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Teaching Content

Using concrete words to support arguments (Unit 7 Law and Morality, Book 2)

Targeted Students

Sophomores of an independent college, majoring in International Economy and Trade

Background of Topic Selection

After finishing this unit, students were more likely to use abstract words to state arguments for or against assisted suicide, but they failed in clarifying the arguments with concrete words.

Principle of Teaching Design

Production-oriented Approach

- Learning-centered principle
- Learning-using integration principle

Teaching Objectives

Knowledge Objective

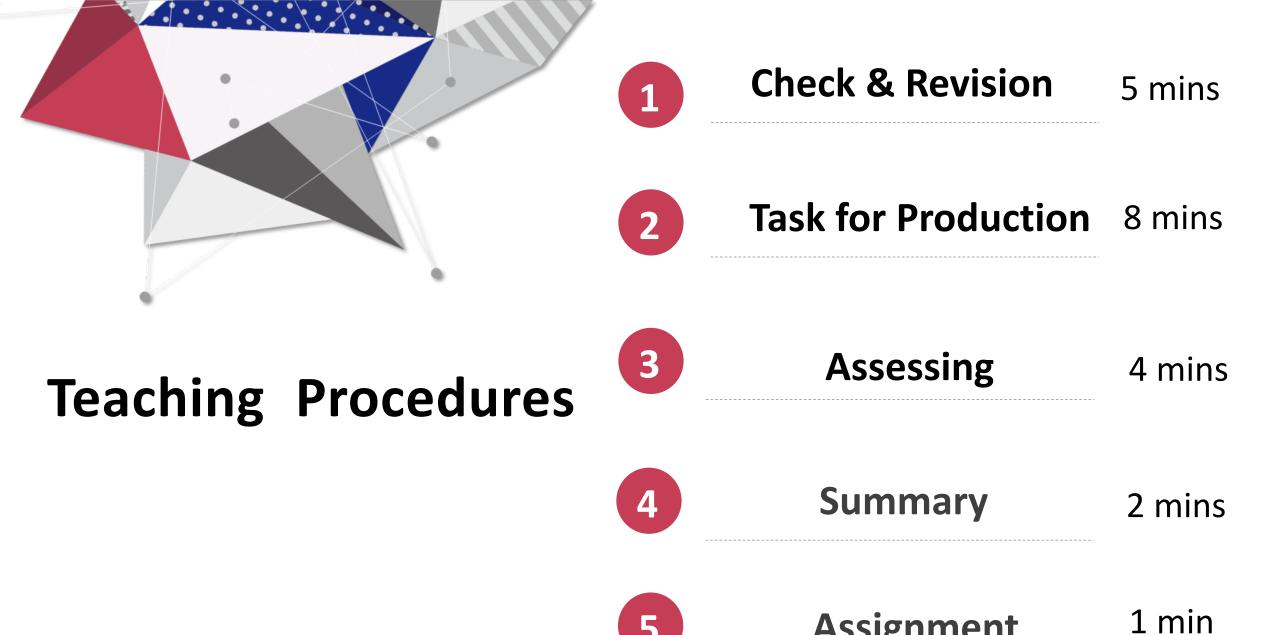
To know about concrete words

Ability Objective

To use concrete words to support arguments for or against assisted suicide

Communication Objective

To achieve persuasion by using concrete words



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Assignment



Check & Revision

- To recognize concrete words to clarify "physical pain"
- To brainstorm concrete words to clarify "psychological pain"

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Task for **Production**

Role-play

Language preparation 5mins

Dialogue performance 3mins





Task for **Production**

CASE: An old woman, who is afflicted with terminal liver cancer and suffering from unbearable pain, begs her doctor for lethal medications to end her life. Her family members understand her desire and agree to sign her request. (P150)

Student	Role	Arguments for Persuasion
A	old woman	Physical painPsychological pain
В	doctor	 Doctors' obligation and duty Advanced technology Pressure from the public





Assessing

Peer Review & Teacher's Comments

- Whether concrete words are included in the dialogue
- Whether the persuasion had been achieved





Summary

Knowledge Objective

Ability Objective

Communication Objective





Assignment

Work in group of 4 members to write a statement defending yourself.

At the end of the case we've discussed, the doctor whose name is Pu Liansheng, accepted the old woman's request, and finally he was arrested and charged for murder. If you were Pu Liansheng, how would you defend yourself?

Teaching Reflection

> Highlights

Successive & progressive continuum Objectives achieved

>To be improved

Lack of life experience of terminally ill patient

