Sample Lesson Plan 2, Day 5

"Giving Advice and Expressing Opinions"

Lesson Overview

During this one-hour English language grammar lesson students will be working on reading, writing, and discussion activities as a whole class, in pairs, and independently. Students will refer to the textbook, *Grammar Dimensions 2*, Unit 10, Giving Advice and Expressing Opinions. The lesson has three connected segments that guide students progressively through different learning activities. Initially, students will discover ways to give advice and express opinions using modal auxiliaries. Next, students will practice using the new grammar with their prior knowledge of modal verbs from Unit 5. Finally, students compare their learning progress with the Unit's learning goals in a Unit Goal Review discussion.

In the lesson immediately preceding this lesson, students learned to extract, summarize, and communicate relevant campus life information from the university's print newspaper in an interactive reading and writing activity. Immediately following this lesson, students will select and read opinion/editorials in the university's online edition of the newspaper and express their own opinions on the campus life topics in a communicative listening and speaking lesson. Strategically, this grammar-focused lesson provides a bridge between these two related lessons by giving students an understanding of, and practice in, grammatical forms used to express opinions.

Resources Used

Wisniewska, I., Riggenbach, H., & Samuda, V. (2007). *Grammar dimensions 2: Form, meaning, and use.* (4th ed.). Boston, MA: Heinle Cengage Learning.

Lesson Objectives

Students will be able to:

- Participate productively in student pairs and whole-class communicative activities.
- Use *must, had better, need to, should, ought to, could, might,* and imperatives to give advice appropriately.
- Use *should*, *ought to*, and *should not* to express opinions.

The lesson objectives are aligned with the course's overall goal – to build on students' academic English language skills by engaging them in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and grammar learning activities that are relevant to real-world encounters in university and professional workplace environments.

Materials and Equipment

Textbook: Grammar Dimensions 2

Students' writing journals.

${\bf Procedures \text{-} "Giving \ Advice \ and \ Expressing \ Opinions"}$

Time	Tasks/Activities	Materials	Procedures	Justification		
10 min.	Facilitated class discussion: Students exchange greetings. Introduction to usage of Should, Ought to and Shouldn't.	Attendance list. Focus Chart 1, p. 152 - Giving advice with Should, Ought to,	 Exchange friendly verbal greetings with each student as they enter the classroom. Preview the day's Lesson outline and read aloud. Call students' attention to Focus 1, p.152. Read aloud the examples. Teacher mentions a 	 Establishes rapport, students produce L2. Helps students focus on planned activities and expectations. L2 listening and reading practice. Students produce L2 		
		and Shouldn't Unit Goals - p.150	few real imaginary problems and asks students for their advice. Teacher asks and students respond to, "My grades are too low." "I'm always tired." "I don't have enough money."	to informally give advice. Stimulates prior knowledge. Creates interest in the lesson content.		
		Lesson outline.	 4. Use their advice to write examples using should, shouldn't, and ought to on the board. 5. Point out the difference between 	4. Students visualize their spoken structures on the board.5. Helps students distinguish between		
			should (advice) and must (obligation). 6. Teacher asks for questions.	advice and obligation. 6. Check for understanding.		
10 min.	Facilitated class discussion: Introduction to usage of need to and imperatives.	Focus Chart 2, p. 153 – Using Need to and Imperatives to Give Advice	 Teacher calls students' attention to Focus Chart 2, p. 153 and reads aloud the examples. Give examples of situations where stronger advice might be needed. For 	 Transitions to the next class discussion which builds on the grammar introduced in the previous discussion. Stimulates prior knowledge and gives opportunity to practice new grammatical forms. 		
			example: Situation 1: You cut your arm on a piece of glass. It's	0 1		

			3.	bleeding a lot and it won't stop. (Possible student response: You need to call the doctor right away. /Go to the hospital right away.) Situation 2: You just received a final payment notice for your phone bill. (Possible student response: You need to pay the bill right away. /Pay the bill right away.) Explain the difference in meaning; need to or an imperative is stronger and more urgent than should (but still not as strong as must.) Teacher asks for questions.		
					3.	Helps students distinguish between the grammar used to give casual advice and urgent advice.
					4.	Check for understanding.
25 min.	Student pairs activity: Students share advice with partners and the whole class about how to be a better language learner. Students practice grammatical structures	Exercise 2, p.153: Image of book cover – How to be a Better Language Learner, by Thompson Heinle. Instructions for the	 1. 2. 3. 	Organize the class into student pairings. Teacher calls students attention to Exercise 2, p.153. Mention to students that you're thinking about writing a book about learning languages. Ask students to think about their own experiences and give advice about how to be a better	 1. 2. 3. 	Encourages peer-to- peer dialogue.
	explained on	101 010		language learner.		

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with their partner's.	
Ask them to look for and discuss similarities	
and differences in their	
advice. 6. Peer-to-peer	
7. Ask volunteers to come collaboration as	
to the board and write students compare one suggested piece of their pieces of adv	
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8. When the list on the	
board is complete, house the subple slees 7. Whole class	
have the whole class decide which advice is engagement as etydosta share in	
the most important students share, in	
Ask how some of the with the class.	ce
pieces of advice could 8. Students read and	
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produce L2. 10 Facilitated class Unit 10 – 1. Ask students to look 1. Review of languag	10
min. discussion: Unit Goals again at the Unit Goals learning goals help	
statement on the opening page of students recall key	_
Unit Goal P.150 the unit.	
Review 2. Ask students to think 2. Students practice	.11
Students reflect about their new meta-cognitive ski acquired grammar to self-assess	ills
on their knowledge compared learning progress.	
learning at the to the unit's stated	

Assessment and Grading Criteria

Students' success during this class period is measured informally. Students' listening and reading comprehension abilities and speaking fluency are evaluated throughout the lesson as the teacher monitors class discussions, pair interactions, and students' responses to statements by the teacher and peers. Although students compose and write advice statements in their journals and on the board, there is no formal assessment of this specific writing practice. Journal entries will be assessed and assigned grades at the middle and end of the term.

 $Textbook\ pages\ referenced\ in\ Sample\ Lesson\ 2:\ Grammar\ Dimensions\ 2,\ pp.152\ and\ 153:$

Sample Lesson Plan 3, Day 6

"Express Yourself!"

Lesson Overview

During this one-hour English language speaking lesson students will practice using authentic, conversational language to express their personal opinions on campus life topics. First, students will apply the grammatical structures acquired in the previous lesson to practice expressing their opinions in peer-to-peer interview situations. Next, students will use the internet to read, select, and respond to an opinion/editorial of their choice from the online edition of the university's student newspaper. Finally, in response to the editorial, students compose and express their opinions coherently in an informal debate format.



This lesson occurs during the early weeks of the course. The listening and speaking skills practiced in this lesson will support progressively more challenging work later in the syllabus. I believe the skills needed to electronically access information about the university community through its webbased publications is most valuable when practiced early in students' university experience.

Immediately preceding this lesson, students practiced their English language reading and composition skills using the print version of the university's student newspaper. They discovered standard periodical formatting features, extracted meaningful information from a variety of relevant, self-selected, student-oriented articles, and composed written summaries which were shared verbally with their peers. Following this lesson, students will practice progressively more challenging English language usage in a continuing series of lessons focused on university publications and other authentic texts.

Resources Used

The EIEIO graphic organizer used in Parts 2 and 3 is adapted from:

$\frac{http://eslmethods.wikispaces.com/file/detail/EIEIO\%200rganizer\%20wih\%20Sentence\%20starter}{s.docx}$

The oral presentation rubric used in Part 3 is adapted from:

teacherweb.com/ON/CRMarchant/mrv/Speaking-and-Presentations.pdf

Lesson Objectives

Students will be able to:

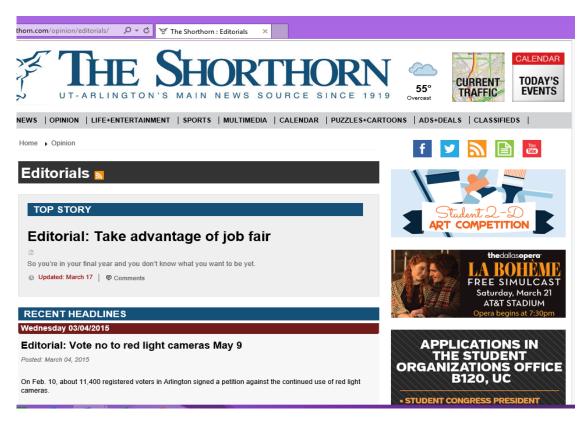
- Participate productively in student pairs collaborating during listening and speaking tasks.
- Obtain meaningful information about campus life from a web-based student publication.
- Orally describe and support their personal opinions on university-related issues.

The lesson objectives are aligned with the course's overall goal - to build on students' academic English language skills by engaging them in listening, speaking, reading, writing, and grammar learning activities that are relevant to real-world encounters in university and professional workplace environments.

Materials and Equipment

Students will navigate several pages of the web-based publication of the university's student newspaper. The Shorthorn online can be accessed with the following URL: www.theshorthorn.com.

The pages for this lesson will be in the Opinion/Editorial section represented in the following graphic:



Equipment includes a computer terminal with internet access for each student. Additional equipment includes a display (board) that can be clearly seen by the whole class.

Copies of the attached handouts and graphic organizer for each student.

Instructional slides (or transparencies) of sample graphic organizer are attached.

Procedures - "Express Yourself!"

Time	Tasks/Activiti	Materials	Procedures	Justification
5 min.	Facilitated class discussion: Greetings. Introduction to the content and context of the lesson.	Attendance list. Lesson outline (agenda)	 Exchange friendly verbal greetings with each student as they enter the classroom. Preview the day's lesson outline: display and read aloud. 	 Establishes rapport, students produce L2. Helps students focus on planned activities and expectations. L2 listening and
			3. Teacher asks students questions to elicit advice or opinion responses. "What are some controversial issues you've heard about on campus?" "How can we learn what other students think about campus issues?" "How can we make our opinions heard?"	reading practice. 3. Students produce L2 to informally express personally relevant opinions. Stimulates prior knowledge. Creates interest in verbal argument. Teacher uses informal language to establish the register/tone. Segues into lesson activity.
10	Express			
min.	Yourself, Part 1			
	Student pairs activity: Students participate in	Handouts A and B – Unique instructions	1. Instruct students that they will be working with preselected partners. and coming to the front of the	Pair work facilitates communication between partners, allows peer-to-peer

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structured peer-to-peer	for each partner.		class for this activity. Arrange two chairs face-to-		support.
conversations	partifer.		face, approx. 6 ft. apart at		
expressing	Handout 3		front of classroom.		
and inquiring	- Opinion		none of classicom.		
about	statement	2.	Teacher models the	2.	Observing the
personal	prompts.		activity with one student		demonstration helps
opinions.			volunteer. To model the		students interpret
-			activity, the student is		instructions and
			Partner A and the teacher		improves their
			is Partner B. The teacher		success in
			selects one opinion		completing the
			statement of interest –		activity.
			thinking out loud about the		
			choice. Partner A begins by		
			asking Question 1 from the		
			instructions. Teacher		
			responds; expanding on		
			Sentence Starter 1 from		
			the instructions. Continue		
			through Q3. Then teacher		
			asks Partner A to express		
			his/her opinion about the selected statement.		
			selected statement.		
		3.	Teacher calls on first		
		٥.	student pair. to come	3.	Face-to-face
			forward and take seats in	Э.	configuration
			the facing chairs. Handout		simulates authentic
			A to Partner A and		peer-to-peer dialog.
			Handout B and Opinion		Handouts guide
			Statements sheet to		students through
			Partner B.		dialog with
					suggested sentence
					starters.
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		4.	First student pair completes the activity,		
			returns to seats, and next	4.	Students practice
			pair is called. Continue		expressing their
			until all student pairs have		personal opinions
			participated. If there is		and eliciting the
			extra time, ask partners to		opinions of others in
			extra time, ask partiters to		a structured, but

				switch A/B roles and continue the activity.		authentic, dialog.
10 min.	Understanding opinion texts online					
	Student pairs activity: Students practice online pre-reading skills.	Website - http://ww w.theshorth orn.com/op inion/	1.	Teacher instructs students to open the "Opinion" section home page, hands out EIEIO organizer, and reads instructions aloud.	1.	Students read and listen to L2 instructions for better understanding.
		Handout 4 - EIEIO graphic organizer Slide 1 - sample graphic organizer	2.	Teacher models the activity - selecting an editorial and completing the first "Evidence and Interpretation" sections of the sample organizer. Display Slide 1.	2.	Demonstration helps students improve their success through observation.
		with highlighted entries.	3.	Student pairs collaborate to scan the pages within the section and select one editorial, opinion column, or cartoon of mutual interest to analyze with their partners. Teacher circulates to assess understanding, participation, and to help settle disputes.	3.	Decision-making task encourages students to engage in dialog and negotiation. Students choose a personally relevant text.
			4.	Independently, students read, then copy or paraphrase, their editorial's heading or the author's opinion in the space provided on the organizer.	4.	Focuses students' attention on the editorial's heading which provides clues to the author's

			5.	Students identify and transcribe key evidence and write their interpretations in spaces provided. Remind students that the EIEIO Organizer is a guide to help them organize information. They are not required to fill in all the blanks.	5.	opinion. Analysis of textual evidence to infer meaning in L2 helps students develop their personalized responses.
35 min.	Express Yourself! Part 2					
10 min.	Student pairs activity: Students collaborate on an editorial's meaning and respond by developing their personal opinions.	http://ww w.theshorth orn.com/op inion/ Handout 4 - EIEIO graphic organizer.	1.	Instruct student pairs, "Tell (but don't show) your partner the evidence and interpretations you wrote on your organizer. Your partner will listen and write what you say on his/her organizer."	1.	Peer-to-peer dictation builds students' listening, speaking, and writing skills. Comparing evidence reveals meaning.
			2.	Students synthesize information from the heading and important evidence to formulate a brief response statement expressing an opinion with one or two supporting arguments. Each student in the pair agrees with their partner to argue a different side of the issue.	2.	Scaffolded synthesis using the graphic organizer helps students develop a response based on their own interpretations and peer collaborations. Requires higherorder thinking.
25 min.	Pairs and whole class activity: Student pairs present their	Handout 4 – EIEIO graphic organizer.	1.	Display Slide 2. Using the sentence starters in the last section of the sample EIEIO organizer, the teacher models the	1.	Demonstration shows students the interactive progression of the activity.

personal	Slide 2 –		presentation activity by		
-	sample		orally presenting a 1 to 2-		
responses to	_		V 1		
editorials (1 to	graphic		minute opinion response		
2 minutes per	organizer		to the editorial. Say, for		
student).	with		example: "From this I		
Class	highlighted		<u>learned</u> about Native		
members	entries.		American students and the		
listen and			Pow Wow event. Now I		
			<u>understand why</u> Native		
vote, "agree"			Americans are an		
or "disagree"			important part of the UTA		
with the			student community. <u>I</u>		
positions			agree with the author		
presented.			<u>because</u> I think students		
			should learn about other		
			students' cultures."		
			Ask the class "Do you		
			agree with me?" Count		
			hands. "Do you disagree		
			with me?" Count hands.		
				2.	Students practice
		2.	First student pair is called		authentic listening
			on to come to front of		and speaking skills
			class. Students take		in a structured
			positions in face-to-face		debate-type format.
			chairs. Addressing each		debate-type format.
			other, each member of a		
			student pair presents a 1		
			to 2-minute response to		
			their selected editorial.		
			One student agrees, and		
			the other student		
			disagrees, with the		
			author's position.		
				3.	Students listen to
				٥.	and respond orally
		3.	Class members are called		to peers' spoken
			on to vote by agreeing or		= =
			disagreeing with the		opinion statements.
			presenters.		
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Assessment and Grading Criteria

Students' success during this class period is measured both formally and informally. Students' listening and reading comprehension abilities and speaking fluency are evaluated throughout the lesson as the teacher monitors class discussions, pair interactions, and students' responses to statements by the teacher and peers. Skills practiced and evaluated include scanning an online text for relevant information, reading and understanding context clues, and making inferences. Ultimately, students will be successful when they formulate and orally present their personal opinion responses to their peers. By frequently giving students opportunities to ask clarifying questions, the teacher is able to continually check for understanding.

The students' success in the Express Yourself! Part 1 activity is determined by the students' ability to follow verbal and written instructions and coherently express their personal opinions orally to their peers.

Later, students communicate with each other to complete the pre-reading task. The students' ability to use L2 to collaboratively select and analyze a relevant editorial, identify evidence, and draw conclusions from the text, is revealed by the students' successful completion of the graphic organizer.

For the oral presentation assignment in Express Yourself! Part 2, a formative assessment of the students' oral presentations is accomplished by means of a simple rubric (attached) that measures students' ability to present a fluent paraphrasing of the author's opinion and a logical, comprehensible, personalized response. Productive speaking and active listening are also evaluated in the final whole-class activity. Evidence of active listening skills is observed in students' appropriate (but not necessarily fluent) responses to peer's opinion statements. Additionally, when students listen to and evaluate their peers' presentations, they self-evaluate their own work.

Handout A

Express Yourself!

<u>Partner A - Instructions</u>

✓ You go first.	
\checkmark Ask your partner questions 1-3, wait for his/her answer to each question	•
Question 1	
"Which opinion statement did you choose?"	
Question 2	
"That's interesting! What does it say?"	
Question 3	
"What do <u>you</u> think?"	
✓ Next, answer your partner's question. (You may use the sentence starter	to
help you answer the question.)	
Sentence Starter 1	
"I (garee or disagree) because I think	

Handout B

Express yourself!

<u>Partner B -Instructions</u>

✓ C	hoose	one	interesting	opinion	statement	from	the	list.
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✓	Answer your partner's 3 questions. You	may use	the	sentence	starters	to	help
	you answer the questions.						

Sentence starter 1	
"I chose one about	·
Sentence starter 2	
"It says	"
Sentence starter 3	
"I think	."

√ Next, ask your partner Question 1, wait for his/her answer.

Question 1

"What do you think?"

Handout 3

Opinion Statements

(From "The Shorthorn" online opinion section.)

Choose one:

- 1. Students should be allowed to bring guns to class.
- 2. Students should not be allowed to bring guns to class.
- 3. Marijuana should be illegal.
- 4. Marijuana should be legal.
- 5. Red-light cameras at intersections are good.
- 6. Red-light cameras at intersections are bad.

Handout 4

EIEIO Organizer with sentence starters

Predicting the

author's opinion Copy or paraphrase the editorial's heading. E (Evidence) Write brief notes about important details and quotes. The sentence starters may help you get started.	According to the text, The author states that A quote in the text is In the text, it said	_•
I (Interpretation) Write brief notes about what the evidence means to you. The sentence starters may help you get started.	This reminds me of	
E (Evidence) Write your partner's notes to the right.	According to the text, The author states that A quote in the text is In the text, it said	
I (Interpretation) Write your <u>partner's</u> notes to the right.	This reminds me of	

	From this I learned To me this means This tells me that I think the author means	
Oh! As you read the editorial, did you form an opinion? Write brief notes about your opinion.	From this I learned Now I understand why I agree/disagree with the author because For these reasons I believe	

Oral Presentation Rubric: Expressing Opinion in L2 (Student Pair Presentations – Each student is assessed independently)

Student Name: _____

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
Pair Participation	Each member of the pair describes the author's opinion and expresses their own opinion on the topic.	the pair expresses their	Each member of the pair says something meaningful about the topic.	Neither member of the pair says anything meaningful about the topic.
Volume	All students (the audience) can hear all the time.	audience) can	All students (the audience) can hear between 65% and 75% of the time or more.	audience) usually can't
Speaks Clearly	Student always speaks clearly and is easy to understand.	Student usually speaks clearly and is easy to understand 75% of the time.	Student sometimes speaks clearly and is easy to understand 50% of the time.	Student does not speak clearly and is not easy to understand.
Content (Vocabulary & Grammar)	Speaks in complete sentences most of the time with correct grammar.	Speaks in complete sentences most of the time with correct grammar some of the time.	Speaks in complete sentences some of the time with correct grammar some of the time.	Rarely speaks in complete sentences with correct grammar.

Slides 1 and 2 – Sample EIEIO Organizer with highlighted teacher annotations.

Predicting the author's opinion Copy or paraphrase the editorial's heading.	Celebrate Native Americans – Student association reaches out
E (Evidence) Write brief notes about important details and quotes. The sentence starters may help you get started.	According to the text,the Association's annual Pow Wow educates people about Native Americans The author states that _the Native American Students' Association is active on campus A quote in the text isThis year's Pow Wow is stated to be the biggest yet.", In the text, it saidall UTA students should attend,
(Interpretation) Write brief notes about what the evidence means to you. The sentence starters may help you get started.	This reminds me of International Week at UTA From this I learned _about the Pow Wow event To me this means _Native Americans are another interesting cultural group on campus This tells me that _ it should be a popular event I think the author means _that Native American students have important information to share with other UTA students

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The author sales that
A quote in the text is
In the test, it said the Native American Language Lab is beeing a #WotherLanguage video contest
This reminds me of <u>EU language and outure activities</u> ,
From this I learnedmusic is important to the Native American community
To me this means <u>Notive American languages will be demonstrated</u> ,
This tells me that,
befeve the author means <u>all UTA students should try to attend the Pow Wow</u> .
Frees this I learnedabout Native American students and Pow Wew
Now I understand whyNative Americans are an important part of UTA student population
agree/disagree with the author because [think all students should learn about other students' cultures
For these reasons I believeThe Pow Wore will be a fun way to learn about Native American culture. Til go to the Pow Wow and I'll tell my friends!