“Language Teacher Education: Defining the Knowledge Base”

(Chapter 1)

part 1 (Sina Alfers)

• two basic questions:
  1. What is it that foreign language teachers need to know?
  2. How do people learn to teach?
• being equipped with ________________is important for future language teachers, but not sufficient
• knowledge base must focus on ________________itself
• situations of practice (= in the classroom) are characterized by:
  1. ________________, 2. ________________, 3. ________________, 4. ________________, and 5. ________________

• two disciplines in the German context of foreign language teaching:
  1. ________________ -> term dates back to the end of the 19th century; was important in establishing a distinct discipline for the teaching of “modern languages”
  2. ________________ -> used since the beginning of the 1970s; term for the study of teaching and learning of foreign languages; independent of related disciplines

• teaching of English as a foreign language is a ________________ discipline -> those professionally concerned in this field cannot base their work on research standards or clearly defined subject matters
• language teachers: seen as ________________ of theories based on a reflection of their own language learning experiences, not as consumers of ideas that have been developed outside language classrooms
• in order to accept this discipline as academically autonomous, “related sciences” such as ________________ and ________________ need to be understood
• changes in the way language teaching and learning is considered in the last five decades -> focus on its complexity
part 2 (Katharina Albrecht)

There are 3 models of teacher education: the __________ model, the __________ model and the __________ model.

In the __________ model the student teacher imitates the __________ of his “master teacher” who is an experienced professional practitioner. By following the __________ and __________ of the practitioner the student teacher will acquire professional __________.

Study with “master” practitioner: __________ / __________

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problem: These imprints are resistant to change unless the student teacher discovers alternative practices by watching another teacher in a specific situation which functions as a ____________.

In the __________ model the student teacher achieves practical knowledge by developing the application of scientific knowledge in a relevant area which is transmitted by experts in lectures. This model is also known as __________ (RDD) model.
transmitted by _ _ _ _ _ _ _ (lectures, relevant readings)

APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE IN _ _ _ _ _ _ _

__________________________

The applied science model illustrates that there are general solutions to practical problems which may be developed outside practical situations (e.g. at _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ) which are taken over into teachers` actions.

**problem:** Teachers are reduced to applying what has been developed elsewhere.
Student teachers need to develop a _ _ _ _ _ _ _ knowledge in order to act smoothly, routinely and adequately in a classroom.
_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ and _ _ _ _ _ _ go together without being planned or prepared - they are not separate activities.
Frequent _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ lead to _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ which are unconsciously executed. They are important for interacting in a classroom. A problem for student teachers might be to plan their actions _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ beforehand while they are actually teaching.
They are only able to improve their “ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ ” and competences through action and reflection in order to develop an experiential knowledge.

This model is called the _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ model.
part 3 (Claudia Albert)

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Chapter 2 Language Teaching and Learning in the Classroom: Discussing purposes, Participants, practices

Part 1: Julia Behlen

► Developing Intercultural Communicative Competence

ICC is the main goal of a learning. When someone is learning a second or a foreign language he is already in his mother tongue and the associated culture. In the process the learner does not lose this competence but becomes and develops interculturality. The linguistic and intercultural competence enable the individual to develop an enriched, more complex personality and an capacity for further language learning and greater openness to new.

► Language learning contexts

- Languages are learned in as well as contexts.
  - institutional context:
    → foreign language classroom
    This brings a lot of advantages and disadvantages.
    ● advantage: There is a structured and intensive language work with a group of learners, communicating in English.
    ● problems: The teacher has to simulate a, has to handle a restrictive time frame of usually 45 minute periods and must give grades.
  - natural context:
    → meeting native speakers or other English learners outside the classroom
    - function of a teacher:
      He/ she has to set meaningful tasks and try to create a rich learning. The learners communicate by using the foreign language, negotiating the tasks.

► Development of language learning methods

- grammar-translation method of the late 19th century:
  - presented the instructed language through the learner’s L1 and then practiced these rules by sentences.
  . Did not teach how to use the language but rather how to translate the classics.
- audio-lingual method:
  - This method was developed during the second World War.
- Language was not seen as a ................. process.
- Communication in a foreign language was seen as learning the four skills of
  ................., ................., ........................................

- Communicative language teaching (CLT):
  - stressed the ................. nature of communication
  - focuses on the meaning potential of language, for example on language use and it
    stresses the ....................... of that context.

- Intercultural Communicative Competence (ICC):
  - Since 1970s there is a focus on ICC by giving greater ................ to the socio-
    linguistic and pragmatic factors governing effective language use. As a consequence

  the Council of Europe developed inventories for language teaching that listed and
  described the speech acts learners needed to perform in a language for example to
  show the learner how to express the ................ of an utterance or such as giving
  .....................

➤ The four competences of ICC

- **Grammatical competence:** comprises the sentence level grammar forms, such as ..........., ..........., ............, or ............... features of language.

- **Discourse competence:** concerns the ability to connect a number of utterances to form a
  meaningful and ............... oral or written text

- **Sociocultural competence:** deals with the ............... of language use, for example
  cultural
  meaning of language and cultural ............... such as turn-
  taking, appropriate content, ...............-conventions or
  nonverbal features of language use.

- **Strategic competence:** deals with coping strategies
„Language Teaching and Learning in the Classroom: Discussing Purposes, Participants, Practices“ (Chapter 2)

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Part 2: Mirja Backhaus

A model of teaching ICC

⇒ creation of openness and curiosity in relation to the other culture
⇒ cultural __________________________, not
_______________ need to be in the forefront
⇒ need creative tasks
⇒ project forms or simulations
⇒ games
⇒ development of a ____________________________ on one’s
    own culture

The Process: The Task-based Approach

Introduction: Task-based language learning (TBLL)

- interaction among teacher and learners
- task-based approach organizes “activities in which language is used for carrying out
  ____________________________ to promote learning”
- teacher selects and sequences activities in the social context of the classroom
- example: Airport Project
- 6th grade class go to airport in Frankfurt to interview people
- valuable for developing ICC (________________________)

Characteristics of TBLL
NUNAN (1989) defines task as “a piece of classroom work which involves learners in _______________, manipulating, __________________ or interacting in the target language while their attention is principally focused on ______________________ rather than on form.”

difference between (1) “_______________________” and (2) “__________________”

(1) - require learners to approximate, in class, the sorts of behaviours required of them in the world beyond the classroom
- take sociocultural background and contexts into consideration
- linguistic skills are developed in the process of doing tasks

(2) - answering true or false statements about a text
- just occurs in the classroom
- geared towards practising linguistic skills

two different approaches to learning language:
- the “presentation”, “practice”, and “production” approach (PPP): presentation of linguistic material is followed by practice activities and focuses on the production of discrete linguistic items → will probably not lead to fluency
- TBLL: focuses on ______________________ ________________________
  - goals: knowledge of the world, sociocultural knowledge, mediating skills, learning skills and basic practical skills
  - activities: use of material, practising language skills in an __________________________
Part 3: How to design tasks and how to work with tasks

Designing tasks:

1) __________: content area (chosen by the teacher) has to be linked to the target culture (airport → all kinds of English)

2) __________: on the part of the learners (airport: learners find out, how far they can function in an authentic situation)

3) Learners` __________: has to be taken into account (knowledge about the airport and about the diversity of language encounters)

4) __________: of the learners (choosing, which parts of the interviews are most interesting to present)

5) Learners` __________: - to learn about themselves 
   - to open up to others in public
   → atmosphere of __________ in the classroom is decisive

6) Learners` __________: - signs of the airport
   - different accents, personalities

7) __________ of tasks: What does the teacher want to achieve?

Teachers` requirements for designing tasks:

- ability to select tasks for supplementary activities
- competence to organize pre- and post-task activities
- willingness to adapt task-difficulty during the actual task phase
- a sensitivity to individual differences and the capacity to adapt tasks to take account of differences in learner orientation

Time to plan a task:

A longer __________ for the learners and a __________ by the teacher lead to a longer and richer discourse.

Tasks produce more __________ if there is an information exchange between the partners.

Unfamiliarity with the task and a presentation in a more narrative way facilitate negotiation of meaning.

If learners construct a task __________ through __________, then they are able to produce certain linguistic features.
How to work with tasks

Six types of tasks:

1) ______ (mindmaps etc.)
2) ______ and ______ (chronological; value; categorising in groups; etc.)
3) ______ (similarities and differences)
4) ______ ______
5) Sharing ______ ______ ______ ______
6) ______ ______ _______ (more complex tasks, that could involve task forms 1-5)

Project work: → combines theory and practice (learners must decide, how they will do the project, who does, what, which questions they will ask, etc. → then they do it)

Different types of projects:

- ______ projects: library or internet research
- ______ projects: learners encounter various text genres
- ______ ______ ______ projects: communication with other people (email, letter…)
- ______ projects: collecting and analyzing information from people
- ______ ______ projects: face-to-face with other people

→ Which kind of project fits for the airport example?

Storyline approach:

Developed in Scottish primary schools, adapted to the foreign language classroom. → narrative structure (example: detective story)
→ reading and writing of various text genres; language production through communication with other learners, or native speakers; presentation of results.

Szenariendidaktik:

Learners work on a number of text impulses (different text genres on a specific topic)
→ offers the opportunity to receive feedback in terms of content and language.

⇒ All these concepts of language learning were produced under lab-like conditions, so a classroom-based research is needed for the future.
The quality of language learning depends on the multiplicity of different identities, relations and purposes of its members. This approach discusses language acquisition on the teacher’s role. Therefore we take four aspects into consideration:

1) Teacher as language teacher
2) Teacher as classroom manager
3) Teacher as learner
4) Teacher as expert in learning

The teacher as language teacher needs to be the instructor and the learner’s partner at the same time. It is the teacher who holds the role and controls the topic of discussion. In this coherence the IRE (initiation, evaluation) pattern happens to occur, which restricts the quality of language input and impedes the learner’s opportunities for language production.

The usual pattern: teacher asks a question – learner answers the question – teacher evaluates on the answer.

The teacher as an expert in learning needs to create a social relationship between the learner and himself. Hereby we distinguish between learning.
Furthermore he has to see that there are authentic purposes on the tasks he makes.

### 2.3 The Learner
*(Jenni, pp.33-39)*

1. **1 The Learner as social agent**
   Users and Learners of language are “members of society who have tasks to accomplish in a given set of circumstances, in a specific environment, and within a particular field of action”

   **In the classroom**
   Teachers and learners constitute such a specific socio-cultural
   ____________________________________________

   **Learners...**
   bring > various ________________ and skills
   > different ________________
   > varied personalities
   > different ________________ for language learning
   > own cultural identity to the classroom.

   ☐ different learner needs

   Also certain beliefs and subjective theories of what learning and teaching should be like are represented, influenced by the instructional tradition in their culture. This leads to frustration if the beliefs are not met.

   ☐ The learner “as a person with social and emotional resources”

   **Imperative:** Support in developing strategies that help in the process of becoming good and ________________
   __________________ for language learners, considering the different learner types.
Opposition: some view

Learners as passive language processing devices who do not control their own learning process. Whereas Learners as active agents contribute “to the process of making meaning” and are problem-solvers, testing hypotheses about how language works and using strategies, having learner differences.

1. **2 The good language learner**

Self-directed learning or learner autonomy

The learner takes responsibility for his/her own learning:
- “an ability to define one’s own objectives;
- awareness of how to use language materials effectively;
- careful organisation of time for learning,
- active development of learning strategies”

Learners’ different capacities (depending on their age)

Role of:
1. ______________________
   IQ score related to certain language learning abilities?
2. ______________________
   Some have special aptitudes, they learn very quickly and efficiently. MLAT Modern Language Aptitude Test, relating to grammar translation and audio-lingual teaching
3. ______________________
   Extraversion might favour language production, inhibition discourages risk-taking
4. ______________________
   (often decisive for success, influenced by social standing of a language)
   - integrative motivation: personal growth, cultural enrichment
   - instrumental motivation: immediate and practical goals (e.g. preparing for a job)
5. ______________________
   One specific style or a combination of styles, being the “natural, habitual, and preferred way of absorbing, processing, and retaining new information and skills.” (Reid)
**Learners’ perceptual differences**

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**Classifying Learner Types (Nunan)**

Learners who tend to like games, pictures, films, talking in pairs and “outdoor-practice” are _______________ learners.

The _______________ learner likes studying grammar and English books, reading newspapers, studying alone and working on problems set by the teacher.

Watching and listening to native speakers, talking English to friends, watching English TV, talking out of class and learning new words by hearing and conversation is typical for the _______________ learner.

The ___________________ learner prefers the teacher to explain everything, having an own textbook and using a notebook, studying grammar, reading and learning new words by seeing them.

**2.2 How to become a good language learner**

Using strategies: influenced by learner preferences!

**Learning strategies (Rabin):**

“All set of operations, steps, plans, routines used by the learner to facilitate the obtaining, storage, retrieval and use of information [...] that is what learners ____________________ and ___________________ their learning.”

1. Affective Strategies
reduce inhibition and anxiety when using a new language e.g. positive self-talk, praising oneself for a performance, writing emotions down

2. **Social Strategies**
are especially important for developing (ICC) to understand the other culture and language and communicate.

3. **Cognitive Strategies**
involves thought processes that help establish connections between new and already existing knowledge, deal with tasks and materials, include memorising (help of visual clues), taking notes and structuring them, analysing, guessing words from the context

4. **Metacognitive Strategies**
involves organising tasks, learning by finding resources (e.g. readers suitable for one’s language level), establishing a time schedule, establishing general goals for language learning include: ways of finding out about one’s own interests, needs, learning styles.

5. **Compensatory/ Communication Strategies:**
   - guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words from the context when listening or reading
   - use of circumlocation when speaking and writing (e.g. paraphrasing)
   - use of gestures and mime to support communication

**The success in language learning depends on how learners use strategies!**

**2.5 The Context**

*Constantin*

The Context: Language Policy, Curriculum, Classroom
• state and national governments supervise and influence what is taught and learned in schools by defining standards, procedures and forms of textbooks and other working material needs to be approved by the Ministry of Education
• (dis)advantage: on the one hand it guarantees and stability, on the other hand it narrows down the teacher's and the school's opinion

**The Classroom:**

- apart from the political decisions teachers have to consider the of classrooms during interaction
- there were identified several features which describe good language learning pedagogy
- metaphors for the classroom: workshop, studio, observatory

*the classroom is not merely restricted to physical space*

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**Jenni, 52 - 55**

1. Globalisation

**Its influence on language teaching**

Issue: English as linguistic ________ threatening linguistic and ________ diversity?

The ________ and its answer (1996): Every European Citizen should learn ___ more European Languages.

___________ promotes a trilingual language profile which regards the fact that the establishment of a ________ alone does not promote understanding and communication.

**English as an International Language**

A fact: The number of Second Language Speakers of English will surpass the number of native speakers.
The argument: EIL (____________________________) is becoming de-nationalised.

The consequences: Teaching English – need learners of EIL still learn the culture of native speakers? There is no necessity for L2 (_____________ ____________) speakers to internalise the cultural norms of native speakers of that language, so the purpose of teaching an international language is to ________________ ________________ in an English medium.

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages from the ____________________________ 2001, Council of Europe:
some general purposes > improving “the quality of communication among Europeans of different languages and cultural backgrounds” > supporting methods that help learners “to become more independent in thought and action” > “more responsible and co-operative in relation to other people.
“In this way the work contributes to the promotion of democratic citizenship.”

2. Foreign Language Teaching – National regulations
apart from above global and European considerations:

Guidelines (Rahmen-)Richtlinien contain detailed subject-specific regulations, e.g. about the purposes of teaching English, topics, skills etc. Curriculum and Lehrplan (syllabus) are plans of what is to be achieved through teaching and learning. It defines the aims, content, methodology and evaluation. Lehrplan refers particularly to the time frames in which contents have to be taught.
Development of syllabuses
- 1970s development of linguistic knowledge
- 1971 (Council of Europe) functional teaching fixes communicative situations
- Development of task-based and syllabus types. Realisation is still slowed down by sequencing language learning in textbooks following the traditional grammatical/structural progression

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Second Language Learning and Language Teaching
1. Short term memory processes
   Introduction
   Anything that is stored in the mind for any length of time involves some form of memory. It is involved in all aspects of the processing of the sentence.
   STM: Short term memory
   processing of information for periods of time up to a few seconds (used for remembering a phone number while dialling it)
   Information is stored in STM briefly and is then usually forgotten.
   In a second language memory of span is reduced. Glicksberg (1963) found that L2 learners’ span in English improved from 6.4 digits at the beginning of an eight week course up to 6.7 at the end.

   Working memory and the articulatory loop
   Working memory is used for processing information while the mind works on various tasks. The constant repetition makes up the articulatory loop. Memory span is restricted by speed of articulation. Not only the number of words restricted but also their length.

   Teaching and working memory

   STM involvement in classroom activities
   Working memory is involved in everyday performance in second language use and in the classroom.
   The restrictions on the learner’s ability to speak the language are caused as much by memory limits as by the difficulty of the syntax, vocabulary and so on.

   Ubiquitousness of working memory
   The consequence for teaching is the realisation that everything the student does or says in the L2 is related in some way to STM.
Cognitive deficit in L2 use

Cognitive processes work less efficiently through the second language. In general: the mind is less efficient in an L2 whatever it is doing. There is a “cognitive deficite”.

2. Reading and longer term memory process

1.) Schema theory

_schema_: the background knowledge on which the interpretation of a text depends

- If the topic of a text is known, the comprehension level is much higher, especially if ‘vague words’ are used.
  The sentences are the same but the interpretation in the mind of the reader changes.

- This kind of background knowledge is important for native speakers and second language learners

2.) ‘Scripts’

_script_: ‘a predetermined stereotyped sequence of actions that defines a well-known situation’ (Schank and Abelson)

If you are in a foreign country with cultural or religious differences to your home country you are in a different conventional situation (script).
Wherever there are differences between two scripts, the L2 learners will be at a loss.

3.) Scripts and schema theory in teaching

If you teach a L2 you have to consider that:
- L2 learners read their second language much more slowly than they read their first, even if they are advanced learners.
- The problem with reading is not just the language but the whole process of getting meaning from texts.
- L2 learners need to get background information natives do read automatically into it.
- The L2 learners will also have problems if they can not read in their own language or when the writing system of their L1 is very different.
- Vocabulary should be integrated and emphasized in the teaching of text

3. Processes in listening

Elements of listening:

1. Access to vocabulary:
using a second language means accessing a more complicated mental dictionary (vocabulary, word schemes)
2. **Parsing**: working out the grammatical structure and meaning of sentence  
a). Bottom-up: (many words - one sentence)  
b). Top-down: (one sentence –many words)  
   → effective students: - top-down for intonation  
      → ineffective students: - bottom-up  
      - bottom up for words  
      - translation

3. **Teaching of listening**  
   • Three stages of listening  
     1. pre-listening  
     2. while-listening  
     3. post-listening  
   • very important to activate student’s background and vocabulary in their minds  
   • showing the students the importance of learning - then more motivation to learn

4. **Listening-based methods of teaching**  
   - **Decoding** – work out the “message” from the sentence  
   - **Codebreaking** – work out the language code from the “message”  
   - **Total Physical Response Method (TPR)**  
     • Teacher shows the students signs  
     • Students follow the direction the teacher give

4. **Codeswitching**

   *codeswitching*: going from one language to the other when both speakers know the same two languages

   Codeswitching is found all over the world where bilingual speakers talk to each other.

   By codeswitching the speaker does  
   - report what someone has said  
   - discuss particular topics  
   - emphasize a particular social role

   Codeswitching consists of 84% single word switches, 10% phrases, 6% clauses.

   Teachers should remember that the classroom is often a natural codeswitching situation.

5. **Communication strategies**

   **Socially-motivated strategies for solving mutual lack of understanding**  
   - paraphrase (approximation: horse-animal, word-coinage: balloon-airball, circumlocution: pottery-when you make a container)  
   - falling back on L1 translation, appeal for assistance (What’s this?), mime  
   - avoidance
Psychologically motivated strategies for solving the individual’s L2 problems of expression

1. Achievement strategies:
   - codeswitching
   - foreignerisation
   - interlanguage strategies (substitution: *wether or whether? – if
genralisation: rabbit – animal
description: kettle – the thing to cook water in
exemplification: transport – e.g. cars
restructuring: I have two (siblings) – one sister and brother.

2. Avoidance strategies:
   - formal: (phonological, morphological, grammatical)
   - functional: (actional, propositional, modal) avoidance of different types of functions

1.

________________________ to most people means a store that is used for remembering information for long periods, but it plays a much wider role in language use. ________________ : processing of information for periods of time up to a few seconds (used for remembering a phone number while dialling it) Information is stored in STM briefly and is then usually forgotten. ___________________________ is used for processing information while the mind works on various tasks. Its capacity is restricted by the ________________________________. A constant repetition (remembering sth.) makes up the ________________________________. Working memory is involved in everyday performance in ________________________________ and in the classroom. ________________________________ work less efficiently through the second language. In general: the mind is less efficient in an L2 whatever it is doing. There is a “cognitive deficit”.

cognitive processes; working memory; memory; second language use; short term memory; “articulatory loop” (2x)

2.
The background knowledge on which the interpretation of a text depends is called _______________. In Texts like “Doing the laundry” by Bransford and Johnson where lots of ____________________________ are used, the reader is unable to comprehend the text without knowing the _________________. Not only for ________________________________, but also for native speakers this kind of ________________________________ is very important to understand what such a text is about.

L2 learners need to get ________________ natives do read automatically into a text, because there are differences between their ________________________________, their scripts. In ________________________________ the learners will be lost if they do not know about the ________________ in culture, religion and the way of living.

In the ________________ of a second language it is necessary to give the students not only vocabulary, but also __________________________ about the country where the language is spoken. ________________________________ often have problems with getting meaning from text, not only with the language itself.

differences; teaching; background knowledge; foreign countrys; second language learners (2x); ‘vague words’; topic; schema; background information; conventional situations; knowledge

3.

To be able to listen and to understand foreign language first the students must know the basic ________________ and have built up ________________ in their mind. Furthermore it is important for understanding a new language to get to know the processes of ________________ that consists of two methods: __________________________ (many words – one sentence), __________________________ (one sentence – many words). The effective students can use two methods because they use the first method for ________________ and the second method for ________________. Ineffective students concentrate only on ________________ strategies or use ineffective strategies (e.g. ________________). It is very important to activate student’s background and vocabulary in their minds and to motivate them to learn with showing the students the importance of learning. You can do it with the three stages of listening (______________________, ________________, ________________)
with tasks (___________________, ________________________, ___________, ____________________________).

annotation; diagramms; parsing; while-listening; maps; bottom-up (2x); correcting the mistakes; vocabulary; post-listening; word schemes; top-down; words; pre-listening; checking the route;

4.
Going from one language to the other when both speakers know the same two languages is called _________________. It is used when the speaker reports what someone has said, discusses ________________ or emphasizes a particular social role. 84% of codeswitching consists of _____________________________.
codeswitching; single word switches; particular topics

5.
There are three listening-based methods of teaching: 1. _____________ (working out the message of the sentence), 2. ___________________________ (working out the language code from the message), 3. _______ (the teacher shows the students signs and the students follow the direction the teacher gives).
If people start to learn a new language communication strategies will be developed automatically. On the one hand there are strategies called ___________________________ that try to solve the lack of understanding and on the other hand there are strategies called _______________ _________________ that try to solve individuals L2 problems of expression.
decoding; psychologically motivated strategies; TPR; codebreaking; socially-motivated strategies
Language skills and subskills - Speaking

1. Speaking elements

Speech production is a very complex process.

It is _______ and not _______. There is often time pressure to produce language with no time to plan it.

Speech production involves the following major elements:

_______, _______ and _______.

2. Speaking in the classroom

Classrooms are _______ contexts and this affects the quality of teaching and learning.

3. How to encourage and support speaking

Teachers have to create a _______ and _______ atmosphere.

Teacher are role models because they use the language _______ and _______.

They offer pair- and groupwork activities to practise speech production. The students don’t have to worry about errors and become more _______.

They offer _______ topics and tasks to encourage student participation and response.

There are 3 different aspects of speech: _______ and _______ of speech.

We can distinguish between accuracy-based and fluency-based speaking activities.

a.) Fluency-based activities are _______ and so-called
b.) Accuracy-based activities focus on the development of one aspect of language, i.e. on a structure, a function or the time sequencers.

### 3.1.3. Listening- as an interactive process

#### I. Introduction

1. **Dimensions of listening**
   - Listening is a primary vehicle for language learning because understanding input triggers language acquisition
   - it is not only a **receptive** skill but also an **integral** part of an individual’s communicative competence
   - listening is the most widely used language skill in everyday life: of the time an individual is engaged in communication…

   ![Pie chart showing time spent on different activities: listening 45%, writing 9%, reading 16%, speaking 30%]

2. **the current situation**
   - listening is a very **complex** process that is why teachers should know how to support learners to become good listeners

#### II. What do we know about the listening process?

1. **Different types of knowledge: bottom- up and top- down skills**
   - on a very general level listening can be described as an active process of constructing meaning which is carried out by applying knowledge to the incoming sound (Buck 2001: 31)
   - there are two views that refer to the order in which the different types of knowledge are applied during the comprehension process:
     - **bottom- up view**
     - **top- down view**

   - **bottom- up view:**
- in this part of the listening process we use our knowledge of the language to make sense of the sounds we hear
  - the information we use is contained in the speech itself
  - the sounds we hear are often indistinct because speakers modify the sounds, but there are several clues with which we infer meaning
  - the different types of knowledge we use when we try to understand spoken language are:
    1. **prosodic features**: include stress and *intonation*, they carry several communicative information and are closely related to meaning
    2. sub- skills involved in bottom- up listening(White1998:8):
      - *perception skills*
      - *language skills*
    3. integration of lexical and syntactical knowledge

→ bottom- up comprehension strategies use the information which is available within the text

- **top- down view**: using world knowledge
  - refer to the knowledge a listener brings to the text(‘inside the head\' information)
  - understanding a text requires not only linguistic knowledge but also knowledge about the world we live in
    - Buck(2001: 18) divides this knowledge into two categories
      1. *knowledge of the context* which may support or restrict understanding and
      2. *knowledge of specific facts* or of how things usually happen, this knowledge can be used to fill in details that are not explicitly stated in the text
    - our world knowledge is stored in memory and is used when comprehension of texts is asked for
      - the two most commonly used ways of how knowledge is stored are *script theory* and *schemata*

→ the two models of language comprehension(bottom- up and top- down) do not oppose each other. “[…] both function simultaneously and are mutually dependent. The current model of listening is therefore an interactive one in which linguistic information, contextual clues, and prior knowledge interact to enable comprehension.” (Hedge 2000:234-5)

2. **Script theory and schemata**
  - the idea of script theory is(Schlank/Abelson 1977 in Buck 2001: 20) “that an utterance sets up expectations, in the form of a script, about what normally happens in that context. The script is a *mental structure* which describes stylised, everyday situations.”
- an often experienced situation or a familiar sequence of events makes many listening situations quite predictable
  → scripts tend to be culture bound as they may vary from one culture to the next
- the structure which explains the organization of a text or discourse is called schemata

III. Purposes for listening
- there is a range of listening activities: listening to media, listening to public announcements, listening as a member of a live audience
- and in each case the listener listens for different reasons: for gist, for implications, for specific information
- texts can be scripted, unscripted or semi-authentic

IV. What makes listening easy or difficult?

1. **Purpose**
   - learners should not reproduce a message word-by-word they should learn how to use and interpret the information so that they can complete a particular task
   - as a teacher you should give your learners clear tasks so that they can focus their listening on the content which is relevant for their task

2. **Activating context and prior knowledge**
   - tasks which were given to students become easier when teachers support the listeners to use their own knowledge; when listeners are asked to think about expectations before hearing a text (*pre-listening task*); when listeners are asked to do a task while listening so that they can focus on the most important issues (*while listening task*)

3. **Features of texts and tasks**
   - the degree of difficulty depends on various aspects:
     - the number of speakers in the text
     - the pace of delivery
     - the speaker’s accent
   - the teacher should use listening texts of different types so that the learners get used to it and they can build up confidence
   - there are different types of tasks in listening:
     - *listening for general understanding*
     - *listening for details*

4. **Interactive strategies**
- listening is a reciprocal skill (an opportunity for speaker and listener to exchange roles)

V. An effective methodology for the teaching of listening

1. **pre-listening**
   - explain why the learners have to listen to a text, what their task is (listening purpose) so that they can focus on the most important things
   - ask what they already know about this topic, what do they predict?

2. **while-listening**
   - “needs to link in relevant ways to the pre-listening work” (Hedge 2000: 252), comparison of thoughts and ideas which were developed in pre-listening
   - progress from easy to more difficult tasks

3. **post-listening**
   - there are basically two purposes
     - consolidation of language
     - extension of context

VI. Issues and perspectives

- most vital element in listening is confidence which can be developed by practice only
- the teacher should be a positive role model that means that the teacher should be able to manage classroom discourse

→ listeners are not passive overhearers, it is not the teacher`s part to take the responsibility for building up an understanding, the student him-/herself should develop individual responsibility

Part4: Reading

**Types of knowledge**

- _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ knowledge
- _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ knowledge
• Knowledge/ knowledge of _ _- __________

• Knowledge of _______ ________ inferred from L1

• General world or _______ knowledge

Models of reading comprehension

• _____- _____ model: focus on text

• _____- _____ model: focus on reader

• ________________ model: focus on integration

Levels of involvement: Purposes and styles of reading

• “for gist( _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ )”: readers wish to get a global impression of what the text is about

• “for specific information( _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ )”: readers search rapidly through a text to find a specific point of information

• “for detailed understanding( _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ reading)”: readers study a text carefully for all of the information it provides

• “for general understanding( _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ reading)”: readers are reading consistently over time on a frequent and regular basis, primarily for pleasure or interest, during class time but also engaging in individual independent reading at home

• ________________ reading: readers are encouraged to consider the underlying cultural contexts and purposes of texts and are guided to pay greater attention to social and ideological factors which mediate in readers’ access to text
The teaching of reading: focus on strategy training

• ________ ________ ________
  => learners need to be familiar with ________ ________ for identifying the meaning of unknown words, such as deriving ______ meaning from ________, applying knowledge of word ________, or looking up the meaning of unfamiliar words in the dictionaries

• ________ - ________ skills are about reading for various purposes
Chapter 3: Lexicogrammar or the lexical approach

Lexicogrammar:

The mental lexicon creates a cohesion among words, like a spiderweb of grammatical and semantic relationship between a large number of words. There are 3 fields of teaching purposes:

1. ______________ (e.g. how to communicate in a restaurant)
2. ______________ (e.g. talking about food)
3. ______________ (e.g. avoiding repetition)

Chunks of language:

Students often learn vocabulary only by learning just one discrete item. But instead they should learn them in ___________. So they are able to use them in a meaningful context. (e.g. learning the discrete item “dog” but also _________ to describe them and _______ as to what pets can do: “barking dog”, “dogs wag their tail”)

This leads to a ________________.

The lexical approach:

Word and sounds form the _________________. Combining them in meaningful ways and learning them in chunks, allows the learner to communicate without __________. Lexical and grammatical knowledge are interrelated in a kind of ________________.

The lexical system can be divided into “grammatical words” such as prepositions, articles, adverbs, and so on, which form the majority of the words.

There also exists the word __________. That means, that _______________ are attached to the beginning and end of each of words in order to form new words e.g. help: _________________

Research into language corpora:

Corpus linguistic has shown that the term “handsome” mainly appears in combination with male and “beautiful” with female persons.

This _______________ (words that typically go together like “galloping horse”, “singing bird”, “barking dog”) play an important role between _______________.

Most words can be described in terms of pattern in which they occur. If they share patterns they also share meanings (“handsome man”, “beautiful women”)
**Cultural meaning:**

The interrelatedness of vocabulary and grammar lays in its cultural meaning and the ______________________.

Example:  
- Native speaker: See you later  
- Non-native speaker: What time?  
- Native speaker: What do you mean?

Our knowledge of the world decides how we understand specific discourse features.  
____________________ often does not take place at the level of grammar or vocabulary, but at the ____________.

The meanings, which we attach to words are culturally specific.

Example: word “bachelor”

1. definition: +human, +male, +adult, -married  
2. definition: young, date women, have exciting lifestyle

word “clique”

1. definition: group, circle of friends  
2. definition: gang

In a ____________ communicative situation where different discourses play an important role, the cultural defined schemata (meanings are organized in schemata to help us make sense of the discourse, e.g. ordering a meal in a restaurant: 1. asking for the menu, 2. ordering drinks, 3. then meal) might help us in interpreting the discourse of our interlocutor (partner) and use appropriate language use.

**Chapter 6: Current trends and development**

*More research on grammar is needed:*

A lot of advances have been made in the field of _____________. But there are a few complications in the field of ________, because there are a lot of various approaches to grammar teaching.  

The role of _________ to analyse written and spoken corpora is beginning to produce important results which might lead to the writing of different grammars, that contain spoken and written language. There will be an even stronger emphasis on discourse and the relationship between vocabulary and grammar will be strengthened.
Cultural meaning

*Here is a list of English phrases, which also can cause miscommunication:*

1) “Don’t mention it” - “keine Ursache“
2) “according to her lights“ - “so gut sie es eben versteht“
3) “to be back number“ - “von gestern sein“
4) “bad hair day” - “Tag, an dem alles schief geht”
5) “banana ploblem“ - “ein nicht enden wollendes Problem“
6) “to bark up the wrong trees“ - “auf dem Holzweg sein“
7) “Uncle Sam” - “die US Regierung”
8) “half-assed“ - “halbherzig“
9) “to be up a gum tree” - “in der Klemme sitzen“
10) “he has got design for you” - “er hat etwas mit dir vor”

Gruppe 6:Pinar Akgündüz
5.Punkt:Teaching vocabulary and grammar

1.Introduction

-three major phases in the teaching of discourse:

1)present the different language properties
2)support learners in ______________ the language material
3)design communicative situations that allow intensive language practice

2.Distinction between direct and indirect approaches

direct approach:
- _____________ approach
- studying vocabulary in context

indirect approach:
- _____________ to stories
- group work

3.Teaching vocabulary

-using different _____________ to present new words
-developing strategies for learning new words
-developing vocabulary through ______ and ______ lexical inferencing
(finding out words through the context)
-effective use of dictionaries
4. Grammar teaching

Traditionally grammar teaching has been pursued on the basis of the PPP approach (______________, ____________ and ____________)

In this approach:
- the new grammatical feature is presented via texts in textbooks
- grammatical feature is analyzed
- ____________ are formulated and
- signal terms are designated
by way of a ____________ (the teacher explains) or an ____________ (the learners
discover the phenomenon) approach.

disadvantage:
- learners need to have ____________ language concepts
- rules aren't formulated according to the learners' language level

=> _______________ is divided into
- form-oriented drill and practice exercises
- ____________ exercises and communicative exercises

BUT there are also disadvantages in the Language production approach:
- no clear communicative intentions
- no clear social relations of that situation
- difficult for a teacher to control the learners' ____________

-> CONCLUSION:
learners need to become "active ____________ of language" and the
"information
will be more deeply ____________ and _________ if learners are given an
opportunity to work things out for themselves"
(Nunan, 1999: 138-39)

_______________ approach:

This approach is based on a focus on from by way of the activities of
(re)noticing, (re)structuring and proceduralizing.

Sequencing activities:
- classroom language ____________ a meaningful discourse
- learners build their own ____________ grammars
- teacher can start out with simple management phrases and then gradually
  ____________ language use to support grammar development
- helps children to notice language use
-suggesting more accurate forms of language use
-teachers can construct __________ activities
=> teachers have to help the learners "shift gradually from _________ to _______" (Batstone,1994:104-10)

4. The process of learning discourse

There are two types for the process of learning discourse learner- centeredness
an and ______learning-centeredness____.

- In the ___learner -centered____ type of learning vocabulary and grammar the
learners' language needs are taken into account, and not necessarily progression in
the textbook

1. Comprehensible Input

- Learning takes place, when a learner is provided with 'comprehensible'__language
input____ either by a teacher or a student

- In the beginning when learners produce language according to semantic and
pragmatic decisions, they are based on pre- fabricated chunks or_____lexical
phrases____

- Learners start with an elliptical approach to language use, which means they leave
out grammatical structures, which they don’t know yet

- Learners of language see words not in terms of functional grammar but only as lexical
items___

2. Creative Construction process

- In the second step the learner formulates ‘ hypotheses’ and produces the form to test
its correctness.

- This often leads to ___‘overgeneralization’_____ when a student produces a form
based on a general rule (e. g. ‘spaked’).

- Learner needs to ‘notice’ the correct form and incorporate it into his
___interlanguage____ , which is the language level a learner can perform at that
point of ___time

- Learners only ‘notice’ new forms if they are significant for comprehension in a
communicative situation

- New features can always be ignored because of lack of motivation (no interest in the
topic) and negative emotions ( bored or tired)

- “vocabulary knowledge is as a scale running from recognition of a word at one end to
___automatic production______at the other, […]”(Hedge 2000: 12)
3. Comprehensible Output

- Learners practice by producing language to test their ‘hypotheses’
- Feedback from teachers helps to restructure their interlanguage
- The more they develop communicative needs, the more complex language and grammatical structure will get
- Vocabulary knowledge forms the basis
  → once they know the vocabulary, grammatical patterns become more transparent

Process of language use

- Children’s first structures are lexical and thematic in nature and they do not acquire functional categories
- Having developed a large mental lexicon and restructured their interknowledge through language use and corrective feedback, they have a procedural knowledge of language in question
- This leads to understanding the social and cultural dimension of discourse in relation to one’s own background knowledge
- This ability is necessary in real-world communicative situations

Focus on form

- Research has shown that learners focus on meaning of words for potential communication
- This asks for teacher guidance to improve language awareness and language accuracy
- Cognitive psychologists found out that learners have limited amount of attentional capacity for getting a task achieved
- They need to know chunks or words well for communication, before their attention is focused on grammar
  → It is a process of moving from lexis to grammar
- Social factors make up a need to use grammar to communicate
- The teacher has to support learners in noticing language features like overgeneralization (e.g. ‘spaked’) and use of grammar in social contexts for example in a role play situation or in a revision process with learner-produced texts for certain grammatical structures
  → then there is a functional motivation for language production created
among the learners

- When learners actively work on the words meaning an in-depth processing of processing vocabulary and grammar takes place.
Part 3 Issues: Keeping the reader at the centre

The most important thing of teaching is to have the pupils interest. That is why literature is so often used in the classroom.

The basis of teaching literature is intertextuality. (intertextuality)

There is an increasing use of multi-modal texts, where we have to decide between literary and non-literary texts. These texts differ in degree but not in kind.

1. Where do you find yourself more involved? When reading literary or non-literary texts?
2. Which sorts of texts would you say are literary and which non-literary? Short story, novel, newspaper article, diary, recept, instruction manual, advertisements

Working with the own texts of the students is an interesting alternation because it helps them to represent themselves and make experiences by using the second language in negotiated texts such as songs, postcards, letters

3. Do you like writing? Did you ever write a poem or a story?

As we all know there are millions of texts to choose from. But for many years there have always been taught the same books in class. Although the teachers are not restricted by curricula.

4. What do you think most of the teachers read with their pupils?
5. There are 5 top novels. Which could that be?
6. Did you either read none, one or more of them?
7. Can you find similarities concerning these 5 novels?
8. Which kind of stories are missing completely?
9. What was the book you enjoyed reading the most at school?

Since the 60’s there is an increasing use of texts for young adults or adolescents. These books deal with issues teenage readers are concerned with.

10. What could these issues be?
11. Do you rather read about things you experience yourself like problems of puberty or science-fiction books?

With the extension of learning english in primary school, (literary) texts have been used from the very beginning. To make it easier for the young learners texts with strong (repetitive) elements or texts they know from their mother language are used. This (facilitates) the understanding and supports the learning of language (chunks).

12. What kinds of texts would you study with 6-10 year-olds?

The story-telling approach covers most of the language (curriculum)
Teaching Literature and Other Texts

1. Introduction: The purpose of teaching literature
   - foreign language teaching of literature has experienced an enormous rise during last 20 years
   - several factors are the reason for this development
     - literary texts provide ………. materials
     - interesting and motivating content
   - oral and written activities for improving language skills are given
   - intercultural learning is supported by contents about
     - ways of ………
     - value systems
     - differences between cultures and ethnic groups

CONCLUSION: it facilitates the formation of complex language learner identities
   - the growing awareness of the importance of the readers role in teaching texts went hand in hand with the increased focus on learner-centered teaching
   - firm establishment of literature in EFL- classroom because of the task-based approach simplifies the interaction between …………… and ……. of all age groups
   This has been not always been the case.

Development in teaching literary texts:
From close reading to the resistent reader

- in the past author and text were the focus of attention an how literature was taught was defined by the Basis “triangle” of relationship between …….. and ……
- the historical development is characterized by a movement from integrating classical texts (e.g. Shakespeare) to an increasingly open approach in terms of text selection and reading
- when the grammar- translation method dominated the EFL- classroom this sort of text were considered as the “highest form of expression in the target language”

- in the late 20th century Rosenblatt focused on the relationship between reader and text
- two types of reading:
  “……….” reading: “when the attention is primarily focused on selecting out and analytically abstracting the information and ideas”
  “………..” approach to reading a text: that focuses on “the personal associations, feeling, and ideal being live through during the reading”

- this approach was only really taken up when the era of the “New Criticism” was over
- in this time it was dealt with texts from a purely linguistic point of reading.
- teaching literature was a matter of ……………. that considered the text only itself without contextual influences

- this changed with the advent of reception theory and reader- response- criticism
- the objective and rather closed view of literary reading converted into a subjective and more
open view which focuses on the relation between reader and text
- a reader deals with a text by making constantly ............ processing ............, and adjusting his point of view according to his/ her ............

- teacher-centered > lerncentered
- the variety of texts to make the reader understand the full potential of literary is increased (including literary texts for adult, young, comics, etc.)
- “creative tasks” opened the way for a clearly structured process-oriented approach to teaching literary on the basis of ......, .......... and reading
- new tasks and products support the opportunity to relate the text on a personal level and reflect the general phases of reception:
  1. “feel like reading”: the text interests the reader
  2. “getting into the story”: a relationship is developed
  3. “getting lost in the book”: they enter the world of the text distancing from real world but also reflect on what they are about
  4. develop a ”sense of ending”: supported or reluted by the text
- supporting the reader’s experience means also a change of the teacher’s role.
- New role: a facilitator, providing rich learning ............ through a wide selection of authentic texts and the design of learner-centered tasks.

- the potential of literature for intercultural learning became clear.
- teaching foreign language literature is ideal because it allows learners to experience other cultures and values systems.
- the dialogue between reader and text can be supported through ............... and ........... that facilitate negotiation between the culture represented in the text and the reader’s own culture

- relation to cultural studies: “Literary text depict, für example, what it means to be a child, a woman, or a member of a minority, and what it means to be in love or to experience death in the foreign culture. Such an understanding of literary texts opens a new perspective for the relationship between literary texts and cultural studies or Landeskunde.”
- to support the reader in understanding the text sometimes “background reading” is necessary
- prior knowledge must be activated, but also the opportunity to make new experiences and gain new knowledge must be given
- learners can acquire the skills to see things from different ............
- this also demands a critical reading, especially since learners are wanted to develop a critical intercultural ............... as well

- the addition of other texts and the way texts relate to each other leads to the concept of intertextuality
- out of the intertextuality and the constant circulation of different meanings and discussions develop a cultural relevance
- this understanding of texts has led to a list of tasks that support the interactive plan with literary texts.
How to work with literary and other texts

1. - approach
- The text is seen as an object of ............................................
- Learners have to acquire various analytic techniques to interpret the text as an object of

The text is in the centre of the attention.
This method usually does not support the

very much, because it normally does not take the reader’s personal feelings, emotions, views and opinions into account.

2. - approach
- Different ................................... can be used in order to work with the text, e.g. role plays,
prediction
- The text can be ................................... .........., e.g. it can be cut into pieces and then be
puzzled together again, it can be rewritten in a different genre
- Many different ways of interpreting the text are possible, e.g. in pairs, in groups

The reader is the centre of the attention.
This method helps the learners to work more individually with the text and to assume a greater autonomy in voicing their views. With the help of learner-centred activities they can exchange their opinions and at the same time practise their language skills.

In the following we will deal with the process-oriented approach and work with three different kind of tasks: pre-reading tasks, while-reading tasks, and post-reading tasks.
Additionally our book concentrates on one particular kind of literary task design which is becoming more and more important in developing

......................... by reading literary texts. Caspari (2001) describes four phases which generally correspond to the concept of pre-, while-, and post-reading tasks. He adds one phase to the classical subdivision of the three tasks in order to avoid an abrupt break. Instead, there should be created a seamless transition from one task to the other.

1. First phase: ................................... phase
In this phase the learner has to be ................................ to occupy with the text and to accept its
otherness (e.g. different language, unusual structure, topics etc.).
The reader should become aware of the various possibilities and perspectives a text can offer.

Pre-reading tasks in this phase are designed:
- to make the reader ......................... about the literary text
- to build up expectations and awake the reader’s interest
- to motivate the learner to read the text carefully

**Examples:**
- working with the title
- working with chapter-headings
- working with pictures on the title page
- working with possible character lists

**2. Second phase: Transition from pre-reading phase to while-reading phase**
This phase makes the readers aware of their own cultural background, their own views and expectations in relation to the world created by the text.

**Tasks in this phase are designed:**
- to enable the reader to develop a .................................. to the story
- to go deeper into the topic
- to progress from easy to more difficult tasks

**Examples:**
- listening to music that corresponds to the text
- looking at pictures that match with the text
- filling gaps that the text offers
- writing a reading journal in which all ideas, opinions, and questions are written down

**3. Third phase: ..............................................................phase**
In this phase the reader is required to ...................................... with the views and opinions of the characters in the text - this way a change of perspective can be facilitated. This means a close reading and the .............................. of the text. Discussions in class should be initiated which ensure that not only the teacher's but also the learners' views are brought out into the open.

In this phase the teacher can supply ........................................ background knowledge in order to help the learners to change their perspectives and extent their views.

**While-reading-tasks in this phase are designed:**
- to help the readers to enter the world of the story and to .................... on what they read
- to facilitate the reading process by means of close interpretation, discussion, changing perspectives, comparing/contrasting etc. This can be done with the help of :
  - guiding questions
  - charts that observe the development of the characters and plots
  - entries that help to organize the discussion of longer texts

**Examples:**
- working with interpretation tasks that deal more in detail with the topic, e.g.
  - the narrator`s perspective
  - the setting
  - the narrating and acting time
  - the plot
  - the characters
  - the stylistic and linguistic means
- writing a ...................................... in which individual impressions, thoughts and questions are collected as a basis for discussion in class
- working with ............................................... (text puzzles, gaps etc.) and this way allowing the readers to compare their solutions to those of the text
- working with role plays in order to defend one’s own view or to speak from a different perspective

4. Fourth phase: ........................................................ phase
In this phase the learners need to ........................................... their own views and perspectives to those of the characters by comparing views, by contradicting, by reading and speaking against the grain of the text, by accepting differences to their own views and opinions.

Post-reading tasks are designed:
- to improve the learners’ communication skills (consolidation of language)
- to speak or write more freely and spontaneously about the text
- to give an .............................................
- to bring issues to an end and/or extend the content
- to co-ordinate perspectives

Examples:
- working with role plays
- doing round table discussions
- writing in different genres
- working playfully with linguistic or literary elements
- changing the action or the characters
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Teaching cultural studies and intercultural learning

1. Introduction: The purpose of intercultural learning

- hardly any field of foreign language teaching and learning has such a comprehensive ________________ as that of teaching culture during the last 15 years

- for developing ________________________________ (short ICC) intercultural learning is necessary

- the teacher has to mediate between different cultures

- the traditional concept of Landeskunde does not ensure the development of ICC

- the teacher has to ________________ the conflict that some of the American students are wrong in what they tell us although they are native speakers and supposedly cultural experts

2. Developments in teaching culture

- in the 1880s and 1890s there was the modern language reform movement, and realia and culture (in German: Realienkunde) were seen as part and parcel of ________________________________.

- the war renewed the interest in cultural and ________________ aspects

- cultural knowledge was a part of foreign language teaching (Kulturkunde), but in the 1920s culture was seen as “a people’s soul and character as expressed in their philosophy, arts and literature. Any cultural expression was to be reduced to certain national traits of character”

- after the Second World War developments in Great Britain and the United States laid the basis for a ________________________________.

- in 1958 Raymond Williams developed a more comprehensive concept of culture: it includes the part of culture which deals with “the art and learning” and also incorporates all forms of popular culture like dress and youth language

- this leads to an interdisciplinary approach which includes for example social science, and linguistics

- while in 1960s the role of class was an important issue in ____________________, from the 1970s onwards, gender and ethnicity came to the fore since they had been invisible in earlier cultural studies analysis
- thus culture was no longer seen as a static concept, but as a ___________ one which changes over time and which is looking at issues from multiple perspectives including a historical one

- in the 1970s and 80s researchers began to deal with pragmatic issues of misunderstanding American diplomats, Peace Corps activists, and businessmen encountered abroad

- understanding the partner in a communicative situation is a ___________ which involves empathy, tolerance, cultural specific knowledge and appropriate learning strategies to establish common meaning through competent language use → aim: ICC of the intercultural speaker

3. Issues in cultural studies

- the aim of turning language students into intercultural speakers is often pursued in business communication through specific forms of training, one of them being the discussion of critical incidents

- on the other hand, language teaching has focused on work with literary and other texts. Since they represent different aspects of a culture they form the basis for the meaning.

- intercultural learning goes beyond the written text, it also includes for example ____________, oral texts that students have produced outside the classroom and written characteristics like e-mails or chats

- the students get the opportunity to deal with auto- and hetero-stereotypes and they are able to come to a ________________ of the culture involved

- the teacher helped the students by setting sensible tasks (e.g. analysis of e-mail texts) to realize their intercultural differences and to develop a new point of view, which integrates the former position into a new critical cultural awareness.
4.1 Teaching Cultural Studies and Intercultural Learning
(Mareike Tüllmann; 09.01.2006)

How to work with cultural studies texts
_________ culture plays an important role in a concept of culture for learners (i.e. learners are influenced by texts like soap operas, MTV films, cartoons and comics).
Popular culture texts in English language classroom ➔ ____________ approach
We need a _____________ approach! Teachers have to guide the learners’ __________.

Example: Disney film __________________________ (1988) as a centrepiece of a teaching unit (here: a unit on the image of __________ in 20th century America)

The Film
Mix between film noir and ____________
Plot: Judge Doom wants to destroy toontown to make way for a new freeway and its economic opportunities.
➔mirrors a development in American cities after World War II

The Question of Race
Focus on differences between the _______________ (toons) and the human characters.
Term ‘Toons’: Recalls one of the most pervasive ______________ in American history used for African-Americans –’coon’, a derivative of the term ‘goon.’
Characters:  Roger Rabbit – stereotype of _______________.
    Tradition of minstrels ➔ The toons in the film play the same harmless role (making people laugh).

Intertextuality and ICC
Different approaches:
- focus on ______________ innovations
- compare different genres of film noir and cartoon
- concentrate on allusions made to other films in American film history
- focus on ________________.

Creation of a ________________ that facilitates different perspectives on the authentic film text and which allows learners to engage with the different levels of ICC (i.e. the affective level, the cognitive level, the skills level and critical cultural awareness).

Pre-viewing tasks
Create a field of awareness and curiosity as to the authentic film text
- make students aware of ________________ that existed and still exist (e.g. Ward's poem *Don't be Fourteen (In Mississippi)* or song from the 1950s)
- make students emotionally aware of various __________ that are portrayed in the poem and establish links to racist terms in their surroundings (e.g. they have to match photos or pictures that show racist images with the different stanzas)
- compare and discuss different products in terms of how far these images still exist in today's society (e.g. advertisements)
- help students understand the pervasiveness of these __________ in American history (e.g. non-fictional text)

**While-viewing tasks**
1. Comparing Roger Rabbit's behaviour with the racist ______________________ in the poem and the song
   - How is the cartoon protagonist Roger Rabbit portrayed in the film? Collect examples.
   - Compare your findings with the characters portrayed in the poem and the song.
   In terms of ICC, they will develop the skill of ___________ and ____________.
2. Focus on the night club scene (Roger Rabbit's wife, Jessica Rabbit, sings). She is a mixture of a cartoon and a human character and merges all white fears and desires.
   - What role do human actors and cartoon characters play in this scene?
   - What is Jessica's role?
Discussion on racial and sexual ________________.

**Post-viewing tasks**
Comparing Judge Doom's plan to a non-fictional text on the construction of freeways
- Make a rough sketch of Hollywood and toontown as represented in the film.
- Go back to the film to find out how Judge Doom wants to change Hollywood and toontown and draw a new map that represents his plan.
- Compare this plan to the development that is described in the non-fictional text (e.g. *Changing neighbourhoods: Ethnic and Racial Succession in the Urban North and South*)

**Critical Cultural Awareness**
The text universe allows learners to see the imagery of race ____________, also in their own culture, as well as their own engagement with popular culture products.
Content and Language Integrated Learning – CLIL  (Chapter 4.5)

1) Introduction

CLIL:
- the teaching of different ____________ (such as geography, biology or art) in a ____________ in order to develop intercultural communicative ____________ and promote multilingualism in the European framework
- encourages a ______________ and task-based approach to language learning
- concept and the term itself grew out of the debate surrounding bilingual education

Forms of bilingualism:
1. parallel bilingualism: languages are used ______________ (e.g. Luxemburg)
2. territorial bilingualism: in a country certain languages are used ______________ (e.g. Canada or Belgium)
3. functional bilingualism: in countries which only have one official language, but which want the population to have some ______________ of a foreign language (i.e. foreign language learning in Germany)

Bilingual education:
______________ of a second language (L2) into a monolingual or bilingual culture

Content-based language learning:
focus on the learning of the foreign language ____________ content matter, whereas CLIL stresses the fact that content matter is taught in a foreign language and that competence in the content matter ______ in the foreign language are goals of the learning process

2) Developments and Forms of CLIL

The majority of programmes in Germany in the 1970s and 1980s were ____________, but the situation began to change in the 1980s so that by today the majority of programmes in Germany are ________- ones. CLIL is also being established in primary schools. Mostly CLIL starts in the year seven and lasts until year ten. Depending on the school, students can continue CLIL in the ________- level courses by taking a CLIL ____________ which has to be continued until year 13 and then forms part of the ____________. Learners are prepared for CLIL by taking two ______________ hours of English classes in years five and six before CLIL starts in the year seven, usually with geography. It is then followed by history and/or political science.

3) Purposes of CLIL

The purpose of CLIL is clearly to promote ______________ and –culturalism in European context by finding new ways of teaching foreign languages. CLIL tries to reach that goal by improving learners’ ____________ and flexibility in the target language under conditions imposed by the subject area. Learners need to negotiate the different ______________ of their own and the foreign culture that are represented in the materials and are thus learning to become ______________ mediators.
4) Major principles of CLIL

In CLIL, language is used in an __________ way as the medium to solve subject- and thus task-based problems. Texts, topics and materials are selected to establish a rich learning __________ in which learners can pursue questions that are relevant for them. The increased use of multimedia materials and the access learners have to the _________ increase the pool of materials. Language learning in CLIL in the beginning is characterized by __________, since learners want to get a message across but they often do not have the language knowledge. Thus receptive skills are more important at first and ___________ of mistakes is another characteristic of early CLIL.

5) Issues

Bilingual triangle:

1. Phenomena and facts of the _____ country and culture
2. Phenomena and facts of ______ countries and cultures
3. ______________- and general, global and universal phenomena and facts

→ Goals, contents and subjects of bilingual ____________-

6) Features of good practice

• use of ______________
• learners should be allowed to take advantage of a ___________ period
• tasks should be designed that allow learners to ___________ themselves in a non-verbal way
• to support more extensive ______________, learners can prepare oral presentations individually in written form or orally with fellow learners

The first lessons should be ___________ and ___________ structured. Apart from providing spontaneous language support, the teacher could work with word lists, explain key words and use pre-reading strategies to help learners understand texts.

Intensive work with texts necessitates receptive and productive skills.

receptive skills:
  1. grasping the _________ information
  2. understanding the ___________
  3. checking, revising, and supplementing the information

productive skills:
  • labelling diagrams or maps
  • making collages and wall newspapers
  • producing summaries of information
  • explaining maps, diagrams or statistics
  • preparing statements, reports or references
  • newspaper articles
  • etc.
Introduction (1)
Media helps the teacher to create an authentic atmosphere.

personal media: teacher and learner

non-personal media: textbook, board or map

visual: photos, worksheets oder overhead projectors

auditory: audio- cassettes or CDs

audiovisual: films, videos, DVDs

By watching for example TV the kids can hear a native speaker, this is harder to listen to as to a teacher.

The computer turns the classroom more learner- centered. The pupils are able to chat with other kids all around the world or they are able to surf in the internet.

In this classroom the role of the teacher is only the advisor.
Historical development: from tutor to tool

- use of media in computer assisted language learning (CALL) has been determined by:
  - various approaches to language learning
  - technical development

- **drill and practicing programs:**
  - used in the 1950s and 1960s
  - computer as a mechanical tutor which provided repeated drills and direct right or wrong feedback without any further comment
  - programs copied structuralist approach to teaching
  - did not fully exploit the interactive potential of the computer
  - language labs were set up in the 1960s and 70s
  - interactive /communicative computer programs has been developed

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  - the communicative approach is learner-centered
  - media should provide opportunities for using the foreign language as a means of communication
  - combination of various media in the teaching situation to support language learning
  - work with different text genres which generated a real-world situation that needed little simulation
- the development of the personal computer combined the different types of media

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- computer programs are not yet truly interactive since they only provide an effective illusion of communicative interaction

- learners still act in a closed system which guides them in terms of interaction by what the designers of the program have chosen to provide

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  - this “helped learners to become part of literate communities through extensive discussion of readings and the linking of reading and writing”

    (KERN&WARSCHAUER 2000: 5-6 )

  - due to the development of a number of telecommunication technologies, the computer facilitated interaction and negotiation of meaning with other learners

  - this new technology enabled learners to contact other language learners and to access authentic material world wide

  - it offered the possibility to:

    - exchange information about each others lives, with other learners

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    - to negotiate sociocultural meaning

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- can be done as an e-mail project
- the learners can ask specialists via e-mail about the topic

Principles of network-based language learning environments (3)

There are three different types of communication:

Asynchronous: e-mail or forums
Synchronous: chat or videoconference
Many-to-many communication: e-mails lists or chatrooms

The learners can communicate round the clock and also outside the classroom, so they learn even in other environments.

By chatting, the kids can use their oral and written competences.

The teacher keeps in the back, but answers questions.

Internet is a good media type, because there are authentic texts and material for every age.

On every page there are different links, where the pupils can learn a lot about the culture of a country or some more information and details.

A textbook is often out of date and not really authentic. On a computer the learners can also work in pairs or groups. A problem could be that the groups have got different learn-speeds or that computer can crash or the kids cannot find material in the internet.

When the kids works with language learning software they have got their own learning process. But the teacher has to design this complex learning process with material, atmosphere and the
right questions, so that the kids are able to work alone in their own speed.

Integrating media into the English language classroom

Media can be used in many different ways in the foreign language classroom.
- specific forms of integration, such as tasks that have a specific language focus, e.g.:
  - the watching of films
  - the presentation of group work results
  - the communication with other learners

∫ can be combined in more complex projects

Watching films

- offers approaches, e.g.:
  - the manipulation of sound and image by turning off the sound and having learners find a text for the sequence being presented
  - by freezing important scenes to have learners speculate on characters’ actions and the continuation of the story-line
  - to study non-verbal communication

∫ allow a detailed study and a comparison of crosscultural differences and similarities

Analysing and practicing
- language learners may analyse:
  ▫ texts on the WWW
  ▫ texts they receive from other learners, e.g. e-mail texts
  ⇒ analysing the texts according to the language functions and compare them to their own language use

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- remain in place over a larger period of time, e.g. grammar posters
- support language production in the classroom

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Digital divide
- in terms of computer access between technology-rich and technology-poor countries
- same problem exists within many countries between poor and rich people
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How to plan a lesson

1. **What is a lesson plan?**
   - _________________ for a lesson
   - start, finish and how to get there
   - sets out what the teacher hopes to _________________
   - how he or she hopes to achieve
   - usually in _________________ form
   - _________________ when the teacher is unexperienced

2. **Why is planning important?**
   - teacher needs to know what the students should learn
   - see possible _________________ and solve them
   - gives teacher _________________
   - planning is _________________

3. **Do you need to plan if you have a course book?**
   - Yes, because ______________________________________
   - No, because ______________________________________

4. **What should go into an English language lesson?**

3 Elements
   - _________________: getting the students
   - Study: focus on any _________________ of the language (grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation)
   - _________________: produce the language within __________________
Lesson Goals

- most usefully stated in terms of what ____________ will have done or accomplished
- allows both - teacher and learners - to know when the ________ have been reached

- identify a topic for your lesson (no goal !)
- determined largely by your curriculum and textbook
- _______________ in choice of topic \( \rightarrow \) consider pupils’ interests and the availability of authentic materials at the appropriate level
- identify specific linguistic content, such as vocabulary and points of grammar or language use, to be introduced or reviewed

\( \rightarrow \) usually prescribed by the _______________ or course curriculum

- identify specific communication tasks to be completed by students
- the focus of the tasks should be topical, not grammatical

\( \rightarrow \) it may be possible for some students to complete the task without using either the _______________ or the strategy presented in the first part of the lesson

First of all you should think about a _______________:  

Will you focus on…

- reading?
- writing?
- listening?
- speaking / pronunciation?
- a combination of these?

In what ____________?

- begin with some kind of warm-up activity (________ minutes)
- practice material the learners already know
- game-like atmosphere

\( \rightarrow \) more effective than simply _________________ the last lesson
- focus on one or two themes
- include pair or group work, silent reading / writing, games, or conversational discussion
- incorporate something outside of the textbook
- reviewing what was covered as well as what the learners already know
Factors for organizing a lesson

- at first you should not try to win the ______________ of the pupils by using too much material, because with too much material you ignore the consolidation of the presentation

- you have to take many measures to guarantee the best ______________ of the pupils:

1. the way how you start the lesson is very decisive for the development of the lesson

   - you should begin the lesson with an exercise, so that all the pupils feel bound __________________________ to the lesson.

2. the teacher should not mention the ____________________________, because it may act as a deterrent to the pupils; the intention also may be meaningless

3. the teacher should illustrate as often as possible, because with illustrations the teacher can often renounce on _______________________.

   ⇒ as a result, the lesson becomes more vivid and varied
Wolfgang Klafki: One of the most important educationists alive

Wolfgang Klafki layed down five ____________________________________________________________________:
1. Where is the _________ in what I want to teach?
2. What significance has the topic for the pupil’s ______? 
3. Can the pupils use the teached in their _______?
4. What is the __________ of the content?
5. Which example can I use in order to clarify the structure?

→ The teacher should not only give a lecture on the content but also try to get to the bottom of it.

Things that have to be kept at the back of one’s mind:
- It is wrong to think that a lesson can be completely planned
- ______________________________ may always occur

Exercise: Write down five of the most common unforeseeable events that may occur in a lesson.

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 
5.
Attending one’s behaviour

- many impulses at the same time
- have a conversation with only one pupil without including the class (one-on-one interviews)
- write unrecognizable words on blackboard
- talk towards the blackboard
- write too much learning matter on the blackboard
- ___________ on blackboard does not fit
- not enough time to copy things from the blackboard
- checking of ___________ is too superficial
- ex-cathedra teaching prevails
- no time and space for spontaneous announcements
- different activities at the same time (teacher ______ pupils!)
- work with pupils who push themselves forward
- disregard of the unequal speed of working
- no time for ____________
- teacher cannot wait
- insufficient time for working exhaustive
- undercharge pupils / ask too much of them (________________)
- difficulties in being disciplined
- shouts at one special pupil too often
- teacher cannot await
- teacher tries to peak the class
- no use of facial expression, gestures
- overlooks pupils in the first and in the last row of the __________
**Interviewing a teacher of a “secondary modern school”**

1. How exactly do you plan a lesson? Do you improvise?

   - Before starting the lesson you should have the aim ______________________ approximately in mind

   - You should not ________________ a lesson.
     (Only if you have to stand in for a colleague who is ill which is not known until the morning)

2. Do you abide by the curriculum?

   - You actually abide by the curriculum, because the ______________ goes into it

   - Possible exceptions:
     - a story for Christmas
     - a special ______________ in class (e.g. an argument)
     - an upcoming school trip

3. Are there any differences in the way you plan a lesson for a fifth grade and for a tenth grade?

   - In fifth grade:
     - You antecede in smaller steps.
     - As an __________________________ you use an easy vocabulary.
     - You use a lot of illustrative material.
• You should often _______________ your techniques.

- In tenth grade:
  • You do not have to change the techniques as often as in a tenth grade.
  • You can use “normal” ____________________.

4. How much time does it take to plan a lesson?
   - You need 10 minutes to one hour to plan one lesson.
   - It ____________________ how well you know the textbook of the class and how often you have taught this type of class.
   - It also depends on if you have all the material or if you have ________________ material in other books.

5. Do you arrange a timetable to see which section of the lesson takes how long?
   - You should arrange a timetable, because then you have a better ____________ over the lesson.
Matthias Honsalek

**Interview with a primary school teacher**

1. How do you exactly plan a lesson?
   → I create a __________ list in noteform. That is the basis of preparing a lesson. Furthermore you have to know that _______________ is very important. That means that more intelligent pupils get more challenging material than the less clever ones. A pupil gets a ______________ in the beginning of the week, which contains the topics that have to be dealt with. So different lesson aims are given for every day of the week.

2. Do you abide by the curriculum?
   → It is inescapable to deviate somewhat from the ____________ nevertheless it is important to meet the given conditions. There are many factors which distract you from sticking completely to the curriculum like for example questions the pupils pose. Even questions that do not correspond with the curriculum have to be answered, you can’t just ignore them. It is also recommendable that _______________ are discussed from time to time.

3. Are there any differences in the way you plan a lesson for a first grade and for a fourth grade?
   → Of course there are differences. First grade pupils have to learn all the different like working in groups or quietly for themselves. In addition to that, you have to keep in mind that they are situated in a ________________ between kindergarten and school. Especially in that period it is very important to motivate them. They must develop the will to learn. Another thing is that very young pupils are not able to concentrate the whole time so you have to switch very often between the different techniques or methods of learning.

4. How much time does it take to plan a lesson?
   → There are differences between the different subjects. ____________ - based lessons need a lot more preparation than for example maths. The reason for that is that in maths the pupils work most of the time on their own and there is only one solution to an exercise. In general you start by creating a “to – do” list for a whole _______________ which takes a lot of time. The advantage of that is that the preparation time for every single lesson is shortened a lot.

5. Do you arrange a timetable to see which section of the lesson takes how long?
   → I do not really use a _______________ because that puts you under pressure during the lesson. Topics that could not be finished in the lesson are picked up again in the next.
4.4 Acknowledging, Promoting and Assessing Achievement

4.4.1 The context
Different views on testing
Language learning occurs in ........................................ because what is assessed and how it is assessed depends on
• the administrative requirements of the school as an institution
• ........................................ of teachers preparing their pupils for a final exam
• culturally defined ...................... towards testing

The ........................................ in assessment:
• central role
• determines the ...................... relationships in their classrooms
  ⇒ aims: * a relaxed language learning ........................................
    * a positive attitude to testing

4.4.2 General purposes of testing

a) aims of assessment
  • ........................................: teachers use information on the attainment standards achieved by individual students which are specified in a curriculum (screening and placing students)
    • monitoring of student progress in relation to learning goals specified e.g. a curriculum
    • support learning: teachers develop an ................. in the learner of what is being learned e.g. individual student portfolios, providing feedback in student – teacher conferences

b) point in time of assessment
  • at the end of a teaching sequence, e.g. at the end of a ...................... ..................: “sums up what a student has learned during that course (‘summative’ assessment)
  • while doing the coursework: the aim is to get an ongoing feedback from the students on their development and progress (‘formative’ assessment), that means: Has your teaching a forming influence on learning?. If the results are not satisfactory, teachers may decide to give extra practice.
Developments in Language-Related Purpose of Assessing Modern Languages

1. The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

• “Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, teaching, assessment” published by the Council of Europe in 2001
• bound to affect language ________ purposes and practices in Europe
• aims to provide a common ________ and to set common standards for the different assessment practices in Europe
• reason: to enable comparisons between the ________
• standards for all ________ languages
• six levels of language proficiency (A1 to C2)
• appropriate ________________________ for each of these levels (e.g.: asking for clarification, information exchange, reading for information etc...)
• can be used as a _____ for educational policy decisions
• and as a ________ for language teachers

2. Developments in Applied Linguistics

• many changes in the way language and language ________ are seen (e.g.: structural, social/functional, critical ...)
• → development of ___________ test formats that take account of the complexity of language and language learning instead of testing discrete aspects of language
3. Developments in the Field of Educational Measurement

3.1 _______ Point Testing

- used in the 1960s
- ________ focuses on discrete aspects of language that have been taught
- each test measures only one ________ element, either one of the four skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing) or one of the subskills (pronunciation, vocabulary, grammar)
- based on the assumption that the sum of discrete, isolated elements gives feedback on ___________________

3.2 Skill-Based Testing

- used in the 1970s
- ________
- open-ended
- one or more levels of language (phonology, morphology, lexicon, syntax or discourse) and/or one or more language skills (listening, speaking, reading, writing)
- variety of _________ (e.g.: dictation, gap-texts, guided interviews...)

3.3 Communicative Testing

- 1980s
- task-based and ___________________ test formats
- shift from testing language knowledge to testing language ______
- focus on communicative, integrative _________ tasks
• criterion-referenced approach to testing: comparing a learner’s ___________ to a set of commonly accepted criteria
• two procedures to establish such criteria:
  1. description of the response that is expected from a task
     (____________________), compare the learner’s performance with it
  2. developing a scale with various descriptors, place the learners on the scale according to their performance

3.4 Complex-Competence Testing

• language learning seen as a _______ competence
• assessment of ___________ related skills is involved
• in a classroom language competence develops as a result of social processes
• skills and techniques like using a ___________ or illustrating posters for a talk are important and have to be considered
• list of these skills and ___________ is endless and still has to be developed
4.4 part 4: Features of „good“ assessment practice

Validity and Reliability

• validity and ______ are important features of test quality
• validity questions if a test ______ assesses what it wanted to assess
• reliability considers if a test leads to consistent results

Problem: Validity and reliability can conflict with each other, because the most ______ ______ , (pencil and paper tests, which each focuses only on a single aspect of a skill and give numerical marks) disagree with the most valid assessments (which try to collect a lot of information about performance on several aspects of a skill). So when validity increases, reliability decreases. (see CAMERON 2001: 225)

→ balance is ________ .

Objectivity

• there is no such thing that can be called objectivity when it comes to testing language skills
• performance has to be defined by the teachers so that their understanding of performance becomes more and more the same
• it has to be highlighted that ________ always is subjective to correct the view of many parents and students that the markings are objective

Feasibility

A few things making assessments even more complicated:

• time pressure
• only a limited sample of performance is visible
• definite limits to the type and number of categories for criteria

→ selection is necessary and ________ .

So teachers working in the same contexts should ________ about the criteria for an appropriate assessment.
4.4 part 5: Conclusion: trends and developments

Learner involvement
• teachers need to become more ___________ in their learners’ language development to adjust their teaching appropriate

Focus on testing language in use
• interaction and ______ ________ skills have to attract more interest in choosing tasks for assessment
• assessments should be more about the cultural and ______ / _________ aspect of language use, than language use itself

Self- and peer assessment
• self- and peer assessment have to be ___________ by the teacher
• possible for example by using portfolios

Tools for testing complex competences

• tools to assess _______________ _______________ _______________, social competences and competences in related methods and ________-______ skills (competences you develop through autonomous and co-operative learning) have to be developed by the teachers

Testing ICC

• to assess ________________ communicative competences (ICC), criteria have to be created which can be understood and used by learners to _________ their own process