

Introduction

The ESL Slang Safari Lesson Plan is designed to help students navigate the complex world of informal English language usage. In today's interconnected world, understanding slang and informal language is crucial for effective communication. This lesson plan will equip students with the necessary vocabulary and comprehension skills to understand and use everyday slang terms in a variety of contexts. By immersing students in real-life language scenarios, this lesson plan aims to enhance their conversational fluency and cultural understanding. Through engaging activities and interactive learning, students will gain confidence in using informal language while expanding their overall English proficiency.

Vocabulary Building

Vocab

Vocab	Definition
Lit	Something that is amazing or exciting.
Savage	To describe something wild, intense or extremely impressive.
Hangry	Feeling irritable or angry as a result of being hungry.
FOMO	'Fear of Missing Out'; the anxiety that an exciting or interesting event may currently be happening elsewhere, often aroused by posts seen on social media.
#TBT	Short for 'Throwback Thursday', used when sharing old photos or memories on social media platforms.

Contextual Usage

1. The party last night was so **lit!** (meaning: The party last night was amazing!)
2. Her performance at the talent show was **savage!** (meaning: Her performance at the talent show was extremely impressive!)
3. Don't talk to me right now, I'm **hangry.** (meaning: I'm feeling irritable because I'm hungry.)
4. I couldn't join them and had serious **FOMO** seeing their pictures from the concert. (meaning: I had serious fear of missing out seeing their pictures from the concert.)
5. **#TBT** to our vacation in Hawaii last year! (meaning: Throwback Thursday to our vacation in Hawaii last year!)

ESL Warm-up Activity

To kick off the lesson, organize a fun game of Slang Charades! Write several slang terms on separate pieces of paper and place them into a hat or container. Divide the class into two teams and take turns having a student pick a piece of paper and act out the slang term without speaking while their team tries to guess what it is. This activity not only introduces students to commonly used slang words but also gets them actively involved, setting an energetic and interactive tone for the lesson.

Main ESL Lesson Activities

Vocabulary Activity: Slang Match-Up

Divide the class into small groups and provide each group with a set of flashcards. Half of the flashcards should contain slang terms, while the other half should have their definitions. The groups must work together to match the slang term with its correct definition. Encourage discussion and collaboration among group members to ensure everyone understands the meaning of each term.

Listening Activity: Slang Interviews

Prepare audio recordings or videos of interviews where native speakers use slang terms in conversation. After playing the recordings, hand out worksheets with questions related to the slang used in the interviews. Ask students to listen carefully and answer the questions based on their understanding of the slang terms used.

Roleplay Activity: Casual Conversations

Assign different casual scenarios to pairs of students, such as ordering food at a restaurant, making plans with friends, or discussing a favorite movie. Encourage them to incorporate various slang terms into their roleplay while maintaining contextually appropriate usage. This activity allows students to practice using informal language in real-world situations.

Writing Activity: Slang Storytelling

In this creative writing exercise, ask each student to write a short story or dialogue that includes at least five different slang words they have learned during the lesson. Once completed, they can share their stories with classmates and discuss how and why they chose specific slangs for their narratives.

ESL Homework Assignment

For homework, ask students to create a dialogue or script using the slang terms learned in class. They can write a conversation between friends, family members, or colleagues, incorporating the slang words in context. Encourage them to be creative and natural in their usage of informal language. Additionally, they can research and present examples of popular slang used in different English-speaking countries to expand their understanding of informal language across cultures.

Conclusion

Key Points Summary

Throughout this ESL Slang Safari Lesson Plan, students have delved into the world of informal English language usage, learning common slang terms and their contextual applications. They gained insight into the significance of understanding slang for effective communication in various settings.

Reflection and Application

Encourage students to reflect on how their newly acquired knowledge of everyday slang can enhance their overall language development. Prompt them to consider how incorporating informal language into their vocabulary can improve their understanding of colloquial speech, as well as empower them to engage more confidently in casual conversations. Highlight the importance of adapting language skills to different social contexts and connecting with others through shared linguistic expressions.

Why this topic is great for ESL learning

Enhancing Real-World Language Skills

The ESL Slang Safari Lesson Plan is an excellent choice for ESL learning as it immerses students in the practical usage of informal language. By exploring everyday slang terms, students develop a deeper understanding of how language

evolves in social contexts, preparing them to engage confidently in real-world conversations and strengthening their overall communication skills.

Cultural Understanding and Connection

Understanding slang goes beyond linguistic proficiency; it provides insights into cultural nuances and helps bridge the gap between formal English education and the dynamic, ever-changing vernacular used by native speakers. This topic enriches students' cultural awareness and fosters a stronger connection to the communities where English is spoken informally.