

RICHARDSON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

Tutor Roundtable Ideas

In case you are looking for some new ideas, try one of these . . .

Name game:

- Use cut out letters to make the student's name for the first class.
- Put letters of student's name on the table in "messed up" order.
- See if student can unscramble the letters.
- Try same game with your name.

Bring pictures of your family and encourage student to do the same.

Bring pictures cut from magazines or advertisements to introduce beginning letter sounds that correlate with Laubach, food families, tools families, or any word families.

Bring a clock and calendar for teaching of time.

Introduce opposites using 2 color index cards. Turn over and search as a Memory Game.

Ex: hot-cold, right-left, on-off.

Use index cards to write a sentence. Cut up words and see if student can put in order. Makes good way to introduce proper word order, punctuation, or capitalization.

Put 4 words on index cards: "now", "today", "yesterday", and "tomorrow". Turn cards over. Once student picks one of the words, s/he must say a sentence using the correct tense. Example: Student turns over "tomorrow". The sentence must use future tense. "Tomorrow, I will have a day off."

Introduce vocabulary around the student's work. Example: a maid must learn all words associated with the job. Verbs could include: "mop", "dust", and "polish". Nouns could include: "mop", "sponge", "pail". You may not need to name parts of speech for the beginning student - it can get confusing!

Make puzzles by using the website www.puzzlemaker.com. Puzzle words can connect to a holiday like Christmas. Words for a Hidden Word Puzzle might include: "Santa", "presents", "tree".

Look in the library's children section for books that introduce letter sounds and then use them in a story.

Check out all the new books and tapes that are available at the RALC office.

Look up the culture of your student on the web: www.ESLcafe.com is a good start that will lead you to lots of places!

For grammar tips look at www.dailygrammar.com. Lots of good exercises.

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