

Lesson Plan #2 - ESL

Title: WRAP-A-GIFT

Objective:

In this engaged learning activity, beginning ESL students will

1. gain practice in recognizing and pronouncing vocabulary words.
2. gain practice in using the appropriate vocabulary word to identify the item.
3. demonstrate how to wrap a box for a gift.

Session time: 50-60 minutes

Materials and Resources:

- Square boxes (various sizes)
- Wrapping paper (solid colors); stickers
- Tape, scissors, ribbon card
- 6 or 7 various small items for “gifts” (roll of tape, spool of thread, stamps, etc. or simply cut out pictures of various items for these “gifts”)

Methods: Guided discussion, cooperative learning, interactive participation

Procedure

- Write words on the board that identify the 6 or 7 small gift items
- Pick up the item on the table and point to the word on the board that identifies it, saying “This is a
- Have students repeat, “This is a
- Do this for all of the items.
- Have students select an item and say what it is, “This is a
- Practice several minutes in order to address all learning styles.
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Activity

- Give each student a box, square piece of paper, sheet of stickers, card.
- Share tape, scissors, ribbon.
- Model placing a gift item in the box, wrapping the gift in the wrapping paper, applying stickers, tying ribbon, and attaching a card.
- Have students wrap their gifts.
- After all the students have wrapped their gifts, place them on a table.
- Then, each student is to take turns selecting a box that they did **not** wrap.
- Taking turns, students unwrap the box, and say the word of the gift item in the box, “This is a

Conclusion: It is important to provide plenty of practice for students to identify the item with the appropriate word, using complete sentences. It is also important to limit the vocabulary words (and corresponding gifts) to no more than 7, since students will find it difficult to remember the words for more than 7 items in one lesson.

Note: This lesson is included in the workshop, *ESL New Teacher Orientation*, in the *SIPDC Catalog of Professional Development Opportunities*.