

English Club Programs for The Fifth and Sixth Year Basic Education

1- Aims

The rationale behind setting up English clubs in primary schools aims at:

- developing learner's oral skills (Speaking and Listening)
- involving learners in short and simple communicative activities
- creating a learning environment that fosters learner's self-confidence and develops cognitive and affective potentials.

2- Syllabus principles

- The learner will be at the core of the learning process while the teacher varies and adapts his/her roles according to the nature of the activities. He/she acts as a manager/facilitator.
- The activities should be motivating, simple and varied (including games, songs, puzzles, crosswords, drawing, acting, etc.).
- Material is based on modules / units.
- Error is seen as part of the learning process, yet, fluency is of paramount importance.
- Interaction reflecting real-life situations is ensured through pair work or group work.
- A very limited written output is expected.

3- Materials

Materials should be presented and practiced through

- 1- maximum exposure to pictures, drawings, diagrams, maps, posters and realia,
- 2- simple lexical items,
- 3- functions and their linguistic forms,
- 4- games,
- 5- songs and poems.

4- Skills/ Communicative functions/ Linguistic forms/ Topics/ Vocabulary

A. Listening skills

- Understand the teacher's instructions and respond accordingly.
- Listen to key words and phrases.
- Identify letters of the alphabet.
- Identify numbers.
- Identify main vocabulary in listening passages.
- Identify ordinal numbers.
- Identify time (hours).
- Identify days of the week, months and dates.
- Listen to short poems.
- Identify the relationship between speakers.
- Distinguish word boundaries.
- Recognize words.

B. Speaking skills

- Recognize and reproduce the basic sounds of English.
- Practice pronunciation at word and sentence level.
- Imitate the rhythms and intonation of chants, rhymes and songs.
- Spell out words.
- Recite songs, rhymes, short poems (in chorus, groups or individually).
- Take part in short conversations.
- Produce a limited range of sentences within the communicative functions listed in the syllabus.
- Recognize and reproduce word stress accurately.

Pronunciation / phonics : - What begins with b?

- What's got b in it?
- Something that rhymes with...

C. Writing skills

- Letters (upper / lower case)
- Words
- Spelling
- Matching (word to picture / number to word / colour to word / question to inswer / clockface to time)
- Dictation

D. Reading skills

- Sight reading (names of pictures / cards to match).
- Recognizing letters / sound-symbol correspondence.
- Vowels.

Year one

- Recognizing synonyms / antonyms.
- Definitions: Examples: a day of the week = Friday / a month of the year = January / a girl's name = Susan / a boy's name = Brian / a colour = blue / a pet = dog / a number = seven / a part of the face = nose / eye

E. Communicative functions

Greeting and saying good-bye. Introducing oneself and others / asking for and giving personal information (name, age, nationality, telephone number...) Recycling functions learnt in year one. Talking about family. Describing things, places and people. Talking about location. Talking about daily routines. Giving / following directions. Expressing quantity (size). Using numbers to express quantity. Describing the weather. Identifying colours. Apologizing. Saying where things are. Expressing ability to do things. Telling time. Expressing likes and dislikes. Expressing thanks. Requesting information / a service. Talking about pets. Initiating friendship.

Year two

F. Linguistic forms

Year one

- To be: affirmative, negative, interrogative.
- Have got: affirmative, negative, interrogative.
- Simple Present.
- Verbs / command forms.
- Subject pronouns : I, you, he, she, it, etc.
- Prepositions : Location / time.
- There is / There are.
- Adjectives.
- Nouns.
- Question words.

(What's your favourite?)

Year two

Recycling linguistic forms learnt in year one.

- The Present Continuous : affirmative, negative, interrogative.
- Going to + infinitive : affirmative.
- Prepositions : location/time/movement.
- There isn't / There aren't.
- Modals : can / can't.

G. Topics / Vocabulary

Year one

- The family
- Introducing oneself / others
- Greeting / farewells
- The classroom
- Following classroom instructions
- School materials
- Seasons / weather
- The house /furniture
- The body / appearance
- Clothes / colours
- The alphabet
- Numbers
- Telling time
- Days of the week / months of the year
- Birthdays
- Pets
- Location

Year two

- Daily routines
- The town
- The weather
- Wild animals
- Time / location
- Money / shopping
- Food / drinks
- Hobbies: (music, sport...)
- Means of transport
- School places / people / subjects
- Friends / Games