions

When you prepare for your talk, you should also prepare and practise some sample answers to likely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. A good presentation will naturally encourage discussion and questions from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The following strategies may be useful for responding to questions effectively:

* Listen \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to your questioner.
* Paraphrase the question to clarify it for both you and your audience. This also gives you some thinking time before you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* If you don’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the answer then simply say so or offer to research the question. You may even ask for suggestions from the audience.
* Respond to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ questions respectfully.

### Original text

### Responding to questions

When you prepare for your talk, you should also prepare and practise some sample answers to likely questions. A good presentation will naturally encourage discussion and questions from the audience.

The following strategies may be useful for responding to questions effectively:

* Listen attentively to your questioner, ensuring you make eye contact.
* Paraphrase the question to clarify it for both you and your audience. This also gives you some thinking time before you respond.
* If you don’t know the answer then simply say so or offer to research the question. You may even ask for suggestions from the audience.
* Respond to all questions respectfully.

Adapted from: http://services.unimelb.edu.au/academicskills/speaking/presentations#powerpoint

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| **Dimension of effective practice** | **Teaching and learning sequence 5: Ensuring the presentation is effective** | **Metacognitive prompts** |
| *Expectations*  *Knowledge of the learner*  *Engaging learners with the text*  *Instructional strategies*  *Knowledge of the learner* | *Ensuring students know the learning outcomes*  **Teaching and learning purposes**   * Use of visual aids contributes to the effectiveness of the presentation (1.6)   **Student learning outcomes:**  I can   * choose appropriate visual aids * use visual aids effectively by integrating them into my presentation.   **Choose from the following activities according to the needs of students.**  *Finding out the learners’ prior knowledge*  **1. Poster: What do I know about visual aids?**   * In groups students pool their knowledge and decide on the type of poster they will use to represent their understandings. * Each member of the group has a different coloured pen and must contribute equally. * When finished, groups present their posters to the class.   This activity could also be done online.  *Planning the learning tasks so that all learners are actively involved*  **2. Strip story**   * Give out sentence beginnings to one half of the class and sentence endings to the other half. * Encourage students to learn their part of the sentence. * Students circulate around the room repeating their text until they find a partner with the matching sentence half. * They then speak out their sentence for the rest of the class who can decide if it is a correct match. * Encourage students to think about the clues they used to match the sentence halves.   Extension: Ask students to repeat their sentences out loud and then try and get in the order of the original paragraph. Again, encourage them to think about clues they used.  *Making the lesson comprehensible to all learners*  **3. Visual storyboard**  The purpose of this activity is to enable students to systematically plan to use visual aids during their presentation.   * Show some examples of storyboards and explain the purpose. * Students choose key information from their power point and detail the visuals that will be used. * In small groups, students share their storyboards and ask for feedback.   *Using approaches that include listening, reading, speaking and writing*  **4. Verb dictation: Power point dos and don’ts**   * Teacher reads each sentence and writes the verb only on the board. * When finished, students use the verbs as prompts to recreate the sentences. * Finish with a discussion on the main messages of the dictation. The teacher could model using a power point badly followed by a power point used effectively.   *Monitoring student learning*  **5. Putting it all together**  The aim of this activity is to give students an opportunity to practise their presentation and receive peer feedback.   * Students can give their presentations in groups or to the class depending on the time available. * Students fill in the peer feedback form as they listen.   *Providing opportunities for reflection and evaluation*  **Reflection:**  Students collate the main messages from their feedback forms and summarise them. They then write an action plan on what they need to do before the formative assessment. | *How can I link these outcomes to previous learning?*  *How can I form groups to ensure students learn from each other?*  *Can I use this activity to encourage students to practise clear delivery?*  *What further opportunities can I use to enable students to practise these skills?*  *Do I need to reinforce some of these messages in other ways?*  *How can I support students to integrate visuals effectively?*  *Are all students ready for the formative assessment?* |

**Student tasks**

**Teaching and learning sequence 5**

**2. Strip story**

* Give out sentence beginnings to one half of the class and sentence endings to the other half.
* Encourage students to learn their part of the sentence.
* Students circulate around the room repeating their text until they find a partner with the matching sentence half.
* They then speak out their sentence for the rest of the class who can decide if it is a correct match.
* Encourage students to think about the clues they used to match the sentence halves.

**Sentence beginnings**

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| To ensure you keep your audience interested |
| All visuals should complement |
| It is important that they are |
| Visuals must be integrated into your presentation, |
| Visual aids are intended to support you, |
| Whatever you use to support your presentation, |

**Sentence endings**

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| it is important to put some thought into visual aids. |
| your oral presentation. |
| interesting, legible and convey only the necessary information. |
| so the audience knows exactly why they have been used. |
| not replace you. |
| the focus should remain on you and your ideas. |

**Original text**

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| To ensure you keep your audience interested, it is important to put some thought into visual aids. All visuals should complement your oral presentation. It is important that they are interesting, legible and convey only the necessary information. Visuals must be integrated into your presentation, so the audience knows exactly why they have been used. Visual aids are intended to support you, not replace you. Whatever you use to support your presentation, the focus should remain on you and your ideas. |

#### **3. Visual storyboard**

#### **Instructions**

Draw up a 'storyboard'—a visual layout of the different 'scenes' in your presentation in rough sketch form. Storyboarding helps you visualise how the content of your presentation will flow and how the slides relate to each other. Your storyboard should be a type of map, outlining the main points of your presentation.

Draw in pencil and have an eraser handy. You can rule up some frames on A3 paper or use a set of index cards or large post-it notes to try out different presentation sequences.

#### **4. Verb dictation: Power point dos and don’ts**

* The teacher will read each sentence and write the verb only on the board.
* When finished, use the verbs as prompts to retell the sentences to your partner.
* Discuss the main messages of the dictation.

1. **Make** your visuals simple and clear.

2. **Use** one message per slide.

3. **Limit** the number of slides to 5 or 6 per 10 minutes.

4. **Reduce** the amount of text to main points only.

5. **Choose** a large font e.g. 24 points.

6. **Be** consistent with font, colour and style.

7. **Use** animations sparingly.

8. **Check** spelling and grammar.

#### **NB This is an example of a presentation in which visual aids are used effectively:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rXepkIWPhFQ>

**5. Putting it all together**

Use the form below to give constructive feedback to your partner.

**Peer feedback form**

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| **Presentation feedback** | ✓/✗ | **Comments** |
| **Ideas and organisation** |  |  |
| Structure is clear making it easy to follow |  |  |
| Structure is the right one for the topic |  |  |
| A wide range of relevant information is used, including some theory |  |  |
| **Delivery** |  |  |
| Voice is clear and easily understood |  |  |
| Sounds/sound clusters and words are pronounced clearly and accurately. |  |  |
| Only occasional hesitations |  |  |
| Voice is projected so that everyone can hear |  |  |
| **Language structures** |  |  |
| A variety of sentence structures is used, including complex sentences |  |  |
| A few inaccuracies only; self-corrects if necessary |  |  |
| **Vocabulary** |  |  |
| A wide range of accurate vocabulary is used, including academic vocabulary |  |  |
| **Communication strategies** |  |  |
| Pauses are used for effect |  |  |
| Changes in pitch and volume contribute to effectiveness |  |  |
| Gestures are used for effect |  |  |
| The audience is engaged through the use of originality, humour, rhetorical questions |  |  |
| A question time is initiated confidently |  |  |
| Questions/comments are responded to appropriately |  |  |
| **Visual aids** |  |  |
| Relevant and clear visual aids are used |  |  |
| Visual aids are integrated with the content |  |  |
| Visual aids do not contain large amount of text |  |  |