

Swap Shop Lesson Plan
Dave's Reading Room
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Target Audience: Emerging English readers at the intermediate or middle school grade level who have some reading knowledge in their native language.

Purpose: Reading fluency and vocabulary building

Requirements: Internet connected computer(s), and headset(s)

Process:

1. Connect to my website: davesreadingroom.com (Yes, this is shameless self-promotion :) Best viewed with Internet Explorer, allow pop-ups.
2. Select any mid-level story.
3. Show students left arrow to vocabulary page (translations only available in Spanish, Chinese and Korean so far)
4. In pairs or teacher led, read English words and ask student to explain the meaning based on the translation information provided in their native language.
5. Have students put headsets on and ask students to both read and listen to the stories at the same time to improve comprehension. Just reading or just listening usually results in poorer quiz performance.
 - a. Explain to students that they can either click on the up and down arrows or use the ones on their keyboards to scroll through the story.
 - b. Explain to students how they can control the sound to stop and replay anything not understood.
6. Once students have read and feel confident, have them press the quiz button, and complete quiz. This can be used to assess their performance.
 - a. Ask students who score poorly to re-read story more carefully as opposed to just re-doing the quiz.
 - b. If a student is consistently doing poorly, ask them to try a lower level story.

Tips

- If you have students with other languages besides Spanish, Korean, and Chinese, pair them up with a student that can read one of those language and they can work together to explain the translation.
- Since students can work independently at the website, if you find it useful, you can pass it on to enrolling teachers who have computers and slightly overwhelmed ESL students in their classes.

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Any feedback about the site would be appreciated.