

3. Setting Up an English Language Environment by Using the English Classroom

1. Put up fishing lines across the room and display students' work.
2. Put everyday classroom English on the blackboard.
3. Put up charts of listening skills.
4. Display a game for listening, e.g. Hands on Heads.
5. Make displays of the language used in a particular unit.
6. Have a corner to display the students work.
7. Have a common error chart.
8. Use a moveable whiteboard to present work.
9. Display wall pictures with sentences, label things in the room, have a theme base for the decoration, use word trees and banks.
10. Have a game corner, find the differences in pictures, play a memory game, reading game to sequence the story and magnetic board to make words.
11. Have a drawing board.
12. Divide the room into activity areas: reading area, talking books, draw and write, posters - seasonal, festivals, songs and poems.
13. Dressing up box (old clothes), puppets, Songtime - combined English and Music lessons. Have dress-up days when students dress as a character.
14. Video learning - music, songs, charts, tongue twisters, poems, games

15. Use plastic mesh – it's portable and one can peg / print images onto it.
16. Use a pocket chart for new vocab / images.
17. Use the space under the blackboard, windows and use hooks on the ceiling.
18. Use a bulletin board
19. Use a Halloween cauldron as an activity box.
20. Intranet
21. Letterboxes
22. Don't speak / translate in Cantonese! Use facial expressions, drawings, gestures to convey meaning.
23. Reward students who speak English with stamps, etc.