

Storytelling in the ESL Classroom
Results of Online Survey
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Number of respondents-172

Date of Survey-11/142010-11/21/2010

- 1. Where do you teach?** 77.4% in USA; 22.6% overseas
- 2. In what type of setting do you teach?** 61.4% University/Community College; 6% Elementary School; 1.8% Middle School; 7.8% Private Language School, 0.6% Corporate Sector; 18.7% Other
- 3. Do you use storytelling in the classroom?** 70.2% Yes; 29.8% No
- 4. With which language proficiency level do you use stories: Select any that apply.**

Beginners	54.5%
Intermediate	71.2%
Advanced	62.1%

5. What are your goals and objectives when using storytelling in the classroom?

Language Skills-Learn vocabulary and grammar in context, Increase exposure to realistic and authentic language, Familiarize students with idiomatic language and humor in context, Retell/paraphrase and answer Wh-questions, Stimulate discussions and conversations

Social/Communication Skills-Interactive and enjoyable; high-interest , Increased confidence communicating in English; Increased comfort and poise during public speaking; collaboration with classmates; cultural awareness, education, and sharing ; self-expression

Speaking Skills-Pronunciation (words, sentences, and paragraphs); Intonation/suprasegmentals (varying pitch, volume, rate, phrasing); fluency

Reading Comprehension-Character analysis; sequencing and organization; using stories as metaphors for own personal life experiences

6. Please list your goals in order of importance? Highest to least priority

- Vocabulary
- Idioms and Figurative Language
- Cultural Awareness
- Grammar
- Suprasegmentals (stress and intonation)
- Rate of Speech
- Segmentals (consonants and vowels)

Other: Confidence, Fluency, Thought groups, Critical thinking, Organization of ideas, Humor and community building, Listening skills, Social skills

7. Where do you obtain your resources and materials?

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| Internet | 83.3% |
| Books | 87.5% |
| Magazines | 53.3% |
| Comics | 28.3% |
| Other | 35.8% |

8. What are your favorite resources?

Contact us at LKWilner@successfully-speaking.com to receive the list of favorites and other results from the survey.