

Suggested Teaching Components

- Develop awareness of and skill in appropriate intonation, stress, rhythm, phonological features etc.
- Use common formulaic phrases, e.g. greetings
- Respond to basic spoken classroom instructions
- Respond to basic requests for personal information
- Recite the alphabet and name letters and sound out the letters
- Respond to requests to spell simple personal details
- Understand appropriate intonation and stress

Note. There are many commercial texts and CD Roms with a range of activities for oral interactions with beginners. These can be used for independent practice.

Suggested Themes, Topics and/or Experiences

Self, personal information, family, school, specialist rooms, measurement, money, shopping, canteen, countries of origin, New Zealand, sporting skills, local community

Suggested Assessment Tasks

- Respond non-verbally to a set of random classroom instructions
- Respond verbally to a set of basic random requests for personal information, including spelling of name and address
- Participate appropriately in a simple formulaic conversation

Sample Strategies**Teacher directed**

- Model listening and repeating dialogues with visual support, tapes, videos, teacher talk etc.
- Use visual stimuli, e.g. video/photos to elicit personal information
- Model/mime/imitate classroom instructions
- Model alphabet song, grouping letters according to sound of letter name
- Clap/tap out beats of formulaic phrases using chants etc.

Joint/guided

- Play chain game (I'm – I come from – This is – S/he comes from)
- Conduct pair interviews, class surveys
- Play vocabulary games, e.g. repeat if true, picture bingo, Kim's Game, board games, guess the object
- Play alphabet games, e.g. Scrabble, barrier games with letter gaps in words, card games (for letter orientation, e.g. n/u right way up)

Independent

- Respond to question cards/questions derived from survey sheets
- Identify picture or perform activity associated with classroom instructions, e.g. Simon Says
- Spell name and other personal details to classmates
- Arrange classroom objects from instructions