



Apply: Approach for Classroom Implementation

Training Resource for Veteran Teachers

Hypothetical Course Description*

Stephanie is an instructor for a proficiency-based, 4-week Mandarin course for Novice learners. This course focuses on functional language use and communication. The overarching theme of the course is travel. Over the course of the 4 weeks, Stephanie plans on teaching her students how to introduce themselves in a culturally-appropriate manner, how to present information about their families, how to plan a trip, and how to ask for help while shopping.

The first week, students will practice introductions with partners, and at the end of the week they will introduce themselves to the class. The second week, students will create family trees or bring in photographs of themselves with their family members. They will give a brief presentation in which they introduce members of their family to the class or in small groups. The third week, students will plan a trip to another country. They will need to map out their trip using Google Maps, make a packing list, and write out a rough travel itinerary. Then, they will present their travel plan and respond to questions from their classmates. In the last week, students will learn how to ask for help in a shopping setting. They will role-play asking for help in a store in pairs. They can do so live in front of the class or even make a video of themselves asking for help in a real store in a local neighborhood in which the target language is commonly spoken.

*The activities in this hypothetical course are based upon Can-Do Statements created specifically for a STARTALK program. These statements are:

- I can have introductory conversations with people I just met in culturally appropriate ways.
- I can present introductory information about my family in culturally appropriate ways.
- I can state which region I want to visit and why.
- I can present my travel plan to my friends.
- I can ask and answer questions about what I need to take on my trip.
- I can ask for help when shopping.