

Classroom activity 5 – Using Trinity videos for preparation

Grade: GESE Grade 5 & 6 (CEFR B1)

Focus: The whole exam

Time: 2x 45 minutes

Aims:

- ▶ To predict examiner questions
- ▶ To practise examiner questions
- ▶ To practise using the language of the grade in questions
- ▶ To practise predicting, formulating questions and interviewing

Materials needed:

- ▶ Worksheet 1 – Functions and language of the grade, GESE Grade 5 (one handout for each student or one worksheet for each group of 3)
- ▶ Worksheet 2 – Functions and language of the grade, GESE Grade 5 (one handout for each student or one worksheet for each group of 3)
- ▶ Alternatively, the teacher can put this information on the board
- ▶ A video of a Trinity GESE Grade 5 and a Grade 6 candidate. Videos are available on the free GESE DVD or at trinitycollege.com/GESEelementary

Preparation

Select and watch the video before the class. Any GESE Grade 5 and Grade 6 video can be used for this lesson. For the best results, you should choose a video in which the candidate's topic is quite general and not too specialised. Note down the topic chosen by the candidate and the two Conversation areas used by the Examiner.

In class

Session 1 – Preparing for the topic phase

Predicting vocabulary and grammar – brainstorm (10 minutes)

1. Decide which video you are going to show – Grade 5 or Grade 6. Tell the students they are going to watch a video with a candidate from Grade 5 or Grade 6.
2. Tell them which topic the candidate on the film has chosen to talk about.
3. Ask the students to brainstorm the candidate's topic, thinking of ideas that the candidate might talk about. They can do this at first individually/alone for 2 minutes, then in small groups of three students, who compare and swap ideas for another 2 minutes.
4. After 5 minutes, ask all of the groups together for their ideas and draw them as a mind map on the board. You could ask different groups to think of different types of words: adjectives, or nouns, or verbs.

Predicting examiner questions (10 minutes)

1. Tell the students they are also going to think of the exam from the examiner's perspective. What questions could the examiner ask the candidate about this topic?
2. Give the students copies of Worksheet 1 for Grade 5 students and Worksheet 2 for Grade 6 students. Tell the students in groups of three to look at the language on Worksheet 1 or 2 and think of questions that they can ask the candidate using the language of Grade 5 or 6. Tell them they have 10 minutes.
3. After 5 minutes, ask the class for some example questions that the examiner might ask about the topic, eg Grade 5: 'My favourite city', possible examiner questions are: 'How many times have you been there? When do you think you'll go back?' Grade 6: 'Do they have different rules there? What happens if you break the rules? When are you going back?'
4. Give them another 3 minutes to finish thinking of their questions.

Asking and answering questions around the class (10 minutes)

1. Tell the students you're going to practise asking questions around the class in a 'chain'.
2. Choose a student to begin and ask him/her to ask another student one of their prepared questions connected to the topic.
3. The student who answers the question then asks another student a question. The students (not the teacher) nominate who answers eg. Grade 5: Ana asks: '*Marco, how many times have you?*' Marco answers: '*Lots. John, do you think you'll...?*' John answers: '*No, I don't think so. What type of... do you prefer?*'
4. Continue until all of the class has asked/answered one question.

Watching the video of the topic phase (10 minutes)

Divide the class into two groups. One half of the class will watch the video and try to write down examiner questions that have already been prepared by the class. The other half of the class will watch the video and try to write down examiner questions that are new and haven't been prepared by the class. Play the video's topic phase, pausing the video if necessary.

Which questions did the students hear? (5 minutes)

Ask the students to tell you what questions they heard. Did they predict any of the questions from the examiner? What other questions did they hear? Encourage and praise correct answers.

Session 2 – Preparing for the Conversation phase**Predicting the Conversation phase questions on two subject areas (10 minutes)**

1. Tell the class they are now going to look at the Conversation phase.
2. Explain that the examiner is going to ask about two subjects. Can the class guess which subjects? Tell the class which subjects were chosen by the examiner.
3. Divide the class into small groups. Half of the groups write 10 questions on one of the subject areas for the Conversation phase and the other groups write 10 questions on the other subject area.
4. Remind the groups that they need to use the language of Grade 5 or Grade 6, depending on their grade, and they can use their worksheets to help them.

Students interview each other (10 minutes)

1. Organise the students into new pairs.
2. The new pairs of students now interview each other, asking each other the questions they have written about the two Conversation Subject Areas. One student asks about their subject first, and then after 5 minutes, the other student asks about their subject.

Watching the video of the Conversation phase (10 minutes)

The class watches the video of the Conversation phase. Tell them they have to write down any questions that they hear the examiner ask about their subject. The film can be paused if necessary.

Feedback (15 minutes)

1. Ask the class: '*Which questions did you predict?*' '*Which questions didn't you predict?*' Write these questions on the board.
2. Finally, the students interview each other using the unpredicted questions on the board.

Worksheet 1 – Grade 5 language

Example language:

The past using the present perfect:

Have you had a drink?

Yes, I have. I've had 2 glasses of water.

How many ice creams have you had today?

I've had 3!

Have you ever been to London?

Yes, I have.

How many times have you been there?

The future using 'will':

Do you think you'll come to my party?

What do you think you'll do tonight?

I won't be able to come.

Do you think life will be different in future?

How long? 'For' and 'since':

How long were you there for?

For 3 weeks.

How long have you lived here?

Since I was 10.

Preferences:

What type of music do you prefer?

I like rock, but I prefer pop.

Giving reasons:

Why do you like rock music?

Because it's very energetic.

How much/how many:

How many toys have you got?

I've got lots of toys!

How big is your cat?

It's very small.

My homework was really easy!

Worksheet 2 – Grade 6 language

Example language:

The future using the present continuous: *Where are you going on holiday?*

We're going to London.

What are you doing next week?

I'm visiting my cousins.

I'm going to the cinema.

Future possibility:

What do you think you might do tonight?

I might go to the cinema.

Future expressions:

What are you doing in 3 days' time?

What are you doing the day after tomorrow?

Intention:

I practise football to stay fit.

I do my homework to earn pocket money!

The past using the past continuous:

What were you doing last night?

I was watching TV.

What was happening in this photo?

My friend was swimming with a dolphin!

Obligation/prohibition/necessity:

What do you have to study at school?

We have to study English and maths.

I need to learn English to get a good job.

I don't need to do any homework tonight!

You mustn't smoke!

Zero/First conditionals and 'when':

What will you do if you win the competition?

If I can, I'll come to your birthday party.

What do you do when you see a spider?

Common phrasal verbs:

What are you looking for?

I need to sit down!