

Master Apprentice Principals

- (a) immersion
- (b) natural approach to language learning
- (c) focus on oral, not written
- (d) autonomous- no need for classrooms, etc.

2) The 10 main points of language learning/ teaching

1. Leave English Behind.
2. Make yourself understood with nonverbal communication.
3. Teach in full sentences, teach in conversations.
4. Aim for real communication in your language of heritage.
5. Language is also culture.
6. Focus on listening and speaking, rather than writing & grammatical analysis.
7. Activities for master and apprentice to do together.
8. Audio & Videotaping.
(label, label, label!)
9. How to be an active learner.
10. Be sensitive to each other's needs; be patient and proud of each other and yourselves.

4) Active learning:

a. Apprentices learn from masters how to ask some basic questions:

examples:

What is this?

What is that?

How do you say ____?

What is ____ doing?

b. Remind the master to stay in the language

Please say that in our language.

Let's talk in our language.

Say it slower please.

Say it again please.

using the props, gather in groups and learn/practice question phrases.

5) Developing basic vocabulary

a. Think of things people should know how to say as soon as possible.

examples:

body parts

animals

numbers

colors

verbs (commands)

clothing

weather, etc.

How to learn new vocabulary within a context:

Ex) head, shoulders, knees and toes

(remember to emphasize, words are just words unless you can turn them into sentences)

6) Activities

a. TPR Principles:

*master point to object while saying name; say it several times

*learner ask for repetition if needed; try to say the word yourself

*master use commands with the object

Discuss past problems and possible solutions

--there are no wrong answers

--how have similar problems been previously adressed?

--how did we adress these same problems today when they arose?

Pictures &/or books:

Using pictures, get the apprentices to talk by asking questions.

-Five minutes of master speaking (apprentice should also be asking

questions).

-Five minutes of the master forcing the apprentice to speak by asking them questions.