

4. Setting Up an English Language Environment by Using School Resources

1. Find an area to set up an English corner.
2. Rent a container, if there are areas available.
3. Place in the English corner a CD player, computers, software, Big Books, reading books (accessible to students), display boards and a corner for self access learning.
4. Get the staff of the school to cooperate with the NET to organize activities for the English corner.
5. Display signs and wall pictures: theme- based.
6. Make a corner a space for English communication between all parties (Principals, parents, visitors)
7. Encourage students to be "buddy tutors".
8. Have a story-telling section.
9. Consider adopting a school character, e.g. "Flat Stanley".
10. The NET could walk around the playground at recess times to talk with the students.
11. Set up a tuck shop – lunchtime activity.
12. Using the school garden to label and describe some of the plants – set up an enchanted garden with English password/sentence.
13. Teach the playground game "Gutterball".
14. Put out a daily weather forecast

15. Mystery word or phrase every lunchtime.
16. Use the IT resources appropriately - visualizer, OHP, computer, DVDs, CDs, CD ROMs, etc.
17. Make a reference list of resources available.
18. Reserve a room to share the resources.
19. Liaise with the Music teacher to teach some songs in English.
20. Arrange demonstration lessons within schools.
21. Develop a school web page.
22. Try an extensive reading scheme.
23. Invite the parents to assist in the English corner.