

FILM ENGLISH

Signs

Language level: Intermediate (B1) - Advanced (C1)

Learner type: Teens and adults

Time: 90 minutes

Activity: Speaking about communication, watching a short film and writing a composition

Topic: Communication

Language: Vocabulary related to different types of communication

Materials: Short film and discussion questions



Overview

This lesson is based on a beautiful short film called *Signs* by Patrick Hughes about communication. Students speak about communication, watch a short film and write a composition about improving their communication.

Step 1

Write *Communication* on the board, and ask students what different forms of communication there are. Students may well come up with the following forms:

Oral communication

Written communication

Non-verbal communication

Visual communication

Step 2

Ask students to think of examples of each form of communication. You may like to elicit some of these examples:

Oral communication

Conversations, discussions, speeches, presentations

Written communication

Emails, text messages, letters, books, articles, reports

Non-verbal communication

Body language, gesture, motion, eye contact, touch, smell, clothing

Visual communication

Colours, drawings, pictures, signs, photos, graphic design, typography

Step 3

Ask your students the following question:

What are the advantages and disadvantages of each type of communication?

Step 4

Tell the students they are going to watch a short film about communication, and they should watch out for the different types of communication used. Show the film.

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uy0HnWto0UY>

Step 5

Get feedback from students on the film. Ask students to discuss the questions about the film.

Follow up and homework

Write up the following sentence on the board:

How can we communicate more effectively?

Put students in small groups and get them to brainstorm ideas. Get feedback from the whole class. Ask students to write a composition titled:

How can we communicate more effectively?

I hope you enjoy the film and the lesson.