

Teacher Training Session 6: Teaching Writing



Warm up: Use the back of this sheet to write 10 sentences. Can you write 10 perfect sentences about the topic the teacher gives you?

Discussion Questions:

1. What types of writing activities work well with students?
2. What skills are you trying to build when you assign writing activities?

4 Types of Writing Activities:

<p>Experience - Teacher chooses a topic that students are very familiar with and gets them talking about it so they have an oral command of the language needed to describe it and the organization of the ideas is clear. Students then put it into writing.</p>	<p>Examples of Experience Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • draw and write • partial writing (give a list of useful words), • issue log (ongoing research, reports, ideas), • setting your own questions (to use in a formal assessment)
<p>Shared - Teacher thinks of a topic and assigns it to small groups for them to plan and produce one piece of writing together.</p>	<p>Examples of Shared Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reproduction and summarizing (retelling a story without looking at the original) • blackboard composition (add one sentence at a time) • group composition (rotating sentences to produce one result)
<p>Guided - A found or created guided composition exercise, like a series of pictures with accompanying questions.</p>	<p>Examples of Guided Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • identification (look & write using pictures) • writing with grammar help (grammar explanation, then fill in the blank or questions), • answer questions about a text • fill-in-the-blank, ordering, correcting or completing sentences, substitution, follow the model • transformation rewriting (change tenses, combining)
<p>Independent -Teacher chooses a topic and gives it to the students to write about independently, though they can ask for help if they need it</p>	<p>Examples of Independent Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing a composition that focuses on research, opinion, interview, personal narrative, etc.