

ESL Teaching Idea Share – “Mr. Bean”

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Target Audience – Level 1, all age groups

Purpose – vocabulary building, review of past tense of verbs

Requirements – Mr. Bean video/DVD or computer with internet connection and LCD projector

Process –

1. Explain to students that they are going to watch a comedy about a man named Mr. Bean.
2. Show an episode or a part of an episode of Mr. Bean from a video/DVD or websites like Youtube. (Episode 1 for “The Trouble with Mr. Bean” works well.)
3. Have students brainstorm in pairs or small groups about the actions taken by Mr. Bean in the story. Students can write down the verbs using the past tense.
4. Check the list with the class.

Tips – It will be helpful if the teacher has watched the video several times ahead to know the types of actions which will be covered in the show.

Extension ideas – Show a story part way and have students create a new ending.

Let students watch the video without sound and have them retell or write out the story.

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Happy viewing!