

## **Activity Guides** Phonics © Vs @ Drilling

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Important! Be Careful!



A good idea, but optional



Poison! Don't do this!



Model





#### Activity Guide: Phonics ① Vs ② Drilling

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#### Introduction

① Vs ② Drilling is a very simple but powerful technique that helps students with:

- phoneme distinctions that don't exist in Thai (e.g. "van" Vs "wan")
- phonemes that are not final consonants in Thai (e.g. "bag" Vs "back")
- Phonics Rules (e.g. "cent" Vs "Kent")

In **O** Vs **O** Drilling, we also tone as a distractor. It is important for students whose L1 is a tonal language such as Thai, **NOT** to pay attention to tone when listening to English. So ① Vs ② Drilling serves two purposes:

- 1. Helping students to pay attention to the **phonemes** that affect word meaning in English
- 2. Ignoring tonal variation, which does not affect word meaning in English

① Vs ② Drilling needs no special equipment other than a blackboard/whiteboard.

As with other forms of drilling, this guide does not include all the usual stages for an activity. That is because drilling is not an activity itself. It is only part of the preparation stage for other activities.

#### **Before Class**

#### **Prepare Yourself**



Practice saying each of the words in the ① Vs ② list for the lesson.

Pay particular attention to the **phoneme** distinctions that make these words sound different.



might have if it were a Thai word: with random tones.

- 5 tones if the word has a long vowel and no final consonant
- 5 tones if the final consonant is "m" or "n"
- 2 tones (high and low) for other words



Practice saying each word Practice calling out words from with all the possible tones it the ① Vs ② list randomly and

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#### **Before Class**

#### **Prepare Yourself**



Think about when you will use 10 Vs ② Drilling in your lesson:

- When you introduce the difficult phonemes, Phonics Rules etc?
- After you have completed the rest of your presentation?
- Wait until students start having problems?

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#### In Class

### **Prepare your Students**



Copy the ① Vs ② list for the lesson onto the blackboard/ whiteboard.



Read through all the pairs on the list, emphasising the difference. Get the students to repeat after you.



one

one

bne

one

Using the first pair on the list as an example, get students to call out "1" or "2" depending on which word you call out.

Do not vary the tone of the words at first, but ...

Make sure you pronounce both words of the pair with the **same** tone, to make sure students are not using tone to distinguish them.

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Each time, let students know if they are correct or not.

## Prepare your Students



When the class is calling out "1" or "2" accurately, start varying the tones.

First, say the **same word** several times, while changing the tone to help students learn to ignore it.

No! Two - tab.

Remember the tone
doesn't change the word
in English!

Remember to keep giving feedback.



Then, alternate between the two words but keep the same tone to help students hear the difference.



Finally, **randomly** choose either word with any appropriate tone to practise listening for the difference while ignoring the tone.

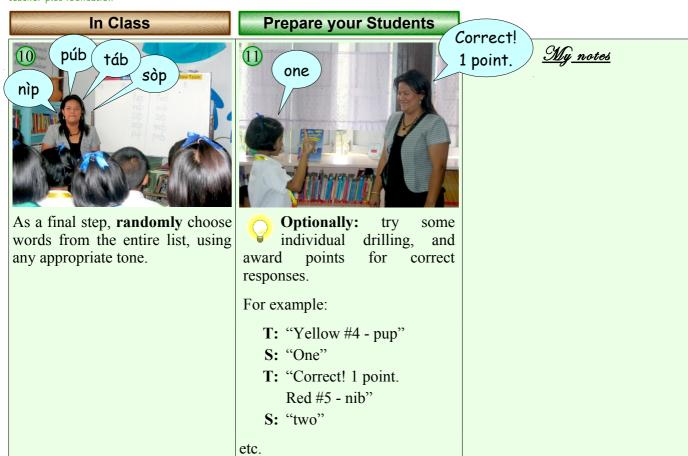


When the class is responding accurately to the first pair with random tones, coninue on briefly with the rest of the list.



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#### **After Class**

#### **Evaluation**



Sit down and write a few notes about:

- What was good?
- What problems you had?
- What you should change next time?

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