

A Presentation by Dr. Omar Villarreal

Integrating Skills in Language Learning units for pre-intermediate and intermediate students



DEDICATION

" To all those students who are getting bored to death in their English classrooms...



and who are sick and tired of just listening to their teachers and repeating the lesson "



" To all those teachers who risking divorce or perpetual celibacy spend most of their Sunday afternoons...

thinking up
(and preparing!)
great activities
to do with their
students on
Monday morning



We have all heard about the 4 basic linguistic skills, or haven't we?



Is there a "superskill"?



LISTENING



SPEAKING



READING



WRITING

Do you think it is necessary to integrate the 4 skills?

Do you think that integration of skills facilitates learning?

Do you think it is easy to integrate them?

The New Skills for the 21st Century



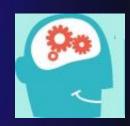


COMMUNICATION

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Teaching languages with a:

FOCUS ON FORM



FOCUS ON MEANING





COLLABORATION

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- 1.- Establish group agreements
- 2.- Teach them how to listen
- 3.- Teach them to negotiate
- 4.- Model what you expect.





CRITICAL THINKING

CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS

Evaluation

Synthesis

Analysis

Application

Comprehension

Knowledge



CREATIVITY

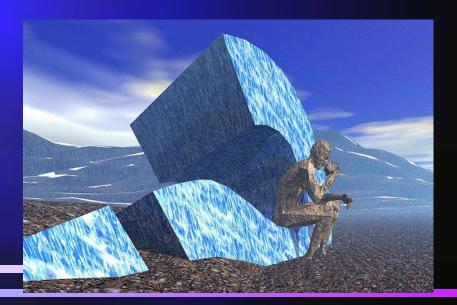
Do you think these are new skills?

How relevant do you think they are for learning a

foreign language?



Do you think we have the necessary preparation to teach them?



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