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DIRECT-INSTRUCTION MODEL

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We Have to Teach Students to

Think for themselves, Fulfill their potential, Be creative, Gain self esteem, Be ready for this productive world.

Five Habits of Mind: For Teachers

Developing teachers must learn to consider these Five Habits of Mind in order to make defensible decisions in their practice.

The habits of mind interact, so there is no set order in which they must be considered.

Teachers need to think about:

- The <u>Learners</u> with whom they are working; How does the learner's background, experience, and mode of learning relate to the teacher's decision making?
- The <u>Contexts</u> of the classroom, school and community; What impact does the physical, psychological, and social environment have on instructional decision making?
- The Curriculum they will be teaching;
 What are the implications of the selection of content,
 materials, and experiences?
- The <u>Methods of Instruction</u> they will use;

What models, strategies, and techniques for teaching and learning will match the characteristics of the learners and instructional goals?

How they will <u>Assess</u> the learning that goes on; How can we observe and make judgments about student learning in fair, accurate ways that also improve instruction?

Five Habits of Mind: For Students

There are Five Habits of Mind we should develop in our students.

Students need to ask themselves:

- How do we know what we think we know? What's our evidence? How credible is it?
- Whose viewpoint are we hearing, reading, seeing? What other viewpoints might there be if we changed our position, our perspective?
- How is one thing connected to another? Is there a pattern here?
- How else might it have been? What if? Supposing that?
- What difference does it make? Who cares?

Models for Teaching

There are many models for teaching the disciplines and/or ideas of humankind.
There may be as many models for teaching these structures as there are people.

The primary purpose of this course is to promote as many introductory experiences, with well established models as possible. As we have these experiences, we can realize that some models are more to our liking than others and this is perhaps due to the way we learn best. Each one of us has a pattern for learning and this pattern has evolved from our background experiences.

Therefore, each student-teacher has to learn as many different models for teaching as he or she can, so that a greater pedagogical success can evolve.

Elements to Consider

Whatever model of teaching or method of instruction we use, there are certain elements we ought to consider.

A model of teaching makes sense because it is appropriate for the **objective or goal** of the lesson.

For example, it makes no sense to choose the presentation (lecture) model to get students to explore their feelings about an issue. Thus, models are not interchangeable-they make sense only if they contribute to what we want students to learn.

Each model has implications for how we should structure the classroom **environment**, which goes beyond a seating arrangement. We can easily lecture to kids sitting passively in rows; the same arrangement (and passivity) would be deadly to a cooperative learning activity.

So, we need to consider the implications for our classroom in using a given model.

Finally, each model has a **syntax**, or <u>series of steps to follow</u>. For example, when we teach a *direct instruction lesson* (which is appropriate for teaching procedural knowledge or skills), we have to be certain to include *guided practice*.

As we learn models, we need to examine the elements and note the distinctions among them.

Delivering an Effective DIRECT INSTRUCTION Lesson

This is sometimes called direct teaching. It's probably what most people think of when they imagine a teacher.

The **teacher** gives a clear explanation of how to do something, and the **student** observes, practices, and eventually masters this skill. One advantage of the direct instruction model over the presentation model (lecture) is that there is a built-in guarantee that students will be doing something. Otherwise, the models are fairly similar.

Objectives: Direct instruction is appropriate for teaching a procedural objective, such as having students be able to diagram a sentence, conduct an experiment, create a piece of pottery, and so on.

Syntax: Recommended order for developing a good direct instruction lesson:

- 1. Províde an <u>anticipatory set.</u>
- 2. Communicate our <u>objectives</u> (through a statement, question, or some other means). We might tell them what they will be able to do at the end of the lesson that they cannot do now.
- 3. <u>Demonstrate</u> the skill. This means we have to do it. If we are teaching them to throw a pot (art), then we need to walk them through the steps, articulating what we do as we go. As a rule, it is more effective if we list those steps for the students (on the board, in a handout, etc.).

- 4. Provide <u>guided practice</u>. This means the students try out what we've taught them, but they do so under our careful guidance. WE walk around to monitor what they are doing. Remember, if they practice it wrong, they'll have a much more difficult time learning the right way.
- 5. <u>Check for understanding</u> and provide <u>feedback</u>. They need to know if they are doing it right.
- 6. Provide for <u>independent practice</u>. This generally means homework, though sometimes this is not possible, due to materials.
- 7. Provide <u>closure</u>. Review the steps of the process.

Environment: Like presentation, this is a teacher-dominated form of instruction. The environment reflects this, though the students' practicing is a refreshing break from the teacher lecturing.

Effects: Students should be able to DO whatever procedure you have taught them.

A secondary effect is that you instill confidence in students. They leave a good direct instruction lesson with a sense of confidence that they can do something.

DIRECT-INSTRUCTION MODEL Lesson Plan Format

OBJECTIVE

Stated in behavioral terms - "by (insert time or date), the learner will (insert verb phrase showing what the student will do) with (insert percentage %) accuracy, as measured by (insert evaluation format). "

ANTICIPATORY SET

Prepares student for the lesson , Refers to knowledge learned in previous lessons , Previews new lesson , often with a question. The Objective is often directly stated to the students.

DIRECT INSTRUCTION

Instruction presented by the teacher to the whole class or group - actual teaching .

GUIDED PRACTICE

Students try out information presented in the lesson under the direct guidance of the teacher.

Immediate feedback is given to the student

INDIVIDUAL PRACTICE

Students practice information in larger blocks, either in the presence of the teacher, with more at home (homework). Feedback on correctness should follow as close to the lesson as possible.

CLOSURE

Teacher and students restate the objective

EVALUATION

Evaluation of the materials completed or discussion related to the objective

Lesson Plan Direct-Instruction Model

1- Planning the Lesson:

- 1.1 Topic "Conditional Sentences"
- 1.2 Objectives
 - a Content:

Students will know the difference between the indicative and conditional moods .

Students will be able to use the verbs in conditional sentences (1^{st} and 2^{nd} types) accurately.

Students will be able to justify the use of the tenses in conditional sentences (1^{st} and 2^{nd} types).

b - Process:

Students will observe <u>then</u> answer questions, give examples, practice, correct

They will be actively involved and will assume more responsibility as the lesson progresses.

1.3 Prerequisite Knowledge

Indicative Mood with all its tenses

- + Irregular Verbs
- + Modals

1.4 Selected Examples

- 1) If you study you (will) succeed
- 2) If you studied you would succeed

[In addition to the examples the students could give]

2- Implementing the Lesson

[I would like first to mention a few things :

Course Name = English as a third language

Grade = 10th

Time = 100 minutes

Number of students = 20

2.1 Lesson Introduction

- "Good morning everyone, how are you today? Are you ready to start the lesson?"
- "Yes miss!" said the students all together.
- "Excellent! Then let's start

As you recall, we have been studying the tenses in the indicative mood for the last two months; who can tell me what this mood expresses? Tony?"

- "REALITY!" said Tony enthusiastically.
- "Good, Tony, and how do you know that?"
- "I know it because when I say for example 'I am talking now ', it is an action in the indicative mood and it expresses something that is really happening."
- "Very well ... What else can you tell me about this mood? Sonia?"
- "You taught us to think logically when we use the tenses".
- "Yes, I really did, good Sonia! ... You know, once you study the tenses and the different moods logically, you find them very easy and you never forget them.

Now, let's switch to something else: it's the Conditional Mood and, especially, its application in Conditional sentences.

I can tell you something, once you have grasped this mood and its use, you will be able to avoid all those grammar mistakes in your essays!"

2.2 Lesson Presentation

- "I would like to start with something very important: unlike the indicative mood, the conditional mood does not express reality! It expresses a condition $_$ you can tell from its name.

(Here the teacher goes to the chalkboard and writes:)

e.g. If you study you will succeed

What do you need in order to succeed? You need to study; so studying is the condition for success to take place.

Now about the sentences; there are three major types of conditional sentencestoday we'll study the first two.

Who can give me the first one?........ Yes, Mira?"

- "You've just given it to us, miss, 'If you study you will succeed.' "
- "So we can say that: if + present => future
- "Miss, can't we say 'If you study you succeed'?" asked Marcel.
- "Yes we can, Marcel, but there will be a slight change in meaning. When you say 'If you study you will succeed', you are talking to someone specific, and the time is specific; but when you use the simple present tense in the main clause, you are talking in general; the time is not specific.

Now what about the second type, do you know anything about it? Cynthia?

- " *If* + *Simple Past* => *would* +"
- " ...Incomplete infinitive!" interrupted Raja .
- "Good Raja, but you should have let Cynthia answer!" So the example will be 'If you studied you would succeed'.

- "The action in the first one is in the present while the action in the second one is in the past."
- "This is what I want you to pay attention to! No, contrary to what everyone usually thinks, when we use the simple past in the conditional sentences the action always and only refers to the present tense.

So what is the difference between the two types?

The difference, dear students, is that in the first type we don't know anything about the person we are talking to, about the fact,

while in the second type we know that the fact is different from the if clause.

(The teacher goes back to the board and writes)

- 1) If you study (now) you will succeed [what is implied here is that I don't know anything about the fact]
- 2) If you studied (now) you would succeed
 [what is implied here is that I know you are not
 studying, the fact is different from the If clause]
 => <u>BUT</u>you are not studying "

2.3 Guided Practice + Feedback

- "O.K. now, let's practice whatever we've just learned.

[The teacher gives them a handout on which there is an exercise on conditional sentences: 1^{st} and 2^{nd} types; they have to put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense and to justify the use of the tenses.

While the students are doing the exercise, the teacher passes by them, answers questions and corrects in case there is something wrong.

Then they correct the exercise all together.]

2.4 Closure

- "Now that you have practised the use of the first two types of conditional sentences, how can you summarize what you've learned todaySamir?
- "We have learned the conditional mood, what it expresses, and the first two types of conditional sentences."
- "What is the most important difference between these two typesSalim?"

- -"The fact in the second type is different from the If clause while in the first one we don't know anything about it."
- "Does anyone of the two types refer to the past Aileen?"
- "No, both of them refer to the present."
- "Excellent, you seem to have understood everything. Now so that you consolidate whatever you've learnt, I will give you a homework assignment."

2.5 Independent Practice

[The teacher gives the students a homework assignment to promote retention, automaticity and transfer.

Exercise: 'Finish the following sentences using the first or second types of conditional sentences, then justify the use of the type.']

3 - Assessing Student Learning:

Individual Test:

Write a paragraph of 15 lines (150 words) on the following topic:

"What would you do if you had only one year to live?"

Two Approaches to Teaching Concepts

Inductive strategy: (Inductive, Concept-Attainment and Integrative Models)

- 1. Present the best example first, name it, and ask questions to elicit the attributes students think might be important to the concept.
- 2. Present a second example for comparison and have students compare the two to test which attributes are criterial and which are noncriterial.
- 3. Present additional examples and nonexamples, engaging students in discussion of the attributes and sorting the noncriterial from the criterial.
- 4. List the attributes and ask questions intended to have the students verbalize the concept rule or definition (X are ___?).
- 5. Assess learning by presenting new examples and nonexamples and seeing if students can sort them into the proper categories.
- 6. Assess by introducing a related concepts and comparing it to that just learned.

[Note: this process can also begin with a problem, that is, a position of psychological doubt, that moves students to seek an answer to the puzzle or mystery posed.]

Deductive strategy: (Direct-Instruction and Lecture-Discussion Models)

- 1. Present the best example first, define it, and list the attributes most important to the concept.
- 2. Present a second example for comparison and indicate which attributes are criterial and which are noncriterial.
- 3. Provide additional examples and through practice and feedback, ensure that students understand criterial and noncriterial attributes.
- 4. Assess learning in the same way as above.

Strategies for Instruction

There can always be a range of abilities in the same class, and sometimes that range is wide.

Instruction has to be such that students at all levels of thinking can be included, and the materials and activities must be open ended to enable all students to participate.

Tips on including all students in class work:

1) Teaching Techniques

- Speak slowly and clearly, but not loudly.
- Make the consequences for successful performance attractive.
- Share the completion of the student's work with another adult or peer in the class, or with an interested person outside the classroom.
- Use concrete manipulative materials to develop whole concepts.
- Photocopy notes if the student is unable to write clearly.
- Encourage peers to assist in thinking of ways in which the student can accomplish a task: "How can Steven do this assignment?"
- Invite the student to assist in lesson presentation, by participating in brainstorming, for example, or by giving out materials.
- Provide a print outline of the main points that the student is to learn from listening to the lesson, reading a passage in a book, listening to a tape, or watching a video, with blanks to be filled in as the information is given.
- Allow the student extra time for assignments and tests.
- Recognize the length of time that the student can stay on task, then provide opportunities for breaks and teach the student an acceptable way to ask for a break.

- Use different color chalks and felt pens to emphasize important points, and to make it easier for the student to find her place on the board or paper.
- Use highly contrasting colors.
- Enlarge the print.
- Glue the steps of an operation inside the front cover of the student's book for easy reference.
- Provide a print copy of the text so that the examples can be done on the sheet. Often, errors occur when the student copies and much time is used up. The examples can be enlarged if more space is required for the answers. One or two questions can be presented at a time to make the task less threatening.
- Provide written instructions of the steps to be followed to complete a task.
- Provide picture instructions of the steps to be followed to complete a task.
- Organize the student's materials ahead of time.
- When appropriate, offer a choice of two or three materials or activities.
- Structure the sequence of activities.

2) Adapt the Goals

- Simplify the vocabulary in the questions.
- Simplify the reading materials by highlighting the main points in the textbook or handouts so that the student can get the main ideas.
- Provide general reading on the same topic of study, but at the appropriate reading level.
- Use the same materials and work, but teach concrete rather than abstract concepts, or simpler rather than more complicated concepts.
- Change the criteria for successful performance.
- Assign smaller amounts of work.
- Substitute a similar but easier task.

- Substitute a prerequisite task on the same topic.
- Clarify the task directions.
- Restate in simpler language.
- Ask a peer to repeat the directions.
- Provide only one or two directions at a time.
- Explain unfamiliar terms.
- Write directions on the board in front of the student.
- Write directions on a small board or piece of paper on the student's desk.
- Record directions on tape so that they can be listened to one at a time.
- Use hand signals or signing for the student who has a hearing impairment.
- Provide directions in Braille for the student who has a visual impairment.
- Stand close to the student and gain eye contact before giving direction.

3) Change the Task Characteristics

- Tape record the answers.
- Make a chart, model, or collage.
- Decorate a bulletin board.
- Make a time line.
- Interview a person using a questionnaire.
- Interview a person using a tape recorder.
- Shoot a "TV show" using a video camera.
- Prepare a radio or TV commercial.
- Act out a play, skit or mime show.
- Give an oral presentation using a prepared chart of pictures or photographs, or picture cue cards.
- Provide a scribe.
- Use a calculator.
- Use pictures to illustrate work.
- Provide a computer printout.

4) Provide Prompts

Teachers use prompts or cues for all students. Some students require a more intense level of prompting in order to accomplish a task.

Prompts should be given in the least intrusive way, and with the intention of fading them as soon as possible. This is necessary so that the student does not become bound by the prompt. A student may begin to think he is not allowed to do the next part of a task until the prompt has been given. If the prompting is constant and static it may discourage the student from trying the next step of the process.

Gradually move through levels of prompts as the student begins to master each task.

- 1. Physically assist the student to do the task.
- 2. Then give what physical assistance is necessary to complete the task.
- 3. Give a gesture, or model the task, so that the student can copy the action.
- 4. Give a direct verbal prompt, such as: "Pick up your pen."
- 5. Give an indirect verbal prompt, such as: "What do you do next?"

Students who are provided with support from a teacher assistant or a volunteer sometimes rely on that person to give the direction, rather than responding to the direction when it is given by the teacher.

The teacher can make it clear that when he/she addresses the whole class the student is included.

It may be necessary to cue the student that a direction is about to be given and that it is time to listen.

5) How to Deal with Tasks

- 1. Analyze the task.
- 2. Break the task into small teachable steps.
- 3. Analyze the steps the student needs to know in order to complete a task.
- 4. Determine which steps the student knows well, partially knows, or still needs to learn.
- 5. Teach the steps that are partially known, followed by the steps that are still to be learned.
- 6.Provide additional opportunities for practice to maintain the steps already learned as well as the ones being worked on.

LEARNING & TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Learning and teaching are active, collaborative, constructive, and continuous processes which enable teachers and students to reflect upon and analyze their own learning and teaching.

Direct experience in learning situations is essential.

Learners should engage in developmentally appropriate activities that are meaningful and authentic.

High standards of scholarship are essential for both teachers and students to remain at the forefront of sound educational practice and change.

Goals for Teachers

Teachers should:

Have a solid background in the knowledge of the learner, content, pedagogy, and self;

Apply this knowledge to make appropriate decisions regarding students, curriculum, and instructional strategies;

Engage in continual reflection and analysis;

Experience life-long professional growth and actively participate in their schools and communities.