The Chinese University of Hong Kong Fostering Communities of Practice to Enhance Learning and Teaching in a Small Class Environment

## Christian Alliance H.C. Chan Primary School

## Final Sharing

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## Our School



- Number of classes: 24
- P.2-P. 6
- Classes C and D are split into 3 groups in English lessons, with about 20 students in each group


## Longman Elect Book 4A Chapter 6 When I was Little



When I was liftle Reading
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## (1) sunny steriool Our memories by Class 4B

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pack my bag. My first day at school was great! pack my bag. My first day at school was great!
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## Overall Plan and Learning Objectives

|  | Objectives |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Knowledge and content | Skills | Attitudes | Activities |
| $\mathbf{1}^{\text {st }}$ | -Learn about different phrases of actions/abilities. | Able to read, remember, listen and identify, observe and retell about the different phrases of actions/abilities. | Learn to take care of oneself. | Card games: <br> 1. Matching games <br> 2. Hit the card <br> L1: comb my hair <br> L2: I can comb my hair. |
| $2^{\text {nd }}-3^{\text {rd }}$ | -Learn about how to use modal verbs "could" and "couldn't" to talk about abilities and inabilities -Learn about the usage of reflexive pronouns. | Able to talk about their abilities and inabilities to do something in the past. | Reflect on their strengths and weaknesses, appreciate their achievement and improve their weaknesses. | Hit the card: <br> L3:I could comb my hair when I was six. <br> L4:He could comb his hair by himself when he was six. |
| $4^{\text {th- }} 5^{\text {th }}$ | -Reinforce the learning of the target language items by analyzing a school magazine article. | Able to find out, understand, remember and describe people's past experience. | Appreciate people's good habits and encourage friends to make improvement. | Reading comprehension questions (HOT questions) |
| $6^{\text {th-7 }} 7^{\text {th }}$ | -Analyze a teacher's life with a timeline. | Able to record a person's life experience with a timeline. | Admire the teacher. | Listening, scratching an incident, speaking |
| $8^{\text {th }}-9^{\text {th }}$ | -Able to set open-ended interview questions | Able to collect, sort out and organize information collected. | Speak politely when interviewing someone. | Think pair share (wh-questions) |
| $10^{\text {th }}$ | -Record an elderly's life with a timeline. | Able to collect, sort out and organize information collected. | Care about an elderly and respect his/her life experience. | Make and share |
| $11^{\text {th }}-12^{\text {th }}$ | -Learn about the structure of a report. | Able to write a report for the interviewed person. | Love and treasure the ones around you. | Write a report |
| $13^{\text {th }}$ | -Able to share about the writing with their friends | Able to comment on others' work | Appreciate other's good work and effort | Share the report with their classmates |

## Voccobilary 0 -

## Actions


comb my hair

2


3

do up my buttons

4

tie my shoelaces

pack / carry my school bag

climb the stairs

## Language focus (a) ©



## Learning vocabulary

- Card games
- Hit the cards
- Match the cards



## Card games - Hit the cards

- Word cards
- Picture cards

| Different levels of difficulty |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Level 3 | Longer sentence <br> e.g. I could get dressed by myself (when I <br> was six) |
| Level 2 | Short sentence <br> e.g. I could get dressed. |
| Level 1 | Vocabulary <br> e.g. get dressed |

## Reading Comprehension

## When I was little

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- Amy Wong
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## Pre-study tasks

## Instructions: Read TextbookP.46-47 and answer the questions below.

1. Do you have any happy memories? Can you think of one happy thing that happened?

| Use Past Tense! |
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2. Read Amy's memory and write down something funny about her

3. Read Lily's memory and write down something funny about her sister, Jenny.

4. Read Mark's memory and write down something funny about him.

5. How can you describe Mark when he was six?

## Arousing interest - recalling memories

## In-class sharing

- Students shared about their happy memories with the help of their pre-study worksheets.



## Paying attention to small details

## When I was littele

(3) What is your

## Reading

What is your funniest memory? What happened? How old were you? Read this

## weekly magarine

## monthly

magarine
(1) When I was six years old, I could not tie my


## yearly magarine



## Reading Comprehension (for more able pupils)

## Learning Objectives:

Students are able to:

- prepare for the lessons autonomously.
- ask high-order thinking (HOT) questions.
- appreciate others' work.
- distinguish questions with different levels of difficulty.
- sort out information accurately from the reading passage.

Fth May 20XX
It will be Mother's Day on Sunday. When I was younger, I needed Mum for lots of things. I couldn't climb the stairs or do up my buttons by myself. Now I don't need Mum. Even Tommy (the world's laziest brother) can tie his shoelaces by himself.
Why now I don't need mum?

10th May 20xx I put my on Sunday?
I didn't want to go to school this morning. Mum gave me a big hug. Then she told me a funny story:
When I was five, I loved school. One day I put my uniform on and packed my school bag by myself ... on a Sunday!
I felt much better afterwards and school was OK.
of A Question English Book P. 46-47
Q.: Why Amy finely need her mum to help her to pack her school bag?

Why did Lily think Jenny was Strange

Regina

Why PI felt terrible when I was six? Kris chang

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## Reading Jeopardy Game

## Pre-tasks

1. Take turns and share the questions they have written.
2. Choose two of the best questions among the four questions.
3. Assign scores for the questions according to the difficulties: 100 marks for easier ones and 300 marks for harder ones.

- There are 3 types of questions: 100 marks and 300 marks prepared by students, and 500 marks prepared by the teacher.


## Reading Jeopardy Game

## While-task

1. Draw one question from each of the box.


Did Amy enjoy her first day of school? How do you know?

## Reading Jeopardy Game

## While-task

1. Draw one of the questions from each of the box.
2. Take turns to write the answers on the whiteboard.


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3. Pick whatever questions they are confident in.

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4. Share what they write.
5. Score each of the answer according to their accuracy.

## Drawing a timeline (Part 1)

## Learning Objectives:

Students are able to:

- record their life experience with a timeline
- use the target vocabulary and language structure in recording their memories
e.g. vocabulary of daily actions, modal verb "could/can", reflexive pronouns


## My Timeline



Students' work


## Students' work



## Group work - changing pronouns $\mathbb{\&}$ reflexive pronouns




## Students' work



## Students' work



## Drawing a timeline (Part 2)

## Learning Objectives:

Students are able to:

- interview one of the elders in their family
- record the elder's experience using a timeline with the information gathered from the interview
- Learn to respect the older generation


## Record an elderly's experience with a timeline after collecting the information.

You may use the following questions to help you.

- What did $\qquad$ play with his / her friends when $\qquad$ was a child?
- Did people play electronic games when $\qquad$ was young?

My grandpa played Chinese chess with his friends when he was a child.
Nobody played electronic games when he was young.

Christian Alliance H.C. Primary School
Name: $\qquad$ ( ) Class: $\qquad$
P. 4 1st term Unit 6
Date:
$\qquad$
You are going to write a mini report for an elderly in your family. Try to record the elderly's experience in his or her old days with a timeline. You may use the following interview questions to help you.

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## Task to enhance high-order thinking skills <br> Christian Alliance H.C. Chan Primary School

 Unit 6 When I was little- Students make use of the information gathered and compare the elders' lives in the past and their lives nowadays.

Name:
Ask one of your parents / grandparents to complete the questionnaire. You can also add your won questions.

Interviewer: $\qquad$ Interviewee: $\qquad$ $\ldots$


## Students' work



## Students' work



## Final Task

TaSk - Writing about the school life of my-parent-l (i) (a)
grandparent

Ask one of your parents / grandparents to complete the questionnaire. You can also add your own questions.

## Example

This is Maggie's questionnaire


## practice

## Help Maggie finish her report using her questionnaire on p. 52


aritingt, 1 Write in paragraphs. Each paragraph should have a topic, e.g. facilities, games.
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3 Use linking words like 'so' and 'and' to link your ideas:
There were not any computers in my grandma's schoo
There were not any computers in my gra
so they did not have computer lessons.
4 Add details to make the writing more interesting: It was very hot in summer!



When my mun was in Primary 3
By Alvin Lay
I talked to my mum about herschood life when she was in B.fnaty 3 There were not any TVsin my mum's shool , she so they did not Watch TVa there ware we fans in her school. It was very hot in summer, Her school was very small but
there was a playground in her school
There was have hall.
Everybody in my mum's class played hopscotch and badminton computer gamesduring reese. Nobody played badminto in


My mamie school was next te her building so she could go to supermarket by herself. She could comb her hair by herself too. My grandma did have a private teacher so she



- Facilities

Facities
Was there a goy garden in your school? $X$ Was there any TVs in your school? X Were there any fans in your school? $V$
Games
Did anybody in your class play lide-and-seek?
Did anybody in your class play fotbal?? $V$ Did anybody in your class play hopscotch? $V$

Personal experience Could you get dressed? y your yourself
Could you pack my school bag? $x$
could your by yourself

When my mother was in 3
By Tina Tie
Italked to my mother about her school life? When she was in Primary.
[There was not aby garden in my mother s. school. (facilitie) There was not any TVs in her school. There Lwere dry fans in her short.

Everybody in my mother's class played hide gaines -and-seek and hopscotch duying-recess. Nobooh played football in those days. personal My mother's could get dressed. She did not
experience pack her school bag and tie her shoelaces. bo herself

Not bad! Appreciate you hard work!

$15^{\text {th }}$ December, 2017
I talk tor my mother about her school life when Primary 3. There were not any TV E in my monder's's school so they did not have TV lessons. There were not any fans in her shod the were not any arscomdisizeres Therefore, in her school it was very hot in summers fifer school wats very big so there was yes a playground. but there veren'ts any Everybody in my mother's dass played Computer games and bedchiniton during recess. ho body played football in those days.
My mothers's school was next to her buiteng so she could go to school by hesseff. She cad pack got dreerscelvod bag by herself two. At mother did not have a tutor so she studied for exams by herself/ She was smart! tie her shoelaces? 6000 TRY
Good try, Inly! Appreciate your Good work!

## Sharing of Final Task

- Pre-tasks
- Individual work: students write about their funny memories
- Group work: students make a group poster about their funny memories
- While-tasks
- Students share their funny memories in their groups
- Students rotate their posters and read other groups' posters
- Students appreciate their peers' work and do peer checking
- Teacher selects some students' work and gives feedback
- Post-task
- Students got their writings back and modified their work


## Final product



## Doing Peer Check Read your friends' writing and give stickers!



- English (most of the sentences are written in the past tense)

- It's funny + you like reading it
- Use a pencil to circle the words that may not be correct


## Overall Insights

## 1. Setting learning objectives in three aspects

- Knowledge
- using the past tense to describe memories
- Skills
- able to remember, describe, retell and report what happened to them in the past
- Attitude/ Value
- treasure their memories
- appreciate their peers' effort



## How to introduce lesson objectives to students?

- Miss Tse wants you to...
- use the past tense to describe memories
- work well with your group mates


## Shall we...

- use the past tense to describe memories?
- work well with our group mates?


## Overall Insights

## 2. Self-learning should take place in the whole

 learning process- Pre-task
- While-task
- Post-task
- Students' participation in the learning process!


## Self-learning

## Recognition

## Automatic <br> production

Presenter
Facilitator
*Self-learning

Making use of classroom boards to




GAMES IN THE PAST

Portrait Paper Card Game（公仔紙）
1．Place one gaper card on your hand．
2 Slap your hand against your partner
The person with the paper card foce up wins


Paper Dolls（換衣紙娃娃）
Paper dolis are pictures．of persons or animals cut out from thin cards，with different closhing items also made of papes Children can thelp the paper dolls wear beautiful clothes or get changed．

## 

Do you know any other games that were played in the past？Try to ask your parents or grandparents！ Which of the games above are never played nowadays？ Which of the games above are seldom／sometimes plaved nowadays？
which of the


Tamagotchi
The Tamayothhi is a dieital pet．It＇sa a kind of simple take care of the inventitad pet，helaing Phe the ezs geed tow teed and become an adult pet

it＇s a mini plastic model race car with tow whees．It was first produced by Iapan in 1990 ．chidren liked hawng the Mini swo races with their friends in ther spare time


## Overall Insights

3. Use interactive games to arouse students' interest (hit the cards, matching game)


## Overall Insights

4. HOT questions are important in teaching reading comprehension.
$\rightarrow$ Allow more able students to take part in initiating HOT questions



## Overall Insights

5. Appreciate students' work and effort
$>$ Increase the number of audience/readers of students' writing
$>$ Peer check \& teacher's feedback
$>$ Find the teaching points
$>$ Have a collection of class good work


## Overall Insights

6. Spend at least 5 minutes to cater for more able students
$\rightarrow$ Ask a few difficult questions to challenge bright learners

Thank you!

