

Grammar Scope

Nouns:

Proper nouns e.g. I-Wen, Sir
Common nouns e.g. glue sticks, box, bird, sky

Prepositions:

Of place from, in, on etc., e.g. from the box, in the tree

Articles:

Definite the, e.g. the box
Indefinite a, an, e.g. a bird

Simple Conjunctions:

Additive and, also etc., e.g. Go and get the glue sticks.

Adjectives:

e.g. yellow, brown, oval, small, round

Question formation:

'wh' e.g. How many is that?

Verbs:

Present tense verbs e.g. How many is that?
Imperative verbs e.g. go, get, colour, draw

Text Structure and Language Features

Text Structure - Instructions, listen for detail

EXAMPLE 1

Initiation

Teacher: I-Wen, go and get the glue sticks from the box.

Feedback/initiation

Student: OK. How many, Sir?

Response/initiation

Teacher: One for each student. How many is that? (gestures)

Response

Student: Eight, Sir.

Feedback/closing

Teacher: OK. Give them out, please.

Language Features

Use of proper nouns to name people, e.g. I-Wen, Sir

Use of ellipsis typical of casual conversation, e.g. Eight, Sir. (not That's eight, Sir.)

Use of imperatives (commands), e.g. Give them out. Colour the bird brown.

Use of expressions for feedback, e.g. OK.

Use of questions, e.g. How many is that?

Use of adjectives from curriculum areas (oval, round,) to extend and reinforce vocabulary development.

EXAMPLE 2

Initiation

Teacher: (Hands out picture stimulus). Draw a small bird in the tree.

Response

Students: (Draw)

Initiation

Teacher: Colour the bird brown.

Response

Students: (Colour)

Initiation

Teacher: Draw three large clouds in the sky.

Response

Students: (Draw)

Initiation

Teacher: Draw a round nest in the tree. Draw four oval eggs inside the nest.

Response

Students: (Draw)

Initiation.

Teacher: Decide on one more thing to add to your picture. Get your partner to guess what you have drawn, then get him/her to look at your picture check if s/he was right.

Response

Student/s (Draw and discuss with partners)