

A LESSON PLAN TO TEACH LISTENING SKILLS THROUGH A DIALOGUE: 'THE MOTOR RALLY MIX-UP'

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Level of class: Form 3 (average class)

Background details of the students:

- (a) Students are able to tell the time correctly.
- (b) Students can identify names of places like
- bridge, restaurant, petrol station, hospital,
tunnel, market, workshop, bank, factory,
fire station, police station, and bus terminal.

Learning aims for students:

- (a) To be able to acquire short-term retention of relevant information through listening.
- (b) To identify relevant points and reject irrelevant information.
- (c) To recognize discourse markers, e.g. 'O.K., Oh, All right, Well, etc...'

Teaching aims:

- (a) At the end of the lesson, students should be able to answer at least 70 per cent of the questions correctly
- (b) To give advanced practice to develop listening skills through the use of a taped dialogue.

Assumptions:

Telling the exact time in hours, minutes and seconds has been taught and is well known to all students.

Teaching aids:

- (a) A taped dialogue.
- (b) A transcript of the tape.
- (c) Typed copies of Exercises 1, 2 and 3 to be distributed to every student.

Time available: 30 minutes.

STAGE 1 (16 minutes)

- Aim** : To improve listening skills.
Method : Lead students to the comprehension of the tape.
Steps : (a) Present a brief account of the content of the dialogue contained in the tape.

- (b) Distribute the typed worksheets consisting of Exercises 1, 2 and 3 to every student.
- (c) Give instructions as to what students have to listen for in the taped dialogue.
- (d) The teacher plays the tape.
- (e) The class listens and answers Exercises 1 and 2 only.

STAGE 2 (8 minutes)

- Aim** : To improve retaining power.
Method : Guide students to select the relevant points in the dialogue.
Steps : (a) The teacher re-plays the tape.
(b) Students re-check their answers.
(c) The teacher gives guidance to the weaker students.
(d) Students answer Exercise 3 using the information obtained from Exercises 1 and 2.

STAGE 3 (6 minutes)

- Aim** : To analyse students' understanding of the dialogue and to test their listening capacities.
Method : Checking the answers together.
Steps : (a) The teacher re-plays the tape.
(b) Students listen and point out whenever the answers are spoken in the dialogue.

TAPE TRANSCRIPT

The Motor Rally Mix-up

This is a dialogue between a racing official and three world-famous motorists. The three motorists are Mr Sancho El Toro from Spain, Mr Ahmad V. Chapati from India and Mr Polio Spaghetti from Italy. Each of them has taken a different route at the Serdang Motor Rally: Mr Sancho took route

A, Mr Ahmad took route B, and Mr Polio took route C.

The race had just ended but the racing officials have not been able to tell which of the three reached the finishing line first due to the heavy rain. A heated argument has broken out among the three motorists, each claiming to be the winner.

To solve the problem, one of the racing officials, Mr John Jai gathers information by interviewing each of the motorists.

Below is the dialogue between Mr John Jai and the three motorists.

First Mr John Jai interviews Mr Sancho El Toro.

John Jai : Nice to see you again, Mr Sancho. How did the race go?

Sancho : Fantastic, just fantastic because I won it.

John Jai : Well, we are not sure about that because Mr Ahmad and Mr Polio also say they've won the race.

Sancho : Oh, they're all liars ... big liars, they ought to be shot.

John Jai : Cool down, Mr Sancho. Now, can you please tell me about the route that you took the places that you saw along the way and how long it took you to reach these places?

Sancho : As you know, I followed route A.... a very tough route indeed. From the starting line, I took 10 minutes to reach a fire station, then 15 minutes to get to a bridge....nice scenery, then another 10 minutes to reach a police station. Finally, to get to the finishing line, I took 5 more minutes. Everyone was shouting when I finished the race.... I knew I'd won it... How is it that you people don't believe me???

John Jai : O.K. Thank you, Mr Sancho. I'll keep in touch with you.

Now Mr John Jai interviews Mr Ahmad V. Chapati

John Jai : Hello, Mr Ahmad. How are you?

Ahmad V. : Not so fine....you see, I lost my mascot during the race.

John Jai : Oh, I'm sorry about that. What's your mascot, by the way?

Ahmad V. : My grandfather's turban.

John Jai : Oh, I see. Don't worry, you can always get another one here in Malaysia. Anyway, can you tell me something about the race that you've just competed in?

Ahmad V. : Of course....of course. You know, I took route B....I don't know why you people chose that route for me... it's terrible. From the starting line, I reached a bank after only 5 minutes. Then I took 15 minutes to get to a tunnel, then another 10 minutes to reach a restaurant.....I think that's where I dropped my grandfather's turban...tough luck, you know. After that, I took 15 minutes to get to a workshop and finally another 10 minutes to reach the finishing line. By then I was already flying..... luckily I didn't crash into the big drain.

John Jai : Yes, very lucky! Thank you again, Mr Ahmad.

Finally, Mr John Jai interviews Mr Polio Spaghetti.

John Jai : Mr Polio Spaghetti, can I have a word with you?

Spaghetti : Yes, what do you want?

John Jai : What did you think of the race?

Spaghetti : Well, I think it was just great. Except for the heavy rain, everything else was O.K.

John Jai : Please tell me something about the route that you took, the places you saw and how long it took you to finish the race?

Spaghetti : First, I took 15 minutes to reach a petrol station from the starting line. Then, another 10 minutes to reach a market, and another 10 minutes to reach a factory. Then I took 15 minutes to finish the race. It was a fast race and I'm sure I won it.

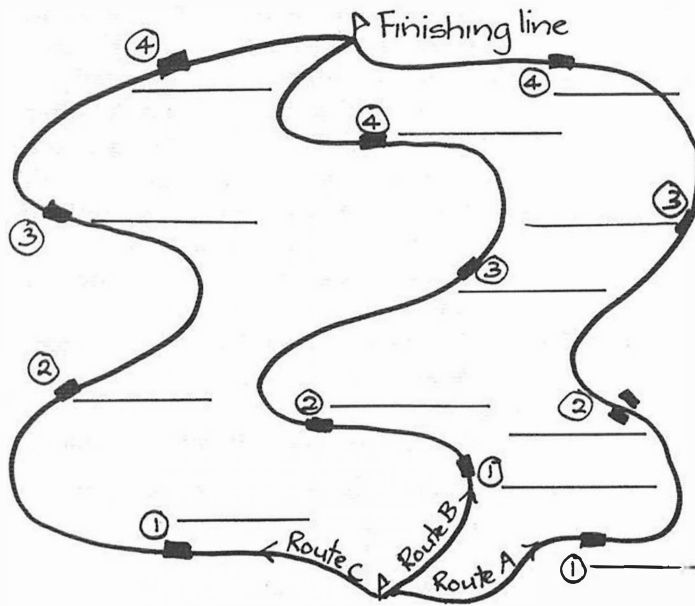
John Jai : O.K. thank's a lot for your time, Mr Spaghetti. I'll let you know the result of the race later on.

WORKSHEET

Exercise 1

Listen to the dialogue and fill in the blank spaces with answers chosen from the box below.

a petrol station/a restaurant/a tunnel/a market
 a workshop/a hospital/a bank/a factory
 a bus terminal/a fire station/a police station/
 a bridge



Route A taken by Mr Sancho El Toro (Spain)
 Route B taken by Mr Ahmad V. Chapati (India)
 Route C taken by Mr Polio Spaghetti (Italy)

Exercise 2

Fill in the boxes with the number of minutes taken by each of the motorists to reach the respective places.

Route A by Mr Sancho El Toro (Spain)

- (a) From the starting line 1 2 3 4
 to the finishing line.

Route B by Mr Ahmad V. Chapati (India)

- (b) From the starting line 1 2 3 4
 to the finishing line.

Route C by Mr Polio Spaghetti (Italy)

- (c) From the starting line 1 2 3 4
 to the finishing line.

Exercise 3

- A. If the three motorists started the race at 7.00 a.m., at what time did each of them arrive at the finishing line?

- (a) Mr Sancho El Toro arrived at a.m.
 (b) Mr Ahmad V. Chapati arrived at a.m.
 (c) Mr Polio Spaghetti arrived at a.m.

- B. Who reached the finishing line first?
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