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KCLS collection Talk Time Appropriate Titles

61 Cooperative Learning Activities

Charles Hirsch and Debora Beres Supple

428.24

(NEW Summer 2004)

This book offers photo-copiable cooperative speaking activities with lesson planning suggestions and tips. Great for pairs and small groups task based conversation activities and for creating a collaborative learning environment in larger classes.

101 American Customs: Understanding American Language and Culture Through Common Practices

Harry Collis

306.440973

This fun book has illustrations and explanations for understanding American culture. Contains great ideas to add a cultural note to your Talk Time Sessions.

101 American English Idioms: Understanding and Speaking English Like an American

Harry Collis

CT 428.6

This kit contains two cassettes and an illustrated book with 101 common American expressions like: you're pulling my leg, toot your own horn and straight from the horses mouth.

101 Bright Ideas: ESL activities for All Ages

Claire Maria Ford

428.6

Over 100 photocopiable fun activities with great ESL themes like: introductions, body parts, sports and pastimes, daily activities, holidays and travel. The book is well organized and there are suggestions for activities for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels.

American Idioms and Some Phrases Just for Fun

Edward Swick

428.24

Over 100 idioms with their meanings and an example of a sentence using the phrase. This book is current and has some idioms and slang popular with young people like: she's all that, hang out with, hot chick, what's up and whatever!

The Cambridge Guide to Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages

CAM

428.0071

This in depth guide is a graduate level textbook geared towards professional ESL teachers. Top linguistic scholars discuss language acquisition theories and cite research references. This is a great in depth language guide, not a practical workbook or activities book.

Classroom Teacher's ESL Survival Kit #1

Elizabeth Claire and Judi Haynes

428.007

This is a practical classroom planning and management guide for elementary school ESL teachers. There are several reproducible activities that are appropriate for beginners in adult ESL or Talk Time. It includes exercises about clothing, body parts, days of the month, foods, animals, and basic beginner communication activities. There are a few uncaptioned cartoon stories for practicing dialogues and telling stories.

Conversation Inspirations: Over Two Thousand Conversation Topics

Nancy Ellen Zelman

428.34

This book contains hundreds of photocopiable questions and situations for role plays, interviews and talks. Each activity has suggested procedures and ways to use the material. These topics mirror real life situations immigrants encounter like: complaints, conflict, cultural misunderstandings, job interviews and giving advice. Appropriate for intermediate to advanced students.

Communicating in Business: A Short Course for Business English Students

Simon Sweeney

CT 808.066

This is a detailed business situation practice book appropriate for intermediate or advanced students. There are two cassettes with the workbook to provide model dialogues for the situations in the book. The topics are geared towards the business professional like: making presentations, negotiating, setting up appointments, problem solving for customer service.

Culture Clips

VT428.34 v1

Volume 1 Immigration and Citizenship

This video has several short clips that covers immigrating to America, adjusting to a new culture, the citizenship process, elections and the government.

Culture Clips

VT428.34 v2

Volume 2 Job Skills

This video has several short clips that covers finding and interviewing for jobs, worker protection and benefits, US attitude about time, worker protection and benefits, career changes and job discrimination.

Culture Clips

VT428.34 v3

Volume 3 Community Building

This video has several short clips that covers neighbors, working together to prevent crime, roles of police officer, solutions to gang problems and achieving goals.

Culture Clips

VT428.34 v4

Volume 4 U.S. Culture and Customs

This video has several short clips that covers wedding customs, the roles couples choose, intercultural marriages, raising children, single parents and aging in the United States.

Culture Clips

VT428.34 v5

Volume 5 Living in the United States

This video has several short clips that covers consumer scams, hospitals, renting an apartment, and financial pressures.

Easy English

VT 428.24 EAS v. 2

Video Tutor, Inc.

Volume 2 This beginner level video shows dramatizations of both formal and informal meeting and greeting. This can be used in multilevel classes to give examples to beginners or with multilevel groups to initiate conversations about the first people they met in America or their 1st efforts in introducing themselves.

Conversations can be expanded to include formal and informal greetings in their home countries. Compare and contrast.

English for Everyday Activities: A Picture Process Dictionary

Lawrence Zwi er

CT 428.24 ZWI also on CD

This kit has a workbook and a cassette. This would be useful for expanding beginner's vocabulary for everyday activities. It is basically a picture dictionary for practicing verbs. Could be used as listening practice, telling the story or to put the activities in the proper sequence and as a warm up for class discussion.

English for New Americans: Health and Safety

Living Language

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This kit contains a video, a cassette and two workbooks. The videos are useful for an ESL class to introduce new vocabulary and new topics. Each topic on the video is about 9-10 minutes long and introduces the vocabulary 1st. The videos are appropriate for beginners to intermediates. The topics covered are going to the doctor, going to the pharmacy, safety of home cleaning products, alternative medicine, getting your apartment repaired, reporting a crime and social services. Since the segments are short, they would be great way to introduce a Talk Time topic.

English for New Americans: Everyday Life

Living Language

KT 428.23 also on DVD

This kit contains a video, a cassette and two workbooks. The videos are useful for an ESL class to introduce new vocabulary and new topics. Each topic on the video is about 9-10 minutes long and introduces the vocabulary 1st. The videos are appropriate for beginners to intermediates. The topics covered are introductions, time and date, asking for directions, shopping for food and using the telephone. Since the segments are short, they would be great way to introduce a Talk Time topic.

English for New Americans: Work and School

Living Language

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are appropriate for beginners to intermediates. The topics covered are finding a job, enrolling a child in school, adult education, jobs and training and getting a drivers license. Since the segments are short, they would be great way to introduce a Talk Time topic.

ESL Teachers Activities Kit

Elizabeth Claire

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This book is exactly what the title states; a book with several activities appropriate for beginner to intermediate. There are several reproducible activities to make classroom prep easy and fun.
Every Cliché in the Book

Peggy Rosenthal and George Dardness

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This book contains hundreds of common American sayings heard in the workplace and social situations, such as: rake them over the coals, right on target, we had a blast, etc....

Grammar Games: Cognitive Affective and Drama Activities for EFL students

Mario Rivolucci

428.6

As indicated by the title, the focus of this book is grammar making some of the activities less appropriate for a Talk Time session. However, the book is excellent and does include some 10-20 minute activities that would be great for speaking practice and there are some fun reproducible game boards. The publishers grant full permission to copy activities for classroom use. It is more appropriate for intermediate to advanced students.

Great Ideas: Listening and Speaking Activities for Students of American English

Leo Jones and Victoria Kimbrough

CT 428.6 JON

The kit contains a workbook and a cassette with hundreds of cooperative conversation activities great for pair or small group work. Topics are interesting and appropriate for adult ESL groups and include Discussions and activities about work, health, social activities and current events. Appropriate for intermediate to advanced speakers.

How to Talk American: A Guide to our Native tongue

Jim Crotty

427.973 CRO

This is an American regional guide to slang, idioms and cultural oddities. It has sections on rap culture and teenage sayings your students may hear in popular movies and music. A little edgy and there are some swear words in the book.
How to Teach English

Jeremy Harmer

428.6 HAR

Easy to read and understand, a professional development guide for the ESL teacher. Includes chapters on how to plan lessons and how to teach speaking and a great section called 'What If' that offers helpful hints on working with large classrooms and multiple levels.

I Speak English: Literacy Volunteers of America

428.24 COL

Ruth Johnson Colvin

This handbook is a rich resource for a beginning ESL teacher or Talk time volunteer. Chapters with hints on lesson planning, and activities, classroom management tips, and cultural differences. A great basic training handbook. In a Pickle and Other Funny Idioms

Marvin Terban

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This book features 30 popular American idioms with funny illustrations and examples of each idiom.

It's Time to Talk Again

Elisa Doyle

(NEW Summer 2004)

This book contains photo-copiable activities and interview sheets on a variety of topics. This is an easy way for students to get to know each other and it also stimulates conversations for quieter students or those new to the class.

Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries

Anne Bertram

398.921

This book has hundreds of proverbs and common American sayings like: sleep with dogs, wake up with fleas, play with fire-get burned, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, born with a silver spoon, birds of a feather flock together, you can't teach a old dog new tricks, etc...

Live Action English

Elizabeth Kuzenga Romijn and Contee Seely

CT 428.34 ROM

The activities in this book and two accompanying cassettes make great partner activities or listening activities for a small class. The book has 67 different series of commands that are carried to perform an activity. The class can listen to the commands on the tape or one partner can read the commands and the other can do the activity. About 1/3 of the activities are simple enough for beginners. Great Idea for the other TPR(total Physical response) activities.

Look Again Pictures for Language Development and Life Skills

Judy Winn Bell-Olsen

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This book has 22 sets of reproducible pictures with 8 subtle differences in the picture sets. The pictures have great ESL themes like: restaurant, store, airport, bus stop, bank, school, and social situations. Great for cooperative conversation pair work. Appropriate and popular with beginners to advanced speakers. Look Who's Talking

Mary Ann Christison, Sharon Bassano

(NEW Summer 2004)

This book not only offers great activities for all levels but provides strategies for developing a communicative ESL environment. It includes tips and suggestions on pair work, small group and large group activities to help maximize communication time for your group.

Mad as a Wet Hen, and Other Funny Idioms

Marvin Terban
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This book features 60 common idioms with samples of their usage, sorted by topics like : body parts, feelings, colors, foods, hats, animals.

More Recipes for Tired Teachers

Christopher Si on

371.97

Dozens of ideas for warm ups and role-plays for ESL or Talk Time. No reproducible masters, but most games require minimal prep time. Appropriate for low-intermediate to advanced speakers of English.

Over 1000 Conversation Starters

Sue Fenton
ESL 428.24 FEN
(New Summer 2004)

This book contains dozens of photo-copiable activities and a listing of 656 role play suggestions. There is also a helpful section offering tips on encouraging communication in a multicultural setting.

Picture Stories : Language and Literacy Activities for Beginners

Fred Ligon And Elizabeth Tannenbaum

428.6

This book has 16 sets of cartoon stories with humorous or thought provoking real life situations. The situations are appropriate for immigrants because they cover topics like being a good employee, going to the doctor, and flooding your apartment. Students create stories or dialogues to match the cartoons.

Appropriate for beginner to advanced

Pronunciation Games

421.52

Mark Hancock

The activities in this book are very detail orientated and more appropriate for pronunciation accuracy than increasing fluency. The activities are all photocopiable for classroom use, but they may be more appropriate for a one on one tutoring session than for a talk time group. Beginners and Low Intermediates would have a hard time understanding the instructions to most of these games.

Punching the Clock: Funny Action Idioms

Marvin Terban
J 428.1

Have fun with this book of work-related idioms so your ESL students wont be "left in the dark" at the office. Explains sayings like: hold your horses and don't beat around the bush.

Recipes for Tired Teachers, Well Seasoned Activities for the ESOL Classroom

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Christopher Si on

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Rock Talk Rules: Book #1 the Vowels

Jenny Redding
CD 428.34

This book and cassette tape offer a fun change of pace by using songs to teach and review grammar points. The songs are short classic songs from childhood

and rock songs from the 50's. More useful as a brief activity to initiate conversation. It provides fun listening and pronunciation practice and the songs and activity can be a rich source of conversation starters.

Shenani games Grammar-focused Interactive ESL/EFL activities and games

428.6 KEA

James Kealy and Donna Inness

This popular book is an excellent resource of fun and easy reproducible games and activities appropriate for adult ESL or Talk Time. Most of the games and activities are OK for beginner to advanced students.
Something to Talk About

Kathleen Olson

428.24 OLS

This book has ready to use photo-copiable activities that focus on the students experiences. The book has conversation questions and contains information on American culture.

Speaking American English at work" You're hired" and "Climbing the Ladder"

VT 4528.6 SPE

Patricia Adams and Margaret Sexton Moore/ North Seattle Comm. College

This kit contains two videos appropriate for beginners to intermediate speakers of English They cover topics like job interviewing and getting along in the workplace. They also give tips on body language for introducing yourself and interviewing.

Springboards

Richard Yorkey
ESL 428.24 YOR

This book introduces activities for communication like: getting acquainted, giving opinions, and "you be the judge" mock juries. This book also has activities with 3 sets of tasks at various levels, which makes it great for multilevel classrooms.

Talk-A-Tivities

Richard Yorkey

ESL 428.24

(New Summer 2004)

This workbook provides a variety of problem solving activities that encourage conversation and cooperation to complete the tasks. It offers practice of functional conversation skills like: asking for clarification, describing details, discussing alternatives and giving directions.

Touchy Situations: An Advanced Conversation Text

428.6 PEN

Glen Allen Penrod

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This book is an excellent Talk Time idea resource for creating conversation activities. All rights are reserved. Each chapter includes an activity with vocabulary review, practice dialogues and teaching tips. The activities are appropriate for intermediate level students.
True Voices

VT 428.34 TRU v. 1

This video shows dramatizations and short interviews on timely US cultural topics and daily conversations useful for ESL practice. This video covers introductions, identifying yourself on the phone, agreeing to meet, eating out, making suggestions, stating commands, the supermarket, apologizing, offering to call back later, giving directions over the phone, stating likes and dislikes, requesting an appointment, describing an ailment, baseball, cattle ranches, the great outdoors, crafts, computers, expressing obligations and regrets, getting someone's attention, asking about price, agreeing to buy, expressing disbelief, apologizing, talking about recent activities, the suburbs.

True Voices

VT 428.34 TRU v. 2

This video shows dramatizations and short interviews on timely US cultural topics and daily conversations useful for ESL practice. This video covers making an invitation, accepting an invitation, declining an invitation, college life, offering help, asking a favor, an island, vacation, exchanging something in a store, stating a problem, coming to an agreement, the mall, asking about someone's absence, offering sympathy, suggesting a course of action, a big city, apologizing, confirming identity, car manufacture, expressing preferences, giving warnings, fitness, making a complaint, offering a solution, agriculture, expressing

likes and dislikes, commuting to work, expressing future ability, expressing future obligations, a fishing village.

Working it Out: Interactive English for the Workplace

428.24 MAG

Ronna Magy

This is a student workbook that discusses looking for work and success in the work place. It includes great work-related short stories written by immigrants to read and discuss. Each chapter has suggested topics and questions. Appropriate for intermediate level students. All rights reserved.

Zero Prep for Beginners: Ready to Go Activities for the Language Classroom

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Laurel Pollard, Natalie Hess, Jan Herron

This book includes great ideas and activities for beginners, that can be expanded for intermediates too. This is a good basic activity idea book for someone with little or no teaching experience. Many of the activities require minimal prep time and a few materials. About half of the activities in this book are good for listening and speaking activities. (1/2 reading, writing and grammar)