Recycling and ‘Precycling’ Materials

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What’s cooking?
The basic ingredients
First type of one-off lesson: Covering for a colleague

How do you feel when you have to go in unexpectedly to cover for a colleague?

A

B

C
Hell’s Kitchen?
Three approaches to covering lessons

a.) Try to follow your colleague’s recipe

b.) Create your own dish

c.) Use a ‘fusion’ approach
Following your colleague’s recipe
Trying to teach from the book

Pros
• Continuity
• Convenience
• Books

Cons
• Unfamiliarity
• Tempo
• Less authority
Creating your own dish
Close your books!

Pros
• Freedom
• Novelty
• Communication

Cons
• Preparation
• Unpredictability
• Terra incognita
Practical ideas
Requiring no preparation

Engagement derived essentially from the interaction between the people in the room

• conversation-driven
• materials-light
• focuses on emergent language
Always, sometimes, never

- I always enjoy…
- I sometimes enjoy…
- I never enjoy…
Snapshots

Work with a partner.

A Show B some photos of family or friends on your phone or write their names on a piece of paper.

B Ask three questions about each person.

Who’s that?  She’s my sister Yolanda.

How old is she?
Practical ideas
Requiring some preparation

Recyclable quizzes and games
Bottle top quiz

- Students work in teams
- Distribute bottle tops
- Choose a category
- Place a stake
- Win or lose your stake
Who sang at the half-time show in this year’s Super Bowl?
Bottle-top quiz

Who sang at the half-time show in this year’s Super Bowl? (Beyoncé)

Who plays the lead role in the film Hitchcock?
Bottle-top quiz

Who plays the lead role in the film *Hitchcock*?
(Anthony Hopkins)

In which European country is Lake Balaton?
Bottle-top quiz

In which European country is Lake Balaton? (Hungary)

Who won the 2013 Australian Open men’s title?
Bottle top quiz

Sport

Who won the 2013 Australian Open men’s title?

(Novak Djokovic)
Bottle-top quiz
Some additional elements

• Double your stake
• Build a bonus
• Life’s not fair
Blockbusters

Please, sir, can we play Honeycomb?
Blockbusters
The Honeycomb game
Teach them English
A year in the life of an English teacher

Great games for the language classroom:
Blockbusters
Where can I get quiz questions?

Look around you!
- Vocabulary books
- SB and WB
- Newspapers
- the top of your head

Build a collection
- Common mistakes
- Quiz books
- Online quiz questions
Using a ‘fusion’ approach

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Using the book as a starting point  
“We’ve already done that!”

Two recycling activities:

1. Who said what?  
   - collect slips of paper

2. True or false?  
   - read out your answer
Using the book as a starting point

“What? I wasn’t rude to anyone!”

Improvisation activity:

Mini-dialogues

S: I was rude to my grandmother yesterday
T: Why?
S: …
Second type of one-off lesson
Trying something different

Some activities I’ve tried with my own students:

• A brunch date with an attractive orthodontist
• Rock, paper, scissors
• A special occasion
Trying something different

Bonus phrases for essays

Write a letter to a hotel in order to book a room. Include – if you can 😊 - the following phrases:

• “An air-traffic controller from Helsinki”

• “A brunch date with an attractive orthodontist”
Trying something different
Bonus phrases for essays

We need three rooms, all twins, I don't know if there's a lake nearby when we can do ice fishing, we love doing it. An air traffic controller from Helsinki comes too, and she has some business to do during our stay, she'd have a brunch meeting with an attractive orthodontist from Vaasa, therefore they would need a good brunch before noon if it's possible. I put a stress on the look of the doctor, that's because the two of them fancy each other, I'd appreciate so much if you didn't put anything between the two beds in one of the rooms so they can push them together if they want.
Trying something different

Bonus phrases for essays

First of all, I'd like to apologize for dropping the phone down last time, but I was speed dating back then and the girl had just arrived while we were talking (if you're curious, it was a board meeting with an attractive orthodontist). I hope I didn't make a bad impression, but if I did, this letter will change your mind.

P.S. I hope this is your address. Last letter I sent to you was delivered to an air traffic controller in Helsinki.
Trying something different
Rock, paper, scissors

How do you win at RPS?

a.) It’s pure luck
b.) It’s all about strategy
c.) It’s a bit of both
Trying something different
Have a RPS knockout tournament in class

Before:
• Who is going to win? Why?
• How well will you do?
• What strategy (if any) will you use?

Afterwards:
• Interview the champion
• How accurate were your predictions?
• What is your opinion of RPS?
Trying something different
A special occasion

11:11 am 11th November 2011

My blog entry: http://bit.ly/Z7RqO1
What is precycling?

Three ways to Precycle:
- Buy items that will last
- Avoid excess packaging
- Reuse as much as possible
English File activities
Lightning story

One evening in October…
  Suddenly…
    Two minutes later…
      After that…
        When…
          Next day…
Answer the questions

1. Why did Hannah go and speak to Jamie?
2. Why did Jamie play *Blue As Your Eyes*?
3. What happened when Hannah left the club?
4. What was the restaurant like?
5. Where did they go every evening after that?
6. What was the weather like that evening?
7. Why was Hannah driving fast?
8. Why didn’t she see the man?
All capital cities are unfriendly – or are they?

Big cities often have a reputation for being rude, unfriendly places for tourists. *Sunday Times* journalist Tim Moore went to four cities, *London, Rome, Paris, and New York*, to find out if this is true. He went dressed as a foreign tourist and did three (not very scientific!) tests to see which city had the friendliest and most polite inhabitants. The three tests were:
Capital cities

The three tests

1. The photo test
   Tim asked people in the street to take his photo (not just one photo, but several – with his hat, without his hat, etc.). Did he find someone to do it?

2. The shopping test
   Tim bought something in a shop and gave the shop assistant too much money. Did the shop assistant give back the extra money?

3. The accident test
   Tim pretended to fall over in the street. Did anybody come and help him?
Guess who

1 Andrew, travel editor
2 Kate, cinema editor
3 Harriet, health editor
4 Marco, food editor
5 Sebastian, music editor
6 Erin, fashion editor
Guess who

Erin, fashion editor

Harriet, health editor

Sebastian, music editor

Kate, cinema editor

Marco, food editor

Andrew, travel editor
Fragments of happiness

in the fridge

a box of

by Queen

a kilo

seeing my suitcase

finding a real

...finding a real bargain in the sales...
7B Being happy
Happiness is

1. making soup. I love using leftovers in the fridge. There’s something magical about making something delicious out of nothing.

2. sitting on the sofa on a winter evening with a box of chocolates, watching a feel-good film, preferably one that makes me cry.

3. listening to Don’t Stop Me Now by Queen. As soon as I hear it I immediately feel like getting up and dancing.

4. getting on the scales and seeing that I’ve lost a kilo even though I had a big meal the day before.

5. seeing my suitcase come out first at baggage reclaim at the airport

6. finding a real bargain in the sales. I’m still wearing a Prada jacket that I bought incredibly cheaply in a sale ten years ago.
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