Portfolio Lesson Plan Selection and Reflection

LESSON OVERVIEW

Date

Thursday, October 31, 2019

Materials

Halloween "Back and Forth", sheets A and B (attached)

Activities

- Halloween "Back and Forth"
- Discussion: how do we celebrate our favorite holidays?
- Q&A: similarities and differences/compare and contrast

LESSON PLAN¹

Introduction

- Write down general overview for the lesson on whiteboard:
 - o Warm-Up
 - Partner Activity
 - Open Discussion: Holidays
 - Q&A Compare/Contrast
 - o Wrap-Up

General Warm-Up

- Hey, how're you all doing today?
- How're you likin' the weather?
- Do you know what today is [Halloween]; have you seen anyone wearing strange clothing? Have any special plans for tonight? How about this weekend? [Lead into introduction for Activity 1]

Lesson

Unit Objective(s)

- Identify similarities and differences between home culture, target culture, and other S's cultures during spoken discourse with others
- Describe using adjectives of size, shape, and color to differentiate between similar images
- Use superlative and comparative forms to ask questions about similar items in a set

Activity 1	Activity Name	Learning Objective(s)	Minutes
	Halloween "Back	Describe pictures of mythological creatures with enough accuracy for an	
	and Forth"	interlocutor to correctly identify them from among three similar creatures;	
	Skill Focus	practice circumlocution for unknown types of clothing, items associated	10
	Speaking-	with monster images (cape, broomstick, coffin, cauldron, etc.)	10
	Interpersonal		

¹ Table has been split for readability

Activity 1 cont.

Procedures

- 1. Today is a pretty big holiday in the United States; it's Halloween. So I thought we'd start off with something fun in keeping with the spooky, scary theme. [Distribute Halloween "Back and Forth" Speaking Activity] Do you know what these are? Right, they're monsters. So for Halloween in the US, people like to dress up as all kinds of different monsters. Let's play a little speaking game with a few of them.
- 2. Divide Ss into pairs of two or, if # of Ss is uneven, one pair working together and one single S
- 3. Give one S/pair sheet A of the activity and give sheet B to the other S/pair
- 4. Explain instructions
 - a. Sheet A and sheet B contain the same sets of pictures of monsters, but not in the same order
 - b. For sheet A, a pumpkin emoji marks the monster you should answer questions about
 - c. Ask the other S/pair questions (any kind: yes or no, open-ended, etc.) about their monster and place an X under the picture you think represents it
 - d. Check answers at end of activity with other S/group
- 5. Provide corrective feedback to learners while they do the activity until all four rows are done; focus on recasting for phonological errors that impact comprehensibility
- 6. Allow Ss to compare answers; help clarify any misunderstandings in meaning that arose

Assessment: Achievement of Learning Objectives

Ss are able to correctly identify both pictures based on their partner's description

Activity Name	Learning Objective(s)	Minutes
Holiday celebration	Explain a unique cultural practice from S's home culture and any mythology	
discussion	that informs it (reasons for the tradition/legend, characters involved, etc.);	4 -
Skill Focus	focus on using comparatives and superlatives both in own speech and in	15
Listening/Speaking -	questions about other Ss mini-presentations (biggest, most important,	1
Presentational	scarier than, etc.)	

Activity 2

Procedures

- 1. Ask Ss to think of a unique holiday that is only celebrated where they are from (can be their country, specific region, etc.)
- 2. Give Ss one minute to jot down notes about this holiday before explaining how it is celebrated to their group, then 4-5 minutes per S to describe their holiday and respond to questions from T/other Ss
- 3. Ss should be instructed to take notes on what other Ss share

Assessment: Achievement of Learning Objectives

Ss describe a holiday and accompanying mythology unique to their home cultural context in such a way that other Ss can summarize it later or pair a description of the holiday to its name (potential warmup/initial activity for next class)

	Activity Name	Learning Objective(s)	Minutes
	Holiday Q&A:	Recall and interpret information about holidays that were described in	4
ty 3	compare/contrast	previous activity, identifying either: 2 similarities to any holiday from S's	 15-
	Skill Focus	home culture, or 2 ways as to how this holiday differs from anything they celebrate	
	Speaking -		20
	Interpersonal		20
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- 1. Prompt students to think about how the holidays previously described compare to each other
 - a. If multiple Ss come from the same country or region, ask them for their thoughts on how the other described the holiday, and if their experience is similar or different
- 2. Direct Ss to share their comparisons/contrasts about the holidays they described and heard described
- 3. If necessary, guide Ss to directly compare their examples with another S's example; otherwise, try and let the conversation flow organically

Activity 3 cont.

Assessment: Achievement of Learning Objectives

- Ss are able to successfully pinpoint at least two similarities/two differences/one similarity and one difference between their chosen holiday/mythological creature and another S's chosen example
- Ss use at least one comparative in a question to another S or in an answer to another S's question

Wrap-up

- Final Questions/Final Takeaways
- What were you for the ELI Halloween party?