

USING TPRS IN TEACHING ADULTS

General Class Procedures

1. Give everyone a practical name
2. Short explanation of TPRS
3. Warm-Up: TPR 5-10 words first class; after that use PMS and review TPR words
4. Story
 - a. Blaine's materials, 3+guide words, cognates, add to TPR base
 - b. Teacher tell
 - c. Teacher retell, use actors, comment signs, question words to elicit details
 - d. Ask for retell in English
 - e. One minute partner retells, superstar retells, partner or group draw story or new story with same vocabulary, or groups act out original story with superstar or teacher retell
5. Music
6. Games
 - a. Numbers every class session
 - b. Tic-Tac-Toe
 - c. Bingo, Jeopardy, Password
7. Other
 - a. Transparent.com
 - b. Poems, stories from the list, class participation, etc.
 - c. Break: socialization, reading basket
8. Reading
 - a. Blaine's readers, read out loud in English, sometimes teacher models Spanish
 - b. Teacher paragraph alternating with student paragraphs
 - c. Round robin sentence by sentence or paragraph by paragraph
 - d. Popcorn read (always have an escape clause)
 - e. Groups of 4

Specific Adult Issues

1. They love to take notes.
2. Extreme personalities
3. Many questions---need methods to defer
4. Absenteeism
5. Experts
6. Assessment
7. Lack of continuity
8. Homework
9. Email, telephone, Internet, dictionaries, language learning tapes
10. Not your classroom
11. Great interest in the method of TPRS

Adaptations

College Classes

Coffee Shop Classes/Tutoring

Substituting

