TRINITY COLLEGE LONDON **CertTESOL** Spainwise

Unit 5:

UNKNOWN LANGUAGE



Journal Entry 1: Teacher Techniques

Name of trainee: ..... Date: .....

Name of teacher: ..... Language: .....

Number of learners: ..... Time (and length) of lesson: .....

After the lesson, make notes on the following points:

a) What was/were the main aim(s) of the lesson?

Give examples of the lesson aims you identified:

- grammatical
- lexical
- phonological
- functional/skills-based

b) What did you notice about...?

- the achievement of the lesson aims?
- the rapport between the teacher and the learners?
- the use of materials and resources?

- the balance between STT and TTT?

- the instructions?

- the pace of the lesson?

- the correction of learners' errors?

- the feedback to the learners?

c) *What did you and your fellow trainees enjoy most/least about the lesson?*

d) *What was most memorable about the teaching experienced?*

e) *What did you see/hear/experience that could be relevant to you?*
Make a note of at least 3 points that you will take forward into your own teaching.

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Reflections and Conclusions

Based on this experience as a learner in an unknown language lesson, the above notes and the post-lesson discussion, along with what you have learnt from the input sessions you have attended so far, reflect on the following….
Write about 200 words.

- the importance of having clear lesson aims
- the value of building rapport between the teacher and the learners
- the selection of materials and resources
- the importance of giving clear instructions
- what you have learnt from this experience
- how this unknown language experience might help you in your own teaching