



# Unit 3

# Family Affairs

**Challenging**

students' deficiency in the use of rhetorical devices in writing

**a golden class**

**Practical**

students' need for their future career

**Innovative**

teaching methodology

# Why is our class innovative?

Teaching  
Methodology

Blended Learning

Production-oriented  
Approach

Instrumentality  
& Humanity

# Teaching Design



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**Motivating**

## **Integrated Production Tasks**

### **1. Language production task**

a composition with the theme of family love and required rhetorical devices

### **2. Morality cultivation task**

a video to express their love to their fathers

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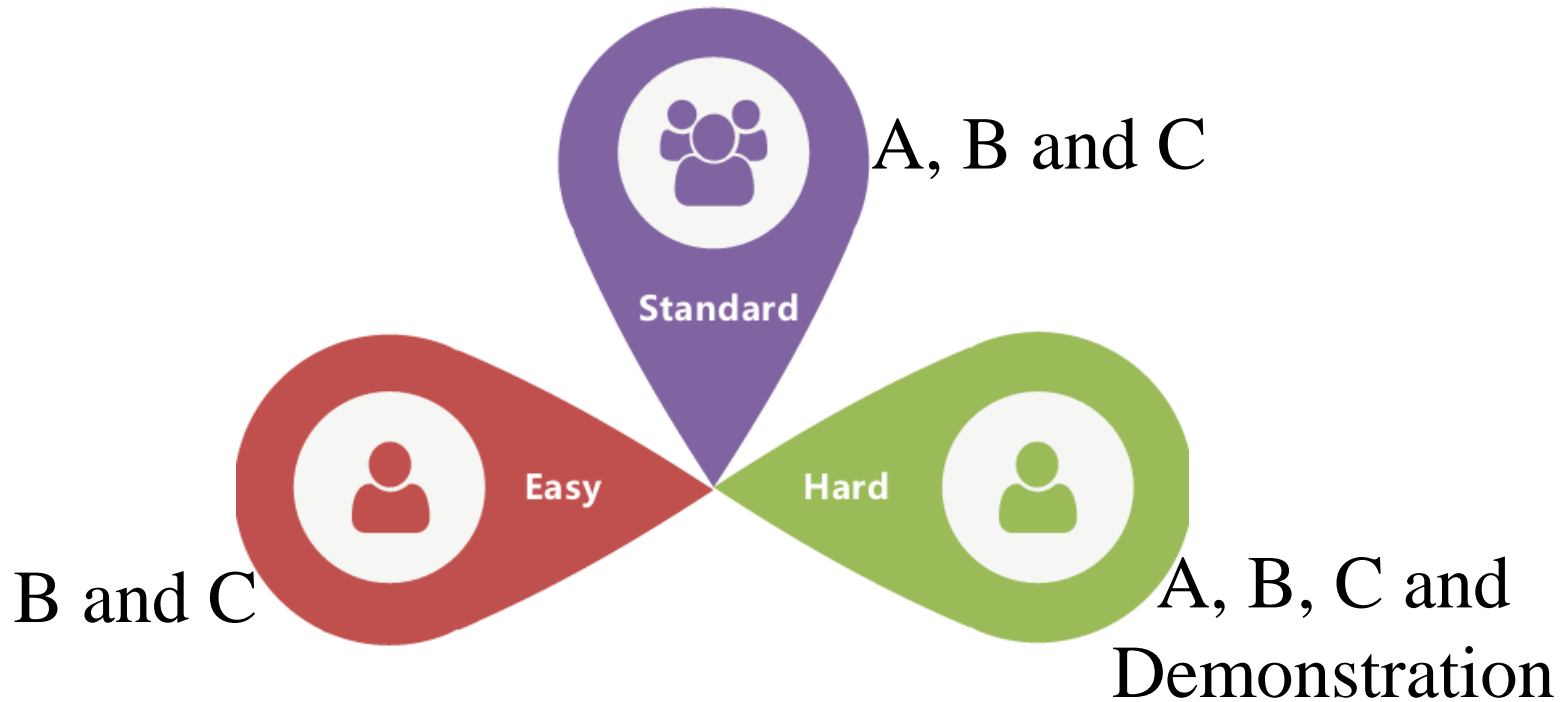
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## Hierarchical Tasks

A. Symbolism B. Metaphor C. Simile



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**Enabling**

**Scaffolding---before class**

1. instructions on topic-related reading
2. guidance via online communication and courses

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**Enabling**

**Scaffolding---in class**

1. problem-solving
2. sample analysis
3. guidance on students' initial production

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## Assessing

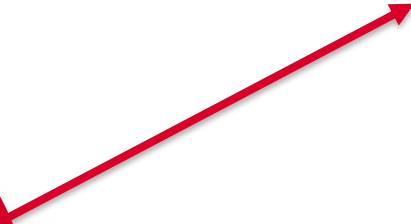
**language, content and structure**

1. in-class:  
teacher's sample assessment  
students' mutual assessment
2. after-class:  
students' self-assessment

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# Welcome to our class





A man's ~~must successful~~ ~~is a~~ ~~my~~ ~~dis~~ ~~to~~ ~~he~~ ~~no~~ ~~g~~ ~~o~~ ~~d~~ ~~f~~ ~~a~~ ~~t~~ ~~h~~ ~~e~~ ~~r~~ ~~.~~

I got married and became a husband...



# Brainstorming

**strong-hearted**

Please use one word to describe your father.

**strict**



**silent**

**humorous**

**determined**

# The Pickle Jar





# Text Organization

Dad used the large pickle jar to save coins for my college fund.

**Beginning**

When I finished college and took a job, the pickle jar was gone.

**Plot & Climax**

When my daughter was born, dad continued to save coins in the jar again.

**Resolution**

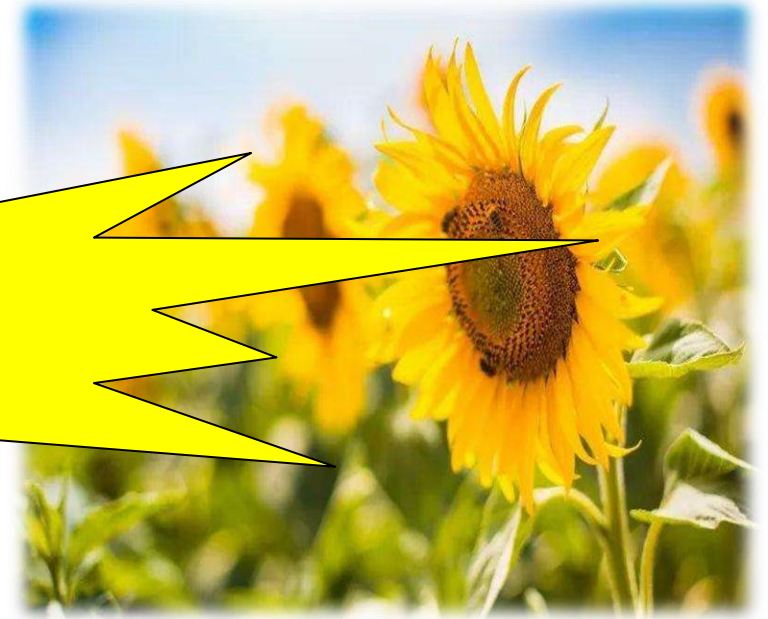
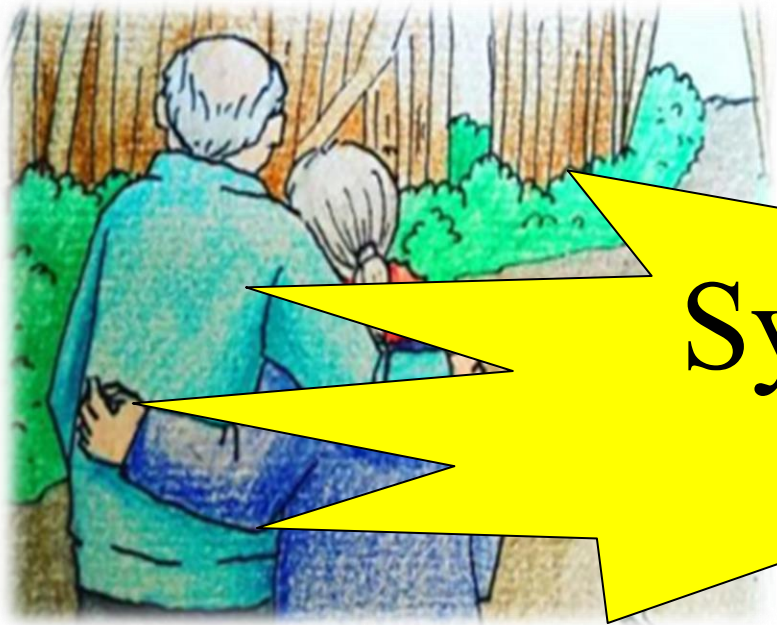
**TEXT**

“My dad was a man of few words, and never lectured me on the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. **The pickle jar** had taught me all these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowery of words could have done.” (Para 5)

- 1. What had taught me all these virtues?**
- 2. What does “the pickle jar” represent?**



“The pickle jar” is used in a symbolic way.



Symbolism 象征

father's love

continuity of family values

hope for future

**Symbolism:** the use of symbols to signify ideas and qualities by giving them symbolic meanings that are different from their literal sense. 象征

It adds double levels of meanings: a literal one that is self-evident, and a symbolic one whose meaning is far more profound than the literal.



Can you find other examples of symbolism in literature?



那就是白杨树，西北极普通的一种树，然而实在不是平凡的一种树。那是力争上游的一种树，笔直的干，笔直的枝。它的干呢，通常是丈把高，一丈以内绝无旁枝。它所有的丫枝呢，一律向上，绝无横斜逸出。



the white poplar



the frontier guard

**Both of them express their love without word. 大爱无言!**

Father is forever with you without confession of love. 父爱无声!

他不常打电话给你，  
可你来电，  
他就乐得像个孩子。



他正在老去，  
他可能会忘了自己，  
却永远不会忘记爱你。



What would you say to your dear father?





**My “pickle jar” is a bamboo flute.**







**Thank  
You**