

Creating Authentic Environments

Purpose: In an English speaking country, students are surrounded by opportunities to practice English. With the wealth of resources and opportunities surrounding the English as a Second Language (ESL) classroom, teachers should strive to take advantage of what is available.

Four Ways:

1. Invite native speakers to the classroom once a week or twice a month

- Tutors/ Students or Guest speakers

- Discussions with native speakers

2. Send students outside the classroom

- scavenger hunts / surveys for an icebreaker
 1. Go to the craft center and find out what classes one can take there.
 2. Ask someone how to get to the law library.
 3. Find out where the gallery is in Lawrence Hall.
 4. Ask someone which dorm is the oldest on campus.
 5. Go to the Department of Public Safety and find out the hours they are open.

3. Send students to other classrooms to observe

- Fill out an observation form (back)
 - a. Look for specific things
 - b. follow procedure
 - c. ask questions of the professor.

4. Discussion boards and Internet pages

- Improving writing and grammar skills
 - journaling, blogs, email, networking

www.facebook.com

Notes: