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## Goal statement

Attending UVa startalk 2018 was my goal for this summer. At the point of its completion, my mind is refreshed with some teaching guidelines reinforced and instruction strategies enriched. I will keep working on them in the future.

For instance, how to backward design a lesson effectively. After I set lesson objectives, I need to keep in mind if the assessment we develop address the objectives we set earlier. Furthermore, I need to be mindful if the activities work directly toward the objectives.

A second refreshment is how to choose and use an authentic material. For example, I need to first consider if the video clip is relative to the objectives I set (and then how I will use the video). Otherwise, I am not supposed to add it into my lesson even though it is a good video clip, for instance.

Besides, I have signed up for a presentation on the professional development workshops in my county at the beginning of the next school year. I would like to share with my colleagues about authenticity in teaching a world language. I am so glad that we have gone through authenticity throughout our Startalk this year.

In the future, I will look for a chance to teach Chinese 4/AP either through tutoring since it is challenging to start Chinese 4/AP in my current school district. And I will participate in workshops and conferences to enrich my knowledge and experience in this profession and in life as well.