

Standards-Based Strategy 2

Gouin Series

A Recurring Question

How can I effectively teach culture through the language and language through the culture?



Gouin Series

is a strategy that weaves culture into language production and presents cultural practices in the target language.

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is a sequence of six to eight phrases describing a predictable process, such as preparing a target culture dish, making a purchase, or going through customs.

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- moves students from receptive to productive language.
- may cover a range of contexts including a cultural practice, appropriate behavior in a particular situation or classroom processes.

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Sample Series

- Eating with a knife and fork the European way
- Changing money
- Making a phone call
- School day routine
- Shopping at the market

Creating a Gouin Series

- Choose a function or context
- Select expressions
- Order logically
- Associate actions with each statement
- Illustrate with visuals, props

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Keep in mind

- No more than 6-8 sentences
- Length of 7-8 syllables
- Verbs that can be acted out
- Vocabulary easily visualized
- Logical sequence
- Same person and tense in all sentences

Going through customs

- I get off the plane.
- I present my passport.
- I pick up my bags.
- I get in line at customs.
- I open my suitcase.
- I say “I have nothing to declare.”
- I close the suitcase.
- I leave the airport.

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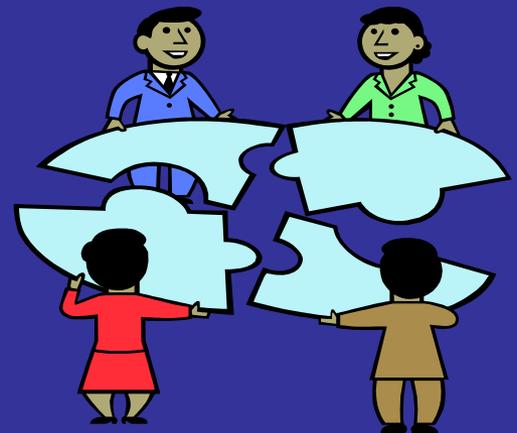
Teaching a series

- Teacher presents orally using words, pantomime and props.
- Teacher repeats orally, class joins in with pantomime but now words.
- Class (and later individuals) pantomimes series as teacher repeats orally without actions.
- Class imitates series orally and with actions.

It's Your Turn



Think of a Gouin Series function for your curriculum. Work alone or in a group to create the phrases for your series.



Conclusion

By linking language, action, visuals and culture, a Gouin Series gives students the tools to move from receptive language to productive language. It provides a logical framework for students to express complete thoughts.

Final Reflections

- When should I use a Gouin Series?
- How do I create a Gouin Series?
- Why is a Gouin Series effective for teaching culture?