

## **Selected Daily Reflections**

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Today we had 5-10 minutes mini demo. Each group had 5-10 minutes. All five group did wonderful job. We implemented all teaching techniques that we learnt from this program and attempted to try to fulfill the 5C standard through various teaching approaches within 5-10 minutes. All groups showed teacher-fronted and student-centered and other skills that we absorbed from the program. The more interesting thing is the class activities we designed. I really learnt a lot form today's class.

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Today I observed Chen Lash and Ma Laoshi's class. The theme of the class is Food.

Before the class Chen Laoshi warmed the class up by reviewing the previous class to make sure that students were able to use the words and sentence patterns. In Chen Laos's class, He showed us the good balance between meaningful input and output. He provided students authentic materials such as Chinese paintings and other pictures to enhance students learning. He designed the class by following the 5C standards .

I really like Xiaoqing 's teaching style. Her class was very active. The students became fully engaged in the activities that helped them to communicate as well as cooperate, and challenged them to show communicative output. She provided students meaningful context that helped them practice through meaning-based comprehension. She showed us very organized strategies based on 5C standards. I learned a lot from her class especially how to input meaningful drills to students.

As one of the Chinese proverbs says “知己知彼，百战不殆”，today's class taught me that knowing the students can make my class much better.

It really made me feel confident. Zhao Laoshi showed us such amazing strategies which can help me to identify characteristics of learners. The materials such as Gardner's

Multiple intelligences survey, the meaningful input and effective meaning-based

repetitive, multiple modalities, will enhance learning.

As a learner I know how meaningful input is important and how I can develop my class to fit students' talents. I cannot wait to implement the amazing teaching skills that Zhao Laosi performed today. From now on, I believe I will not feel so frustrated during teaching any more. Ha! Ha!

It is a pleasure that I can take part in this wonderful program. Also, it's a good opportunity for me to understand Five Stands and three Communicative Modes.

From the first day of the program, I totally immersed into this unique environment that full of very attractive activities. For me the more excited thing is not just practicing new professional teaching skills, but also the wonderful teaching skills that Tseng Laoshi and Zhao Laoshi showed us. They have already demonstrated the Communicative Approach through their teaching procedure.

#### Self--Reflection (Day2)

Today, in the morning Dr.Tseng lead us go through the history of the L2 Teaching Acquisition .Now I not just know what the Communicative Approach is, but also understand why these skills are so popular now. Based on Tseng Laoshi's wonderful speech, in the afternoon Zhao Laoshi gave us another useful speech through which I got to know how to apply these unique theories to my classroom.

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