CLIL Lesson Plan: Technical Report Writing

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Grade Level: B.Tech 1st Year - CSE/BT/MME

Course: English for Technical Communication

Subject: Technical Report Writing

Duration: 120 minutes

Objectives:

Content Objective:

• By the end of this lesson, students will understand the structure, format, and purpose of technical reports.

Language Objective:

• By the end of this lesson, students will be able to draft a well-structured technical report addressing a real-world issue.

Materials:

- Projector and screen
- Handouts with technical report structure and examples
- Notebooks or digital devices for note-taking
- Cameras or mobile devices for documentation (optional)

Preparation:

- Prepare a PowerPoint presentation covering the structure, key sections, and best practices of technical report writing.
- Provide handouts with sample technical reports and guidelines for writing.
- Arrange classroom seating to facilitate group discussions and brainstorming sessions.

Procedure:

1. Introduction to Technical Reports (20 minutes)

- Begin with a discussion on the purpose of technical reports in engineering and academic settings.
- Explain the essential sections of a technical report:
 - Title Page
 - Abstract
 - Introduction
 - Problem Identification
 - Methodology
 - Findings & Analysis
 - Recommendations
 - Conclusion
 - References
- Provide students with a handout summarizing these elements.

2. Campus Exploration & Problem Identification (40 minutes)

- Divide students into small groups.
- Instruct each group to explore different areas of the campus to identify existing problems (e.g., infrastructure issues, environmental concerns, safety hazards, accessibility challenges).
- Encourage students to document their observations with notes, photos, and videos.

3. Brainstorming & Solution Development (30 minutes)

- Groups return to the classroom and discuss their findings.
- Each group selects one key problem to address.
- Guide students through brainstorming solutions, considering feasibility, cost, and sustainability.
- Ask students to outline their findings and proposed solutions for inclusion in their technical report.

4. Technical Report Planning (25 minutes)

- Groups draft the structure of their technical report, ensuring that all key sections are covered.
- Students begin writing key points for each section, focusing on clarity and technical accuracy.
- Provide feedback and guidance on organizing content effectively.

Conclusion (5 minutes)

- Summarize key takeaways from the session.
- Emphasize the importance of well-structured technical reports in professional communication.
- Thank students for their participation.

Assessment:

- Observation of students' participation in problem identification and brainstorming sessions.
- Evaluation of logical coherence in proposed solutions.
- Review of initial technical report outlines.

Homework/Extension:

- Assign students to complete a full draft of their technical report based on their findings and discussions in class.
- Encourage students to proofread and refine their reports for clarity and conciseness.

Note: This CLIL lesson plan integrates real-world problem-solving with structured writing practice, helping engineering students develop analytical and technical communication skills essential for their careers.