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Developing Students' Creativity through Riddle
Writing in the English Classroom



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- ▶ A photo taken at the post lesson observation debriefing.

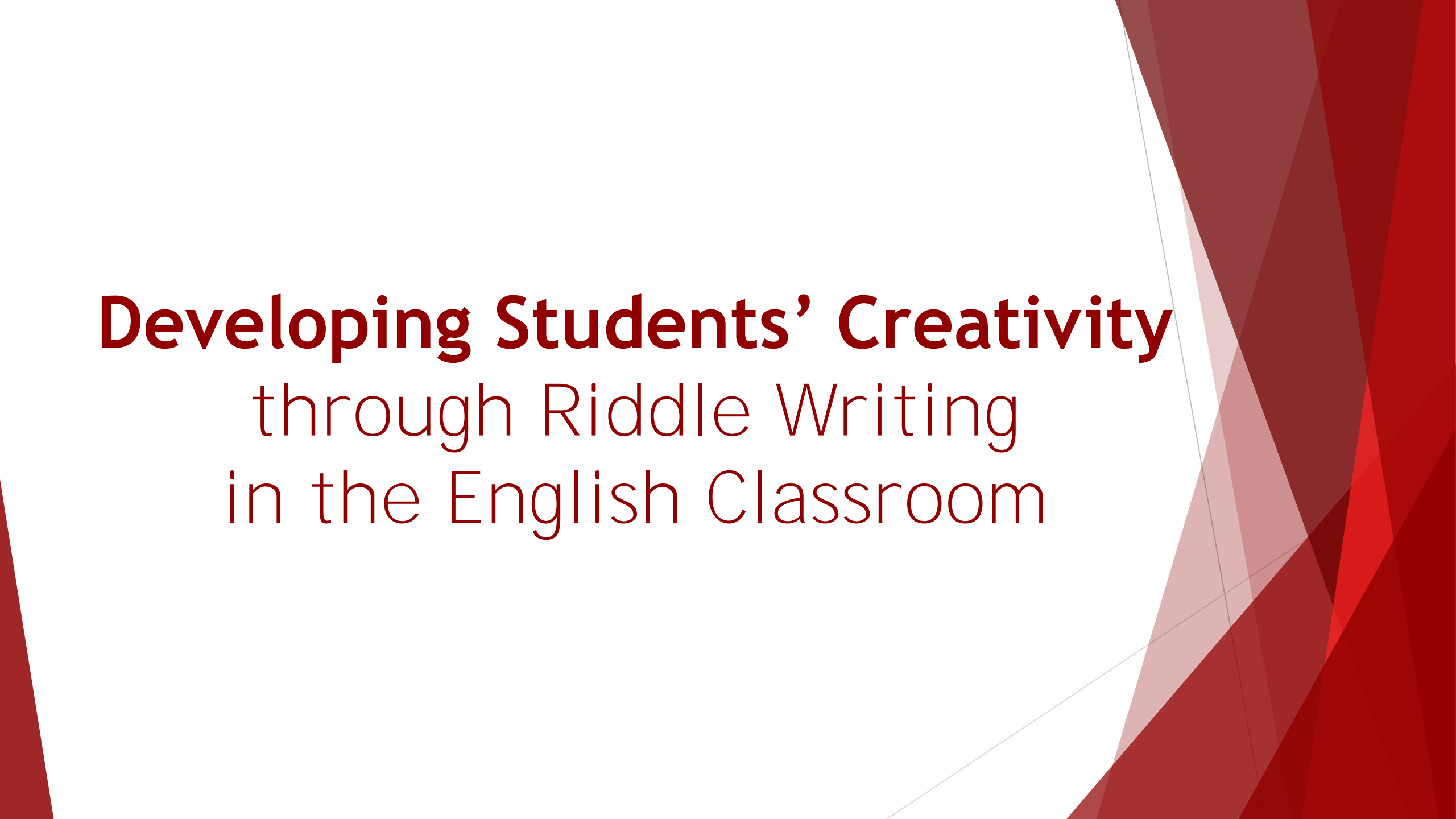
A lesson about Creative Writing is conducted by Miss Jessica Chan as an open lesson for the network teachers to observe in April.

What happens in our upper primary English classrooms?



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The background features abstract, overlapping geometric shapes in various shades of red, ranging from light pink to deep maroon. The shapes are primarily triangles and polygons, creating a dynamic, layered effect. The overall composition is modern and artistic.

Developing Students' Creativity through Riddle Writing in the English Classroom

The objectives:

At the end of the lesson, students will be **able to...**

- Write a riddle creatively with the use of similes ‘like’ and ‘as...as’ and adjectives. (Cooperative learning)
- Present the riddle with the use of Padlet. (IT in Education)
- Appreciate language arts in a long run. (Culture)

The lesson design

Teaching procedures	Objectives
1. Self-learning / Watch a video as preparation	Arousing students' learning interest and providing a self-learning opportunity as a pre-task.
2. Revising some opposite adjectives and the use of similes	Teaching students how to write creatively with similes- “as...as” or/and “like...”
3. Teaching a writing model	Demonstrating a writing model about Kate Middleton with a given mind map, in order to teach students how to use adjectives, connectives and similes cooperatively and creatively.
4. Cooperative learning/ Creative writing/ Showcasing the learning outcomes	Encouraging students to have more higher-order thinking for their creative writing task. Students can share their riddle poem with padlet in class.

Text type: a fable

- ▶ Some similes are highlighted from the text

Self-learning task: Watching a video on Youtube



1. Have you noticed the similes used?
2. Write three sentences with similes on your classwork book.

It means the baby *sleep sweetly*.

▶ A photo of a baby sleeping

▶ A photo of a koala

1. The baby sleeps like a koala.

It means she is *very* kind.

▶ A photo of two siblings (a brother and a sister)

▶ A photo of a lamb

2. His sister is as gentle as a lamb.

It means learning is an easy job!

▶ A photo of a group of students
in the classroom

▶ A photo of a pie

3. Learning is as easy as pie.

Key structure (TB P.5)

These are **similes**. We use them to describe something by comparing it to something else.

He was	as fierce as	a tiger.
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A marshmallow is	soft	like	a pillow.
	sweet		honey.

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I like my dog.		I am like my dog.

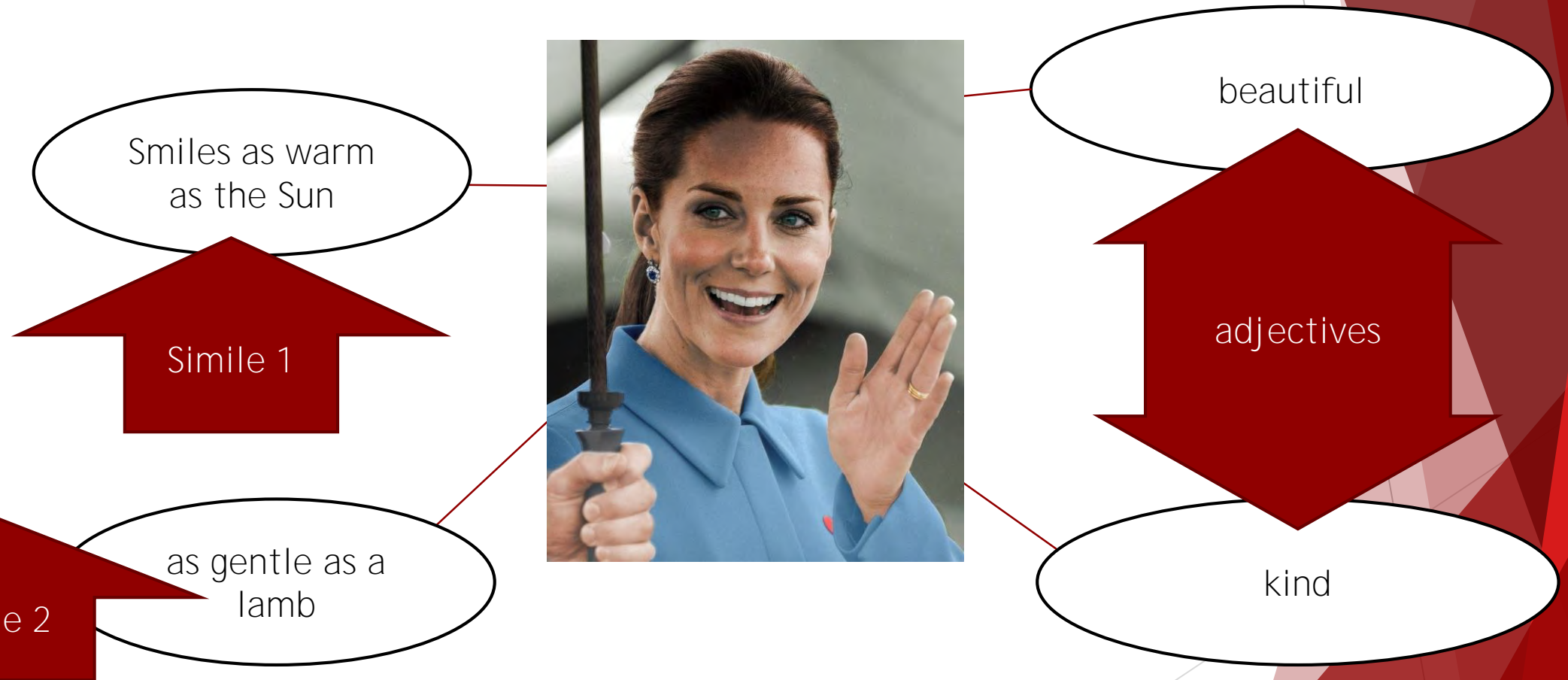
A sample writing model
is discussed as an example



Who is she?

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Adjectives to describe Kate Middleton, the Princess of Wales



My riddle

She smiles **as warm as the Sun.**

She is **beautiful like a peacock.**

She is **as gentle as a lamb.**

She is **also** very **kind.**

Who is she?

Cooperative learning

Brainstorm ideas for YOUR riddle. Write about **a classmate** or **a teacher** at Heep Woh Primary School in groups of four .

Cooperative Learning

Your **ROLES**:

Student 1: 2 adjectives

Student 2: Simile 1

Student 3: Simile 2

Student 4: 2 connectives

Adjectives to describe the person

Similes to compare him/her

A worksheet is given for group discussion

Other phrases to enrich the riddle

Connectives to link up ideas

Think-pair-share before the creative writing.

Peer Assessment Checklist

🌀 We have listened to *Group* _____ to read their riddle.

Group _____ has made good use of			
1. two adjectives			
2. verbs			
3. two connectives			
4. two similes			
5. other phrases			
6. They have written a riddle with a title and the writer's name.			
7. They have presented the riddle clearly and loudly.			
8. They have presented with feeling.			

The learning outcomes

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Riddle Poetry

Riddles are poems which describe something (or someone) without naming it. The intrigue of a riddle is trying to guess the object, person, or idea being deceptively described.

Padlet





Jessica Chan + 30 + 26d

CCCHWPS 6L Creative Riddle Writing with Similes and Adjectives (April)

Our class wall for presenting our creative riddles.

My riddle by Natasha

She is intelligent like an owl.
Also she is as responsive as a leopard.
She is friendly and kind.
But She is brave like a lion too.
Who is she?

Add comment

Riddle by Andy Lau (17)

He is cool like a pie.
He is as handsome as a paint.
He swim fast like a shark.
He is as clean as a whistle.
Who is he?

Anonymous 27d
Gary

Anonymous 27d
you are right

Add comment

By Anneena (11)

She is slim and tall.
She is hardworking.
She is also kind and helpful.
She is as busy as a bee.
She is as smart as Einstein.
She is our classmate.
Who is she?

Add comment

By Jason Chan (2)

He is tall like a mountain.
He is as hard-working as a ant.
He is very strong too.
Who is he?

Anonymous 27d
Andy Lau

Add comment

By coco(15)

She is gentle,clever,kind and pretty.
She is as gentle as a lamb.
She is clever like an owl too.
Who is she?

Add comment

(10)

He is kind and positive.
He swims as fast as a fish.
He smart like an owl.
He like to play volleyball.
Who is he?

Anonymous 27d
Andy Lau

Add comment

Oscar(22)

He is teacher
He is good at sports
He is tall
He is strong
He is as gentle as a lamb
He is good at football
Who is he?

6L(25)魏靖樺 NGAI CHING WA 27d
唐老鴨

Add comment

(05):

He is 6L class classmate.everyone thinks he is cool . He is good at swimming he also good at English .
Who is he?

6L(25)魏靖樺 NGAI CHING WA 27d
Gary ! ! !

Add comment

Allen

He swims fast like a shark and as tall as a mountain.
He jumps as high as a rabbit.
He is as smart as an owl too!
He always win in a swimming competition.
Who is he???

Add comment

by carynn 4

He is as free as bird,so he is naughty like a monkey.
He is as funny as a goose and his hair is messy like a bird nest.

Who is he?

Add comment

My riddle by Greta

He is very handsome.
He is kind too!
He is as hardworking as an ant.
He is also brave like a tiger.
He is a famous YouTuber in our class.

She run fast like a house.
She is as gentle as a baby

By Kris

He is timid like a mouse.
He is as naughty as a monkey.
He is short.
He is weak.
Who is he?

My riddle by Alvin (06)

He is tall like a mountain.
He runs as fast as a cheetah.
He jumps as high as a mountain.
He is also as strong as a cow.
He is very good at Physical Education.
Moreover, he always wins the high jump, long jump and running

By Hysan

She is hard like an ant.
She is as clever as an owl.
She always smile at everyone.
She always gets the highest results.
She is friendly.
Who is she?

Anonymous 27d
Greta

Conclusion:

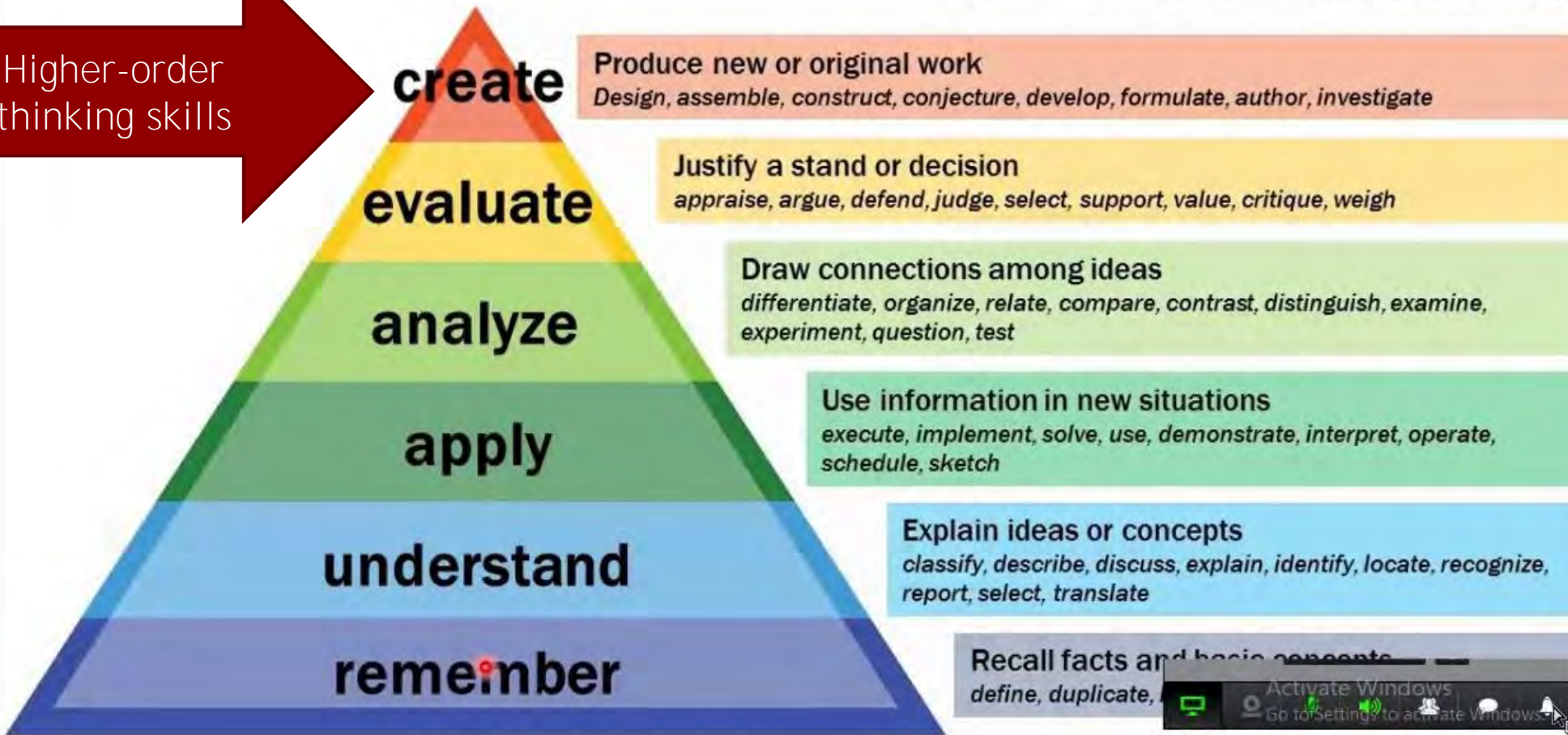
Why creative writing?

Creative writing boosts your imagination as you create new worlds, situations and characters in your work. When you're stimulating your brain to 'think outside the box,' you'll be better suited to discovering alternative solutions to problems and look at issues from different angles.

Conclusion

Bloom's Taxonomy

Higher-order
thinking skills



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5 benefits of writing a riddle poem:

1. Improves language skills like vocabulary building
2. Sparks creative thinking
3. Creates self-awareness
4. As an excellent way of self-expression
5. Expands world views

Conclusion: tips for teachers

1. Lesson objectives must be clear and feasible.
2. Lesson procedures must be well-prepared.
3. The activities designed should be open-ended.
4. The activities designed should be varied.
5. English teachers need to be creative too.

Thank you!



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