The Interpersonal Mode: Speaking

Staying the course on our journey of the 3 modes of communication, we continue with INTERPERSONAL mode! As we know, this is an area where our students struggle in their native language, so our guidance is crucial for their personal and world language development. This is the most needed skill in an authentic scenario and the most desired skill by students. They want to talk... so please let them. Start on Day #1, capitalize on topics that they WANT to talk about! I encourage you to think THEMATICALLY & consider how students would engage with that topic in an authentic scenario. Visit this Symbaloo for a series of links and resources to help with Interpersonal Speaking!

What is the interpersonal mode of communication?

The interpersonal mode of communication is truly 2-way communication where individuals can both interpret the information coming at them but respond so they are understood by the people on the receiving end. This mode of communication is most often thought of as a conversation or verbal interaction with another person. This can be represented by in-person dialogues, phone calls, a Skype or FaceTime interaction, and even a customer service interaction. (For interpersonal writing, please refer to the December 2016 Edition.) Students must CREATE QUESTIONS to have true 2-way communication and avoid awkward silence!

Sample classroom activities for Interpersonal Speaking! (Authentic is best, Simulated will work!)

1. Simulate a marketplace where some students are the vendors and others are the shoppers.
2. Put students in small groups and have them share about an upcoming or recent event. (Provide guidelines.)
3. Connect students with a classroom abroad and provide discussion topics. (Click here to find a sister school.)
4. Invite guest speakers or older students into the classrooms and provide a discussion topic or scenario.
5. Use a local “hot topic” or current event to prompt a classroom or small group debate and/or discussion.
6. Simulate a workplace environment or college admissions office. Have students interview for a potential job.
7. Create a host family scenario for students to simulate and encourage all students to learn a new routine.

Save these dates...

IN-NELL Conference 2017
www.in-nell.net

CSCTFL Conference 2017
March 9-11, 2017 in Chicago, IL with a theme of “Performance + Proficiency = Possibilities”
www.csctfl.org

IFLTA Conference 2017
Nov. 2-4, 2017 in Indy!
www.iflta.org

We’ll continue our journey through the modes of communication this year. And the next mode is ...

Presentational Speaking

ACTFL Resources

Let our national organization help guide you with samples in your language. Click here to access the webpage. To see the general Can-Do statements that your national leaders crafted for Interpersonal Communication, click here (pp. 6-11). For the ACTFL performance descriptors for the Interpersonal mode of communication click here.

Visit our updated website!! Click here!

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