

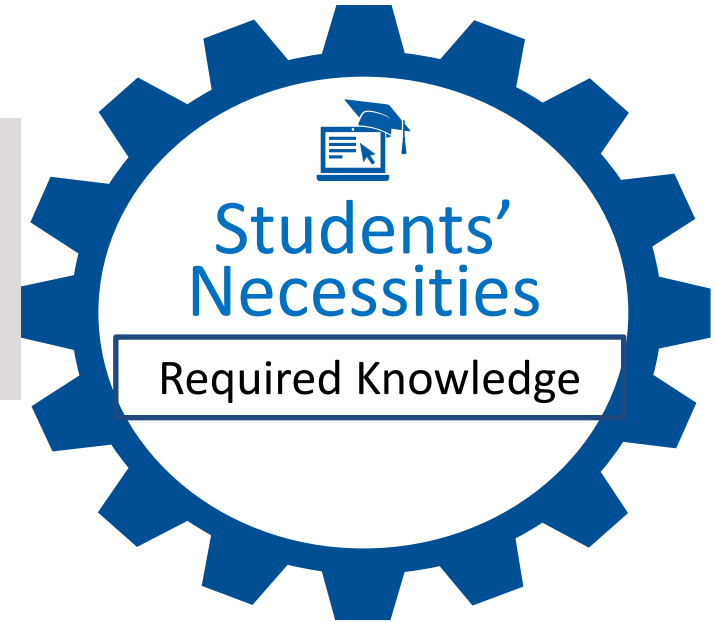


A Student-Centered Class with Task-Based Instruction

General Introduction



- ✓ Task-based Language Teaching
- ✓ Scaffolding



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Proficiency:

- ✓ “Double First Class” university
- ✓ Non-English major freshmen
- ✓ CSE level 6

Frequency:

- ✓ 2 sessions per week
- ✓ 1h online learning per week
- ✓ 18 weeks

Textbook:

- ✓ *New Standard College English: An Integrated Course 1*
- ✓ Unit 5 News 24/7

Overall Goals:

- ✓ Long-term language users
- ✓ Responsible youth thinkers
- ✓ Life-long learners

01

Students' Wants

- ❖ Topics they are interested in
- ❖ Current affairs they are concerned about



Topics

1. (多选) Which topics would you like to learn about for the coming semester?



Votes from Unipus

Unit	Active reading	
	Passages	Reading skills
1 Starting out P1	Diary of a fresher P3 Extract from <i>Tis: A Memoir</i> P9	Predicting Humour through exaggeration Inferring
2 Food, glorious food! P19	The first oyster P21 Chocolate P27	Predicting Inferring Evaluating the text
3 Learning to think P37	Thinking for yourself P39 Improve your study skills P45	Inferring Evaluating the text
4 Family affairs P55	The pickle jar P57 Relative values: Venus and Serena Williams, sisters and tennis legends P63	Predicting Metaphor Using figurative language
5 News 24/7 P73	Making the headlines P75 The death of the newspaper? P81	Using italics Predicting Inferring
6 Arrivals and departures P91	The armchair traveller P93 Duelling by folk dance P99	The writer's inner voice Predicting Humour through irony
7 All you need is love P109	Extract from <i>Jane Eyre</i> P111 Poems: A marriage P117 Valentine P118 He wishes for the cloths of heaven P118	Inferring Figurative language in poems
8 Body and mind P127	Quitters are winners, Bulldogs are losers P129 Walk your way to health P135	Focusing questions Predicting Evaluating the text

Contents of the textbook

Current Affairs

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Medical workers in Zhongnan Hospital of Wuhan University in Wuhan, Central China's Hubei province, on Jan 24, 2020.

[Photo/Xinhua]

BEIJING -- China has put in place a set of guidelines to facilitate regular prevention and control of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) epidemic, according to a senior health official.

02

Students' Necessities

- ❖ Language Objectives
- ❖ Knowledge Objectives
- ❖ Ideological Objectives

Learning Objectives

Objectives		Examples
Language Objectives	Vocabulary	<i>newsworthy, objective, immediacy, etc.</i>
	Skills	news reporting (speaking & writing)
Knowledge Objectives	Elements of news	<i>when, who, what, where, why</i>
	Standards of news	<i>accuracy, objectivity, etc.</i>
Ideological Objectives	Critical thinking	“power of the media”, perspectives switching
	“Four matters of Confidence”	socialist path, theory, system and culture

03

Students' Lacks

❖ comprehensive skills
development



TBLT

(Task-based Language Teaching)

Task-based Instruction



Tasks should:

- 01 engage learner's interest
- 02 focus on meaning
- 03 prioritize completion
- 04 relate to real-world activities

Ellis, 2009; Skehan, 1996; Willis & Willis, 2007

Tasks in *News 24/7*

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Scaffolding for Task 1 (demo)

Task 1: Consolidation & Extension

Task 1: Target Task & Language work

Pre-class: Priming Task for Task 1

3. Reassigned groups (groups of 4):

- **individual oral reports**
- group assessments

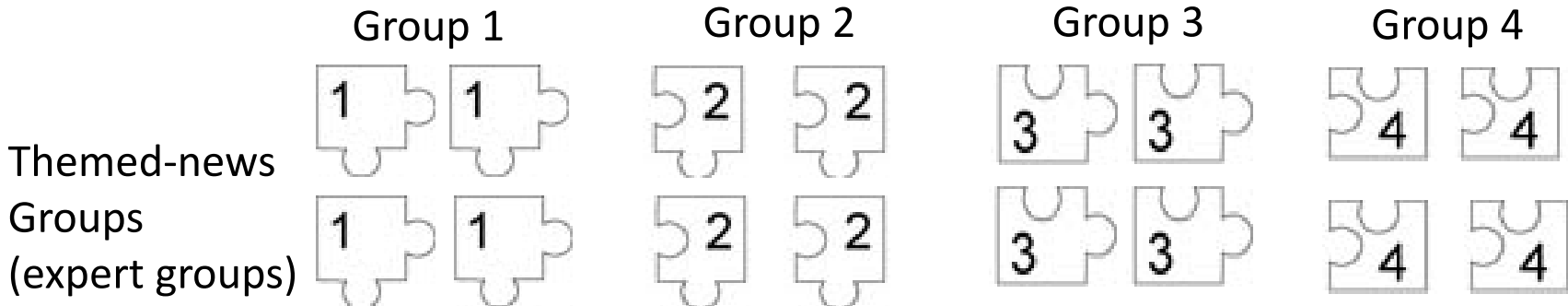
2. Whole class:

- meaningful input
- **self-built evaluation system**

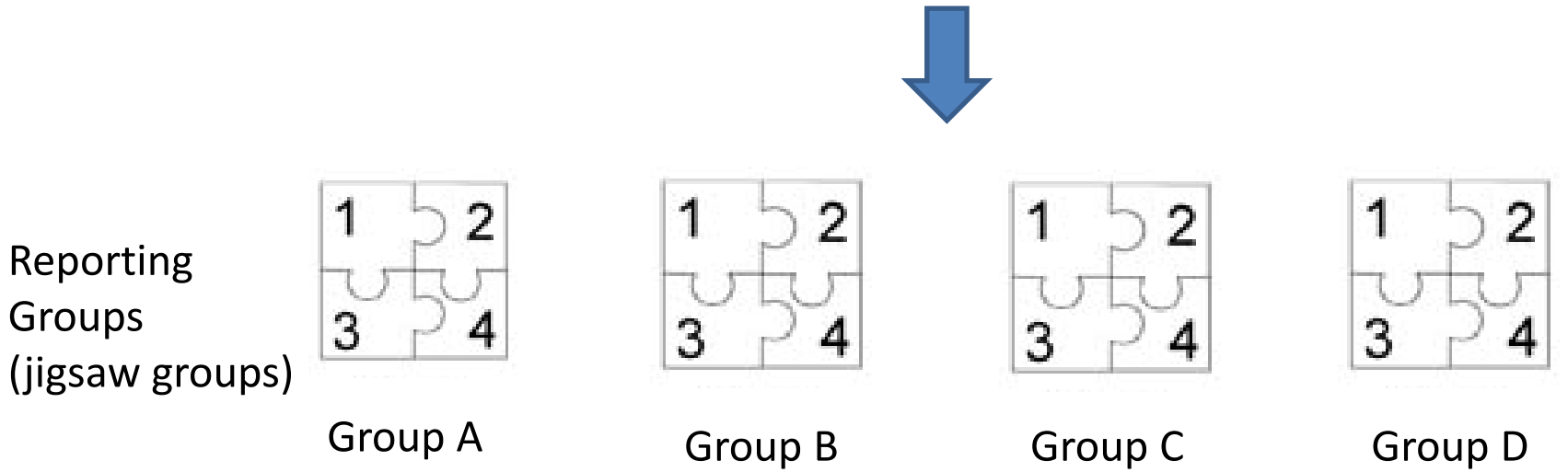
1. Four themed-news groups:

- information collection;
- vocabulary accumulation

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Everybody Matters



- ✓ Jigsaw grouping
- ✓ Information gap
- ✓ Peer evaluation

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Highlights

A golden course (high-level, innovative, challenging) :

- Creating a **student-centered** class on students' "wants", "necessities", "lacks"
- Implementing **task-based** instruction with **scaffolding**
- Constructing a **learning community** with Unipus
- Promoting **ideological education** with **language development**

Students' Production



a. Newspaper



b. TV News

Types	Differences	Similarity
Newspaper	display sensational headlines; with detailed written description	provide images
TV News	present news in real time; more information could be provided through speaking	

Pre-class: Priming Task for Task 1 & 2 (from Group 1)

Students' Production

作业与测试 > 小组作业批阅

小组作业共1道题，总分值：100分

1) 作业要求：请每组学生按照教师指定分组，搜集两篇不同类型的与本组topic相关新闻报... [展开](#) (分值：100分)

题目内容：Write a news report in 5 to 7 sentences based on the news reports you have been assigned to collect.

学生答案：The COVID-19 outbreak was first reported in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, in December 2019. Experts have attributed the outbreak to a novel coronavirus. Confirmed cases now exceed 530,000 globally. U.S. now leads world in confirmed COVID-19 cases, with over 85,500 confirmed cases and over 1,200 deaths. The World Health Organization has declared that the new coronavirus is a pandemic, meaning it has spread worldwide. The group says this is the first time that a coronavirus, a type of disease that can cause respiratory problems, has caused a pandemic, but it added that several countries have shown the virus can be suppressed and controlled.

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Unit 5 News Report

小组成员

COV...	分	100分
组名	成绩	总分
	(系统自动统计)	

答题卡

小组作业 (共1小题, 100分)

1

Pre-class: Priming Task for Task 1 & 2 (from Group 4)

Students' Production

News reporting from the perspective of our volunteers

News reporting from the perspective of neighboring countries

The screenshot shows a writing evaluation page on the Wricp platform. At the top, there is a score of 95 and a star rating of 5 stars for each category: Language, Content, Article Structure, and Technical Norms. The evaluation text is in Chinese, praising the student's use of complex sentences and accurate grammar. Below the score, there is a section for 'Homework: News reporting Unit 5 (V4)' with instructions on how to use the interface. The main content area displays two news reporting prompts. The first prompt is 'News reporting from the perspective of volunteers:' followed by a paragraph about Wang Wange, a student from Wuhan, who participated in volunteer services during the COVID-19 outbreak. The second prompt is 'News reporting from the perspective of neighboring countries:' followed by a paragraph about the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, mentioning the S&SE ASIAN UN network. On the right side of the page, there is a sidebar with a list of error types and their counts: Grammar errors (0), Redundant words (1), Word usage errors (0), Redundant words (1), Misused words (1), Grammar errors (1), Technical norm errors (0), Spelling errors (1), Other errors (0), and Other errors (1). At the bottom, there is a footer with '用时: 1 | 字数: 340' and '作业提交时间: '.

❖ Task 3: Consolidation & Extension (after-class writing assignment)

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**Active Reading (1)
Unit 5 News 24/7
Making the Headlines**

Lead-in

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Group work: one-minute report





Directions: Please design an evaluation form for your group members' news report.

Evaluation form for ()

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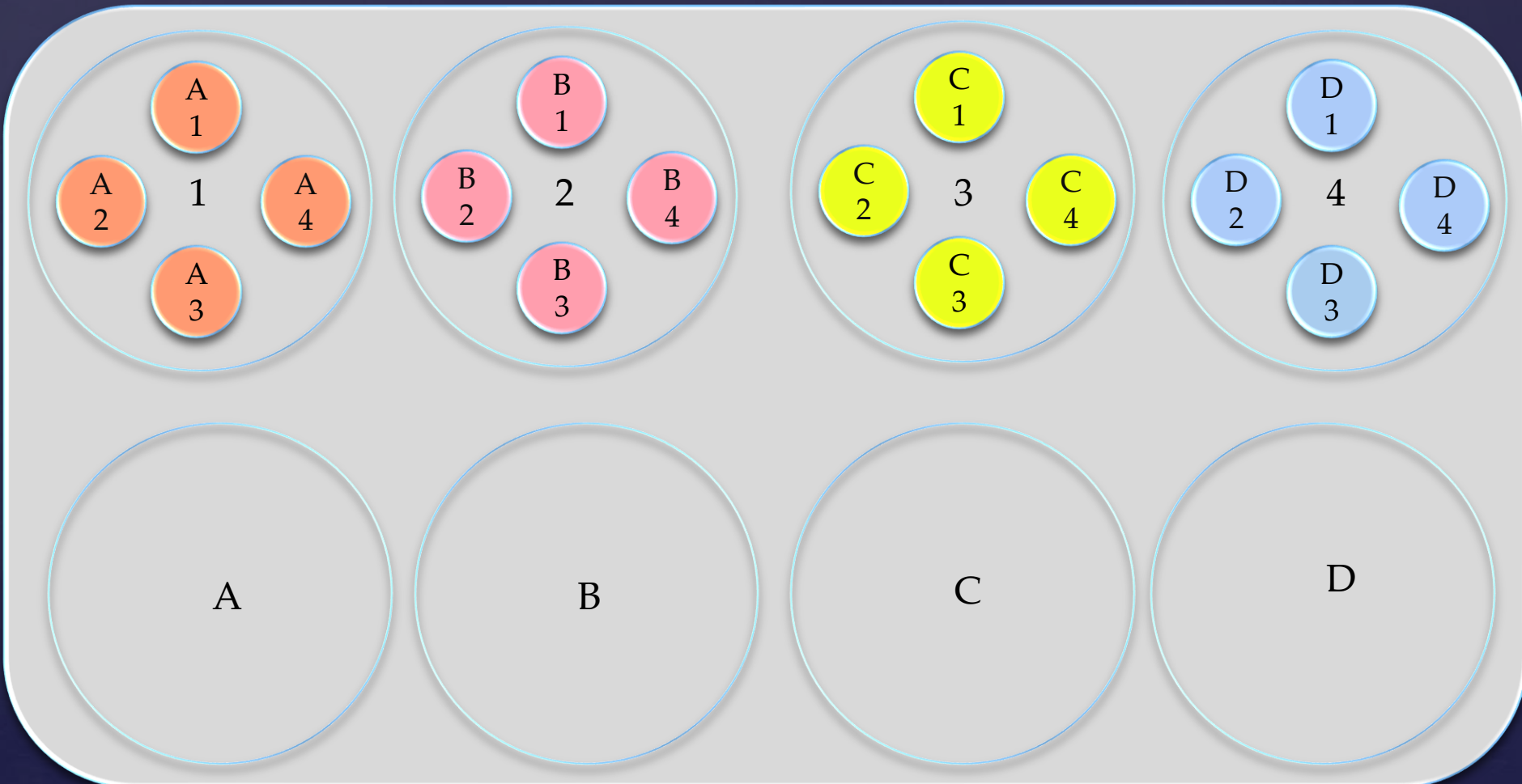
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What	Intonation 10%
Who	Fluency 10%
Where	Appropriate language 10%
Why	Gesture 10%
Total :	
Comments:	

Pre-class assignment : Themed news

Group	Theme	Paragraph	Picture
Group 1	911 attack	Para.1	 A photograph showing the World Trade Center towers on September 11, 2001, with a large plume of smoke and fire rising from the base of one of the towers.
Group 2	J.F.Kennedy assassination	Para.3	 A photograph of the presidential motorcade in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, showing the assassination of John F. Kennedy.
Group 3	Mouse holding up a flight	Para.5-6	 A photograph of a person in a white protective suit and mask working on a piece of equipment, likely related to the investigation of the 2001 anthrax attacks.
Group 4	COVID-19 pandemic	Current affair	 A graphic illustration featuring a person in a white protective suit and mask, with the text 'THE BATTLE AGAINST COVID-19 OUTBREAK' overlaid on a blue background with a grid pattern.

Group work: one-minute report

Directions: Each student will have **1 min** to report your news alone in the new group. Please grade your group members' performance with the sample evaluation form.



News reporting

Volunteer Demonstration



News reporting: peer review

Evaluation form for (Chen Xuelei)

Please design an evaluation form with the essential elements you have just learned.

Elements of a news report (50%)		Delivery (e.g. pronunciation) (50%)	
who	10%	pronunciation	10%
what	10%	intonation	10%
when	10%	fluency	10%
where	10%	appropriate language	10%
why	10%	gesture	10%
Total:		90	

Comments:

She made good preparations for the task.

She spoke so fast sometime that I didn't follow what she was saying.

There was no change in her voice.

News reports

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讨论



Implications

confidence

hope

courage

sacrifice

respect

determination

harmony



justice

Immediacy

← Accuracy

← friendship

← Humanity

← integrity

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dedication

Implications

With its commitment to the vision of **a community of a shared future for mankind**, China has been safeguarding the life and health of the Chinese people.

(Xi, 2020.02, *People's Daily online*)



Implications

How do you feel about China's performance during the fight against COVID-19?

Four Matters of Confidence

socialist path

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Self-evaluation

Directions: Please finish the following self-evaluation form.

perspectives	agree	disagree	not sure
I can use <i>immediacy, accuracy</i> and <i>humanity</i> properly.			
I understand the journalism ethics and standards.			
I can retell the three pieces of news in the text.			
I can apply five essential elements to frame a news report.			
I can evaluate a news coverage critically.			

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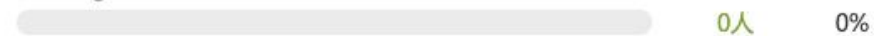
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已答: 7人

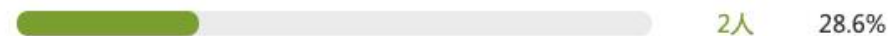
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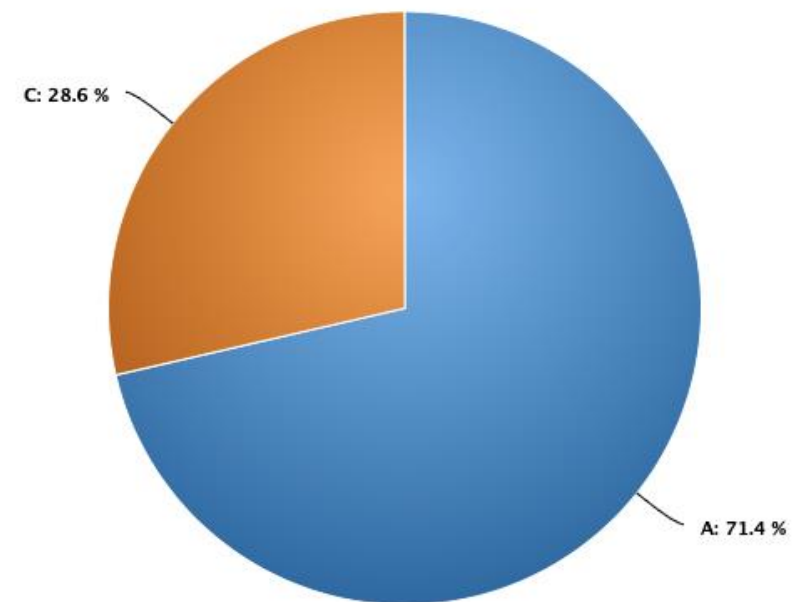
B. Disagree



C. Not sure



5. I can evaluate a news coverage critically.



Critical thinking topic for next session:

What are the problems facing journalists who want to be objective?
(P78)



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