

## **Wipe out exercise**

Stepping Stones : Teambuilding & Empowerment; Art & Culture

Materials : incl. materials

Type of exercise : oral, written

Duration exercise : 15 min.

### **Objectives**

- The learner can consolidate new words.
- The learner can learn a text by heart.

### **Materials**

Black board

### **Preparation**

Write a poem or a short story on the board.

### **Instructions**

- Read the text aloud.
- Read it aloud together with the learners.
- Let the learners read the text aloud (without your assistance).
- Explain new words.
- Wipe out a few words, such as the first and last word, while the learners are learning the text by heart.
- Ask a first learner to delete one or more words, then a second learner and so on.
- Once the whole text has been wiped out, let the learners reconstruct the text.

### **Variant**

- Delete parts of words.
- Delete a specific word type: all articles, all verbs, all nouns, all adjectives, all prepositions...
- Let the learners reconstruct the text in pairs.

## **Tips for the instructor**

- You can facilitate reciting and memorizing by
  - underlining the emphasized syllables.
  - reading rhythmically, e.g. alternately hitting your thighs and clapping your hands.
  - associating words with appropriate gestures or emoticons.
  - showing an image of the (deleted) words.
- Emphasize that repetition is essential for learning new vocabulary.

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### *Language skills / Linguistic performance*

- Listening
- Reading
- Speaking

### *Linguistic competence/knowledge*

- Grammar
- Vocabulary
- Sentence construction
- Rhyme / poetry
- Expressions / sayings
- Memory

### *Social-emotional skills and competences*

- Fun
- Imagination, creativity and learning to learn