

Unit 2 Free Social Chat Lesson Plan

Learning Objectives

1. Feel more relaxed engaging in social chat.
2. Practise listening and responding to what the chatting partners says.
3. Practise keeping the chat going by using Connecting Statements (and questions).
4. Practise using 'Fix It' phrases where needed.

Resources



- Print a copy of 'Unit 2 Teacher Feedback Phrases'.
- Download 'Unit 2 Free Social Chat' PowerPoint slides to whiteboard.








NOTE

- The most important LO is the first one (i.e. the main aim is to ensure there is a relaxed supportive environment where all the children feel encouraged to take part in social chat).
- Stick to positive feedback phrases (but aim to use specific ones from the suggested list in order to reinforce learning objectives).

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Structure of Activity

Phase	Slide	Teaching Point	Timing
1		Sometimes we do change topic. Remember to first show we listened. And then use a switching phrase like this.	5 mins
'Unit 2 Free Social Chat' Slides		They can chat about anything, but if stuck, they can use some of these ideas.	

	<div><div>Starter topic = cooking</div><div><div>I like cooking with my sister</div><div></div><div>What could you say?</div></div></div> <div>8</div>	<div>Ask the class for ideas:</div> <div>How can we start a social chat e.g. about cooking?</div> <div>Make it clear that they should not be describing the picture.</div>
	<div><div>Ideas for chat starter topics</div><div></div></div> <div>7</div>	<div>Go back to slide 7.</div> <div>Leave this slide on the board whilst the children do the chatting phase below.</div>
2	<div>Children chat in pairs (or a three if necessary).</div> <div>Ensure children are happy in their pairs.</div> <div>Circulate providing positive feedback, which is specific to this week's targets, using some phrases from the <i>Unit 2 Teacher Feedback Phrases</i>.</div> <div>Chatting Activity</div> <div>If some pairs are struggling, join in their chat as an equal partner to model and scaffold the conversation skills.</div> <div>Write down names (for yourself) of which children are struggling.</div> <div>5 - 10 mins</div>	
3	<div>Class Reflection</div> <div><div>What did your partner do well?</div><div><div></div><div><input type="checkbox"/> They listened to what I said.</div></div><div><div></div><div><input type="checkbox"/> They used Connecting Statements to keep our chat going.</div></div><div><div></div><div><input type="checkbox"/> They remembered to use 'Fix It' phrases to fix a chatting slip-up.</div></div></div> <div>9</div>	<div>Slide 9 on Board.</div> <div>Ask what children liked about their chats.</div> <div>5 mins</div>
4	<div>Quick Practice Time slot in the week</div> <div>Set aside time in the week for another 5-minute free social chat practice.</div> <div>You do not need to use the slides for these quick practices but can just ask the children to chat in pairs or groups of threes to practise the chatting skills they have been learning.</div>	<div>5 mins</div>