

Emergent Syllabus

Simulation Template



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How to Develop New Simulations

- Ask the student what s/he needs.
 - What situations will they encounter in the near future?
 - What aspects (of these situations) will they find especially challenging?
- Identify resources that will be useful in preparing this simulation.
- Prepare a "Simulation Plan" (see this template and sample simulations)
- Ask the student to prepare the simulation (once you have drawn up the initial plan)
- Consider how the student will draw on this simulation when having the real-life conversation

Task Description

Give a summary of the task.

Initial Task

What should the student do first? How can the student prepare for the simulation? Suggest useful websites or other resources. Use websites for menus, prices, maps and photos. Students can also find useful resources.

Simulation Activity (in-class)

Suggest types of phrases the student will need to do the simulations. Do not give the actual phrases (eg: "Can I have a return ticket to London, please?"), but instead a summary of the question (eg: "asking for a ticket"). Also suggest any useful resources to complete this part of the simulation.

More Complex Simulation Activities

How can the simulation be extended in class to include more complex situations? This will present the student with some more challenging scenarios once s/he is familiar with the basic simulation.

Taking it Further

Consider what conversation-starting questions could explore the topic in more detail and in more breadth.

Other Tools to Help You

Suggest other online and offline tools that could help the student.

Suggested Simulation Situations

Consider the following list to find new situations for simulations.

- Transport: trains, planes, busses, car rental
- Food/drink/sleep: hotels, restaurants, cafes, bars
- Travel: asking for directions
- Shopping I: shops, banks, libraries, fashion
- Shopping II: hairdresser, shoe repair, dry cleaners, dentist, doctor, post office
- Gaming: PC games, MMOGs
- Meeting people: small talk, making conversation about "My World" topics

Visit <http://www.avatarlanguages.com/teaching/guide.php> for further resources. .

