



Using Drama Techniques in the teaching of adult EAL

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What is Drama in Education (DiE)?



Performative Language Teaching

Drama in education
(Small scale forms)

Theatre in Education
(Large scale forms)

no scripts process-oriented no external audience

rehearsed
performance
(using scripts
or self-devised) product-oriented external audience

Benefits of drama in adult language learning

Empowers adult migrants

Contextualised practice

Safety in role

Non-verbal communication

Language retention

More benefits

Inclusive

Student centred/
social

Promotes fluency
and spontaneity

Targeted practice of language
forms and pronunciation

Builds employability skills

Challenges of using drama with adult EAL learners?

Isn't this a bit childish?

I don't want to be singled out.

I like sitting in this spot!

I want to learn English, not play games.

I'm not an actor!

Tips to overcome challenges

Start slowly

Make language
outcomes/
benefits explicit

Change the
space

Be in the drama
yourself (with
enthusiasm)

NEVER enforce
participation

Focus on
learning over
acting skills

Feelings about using drama in class?



Today's workshop

Language focus: adverbs of frequency, present continuous.

Warm up: a. **Zip Zap Zop**
b. **Columbian Hypnosis**

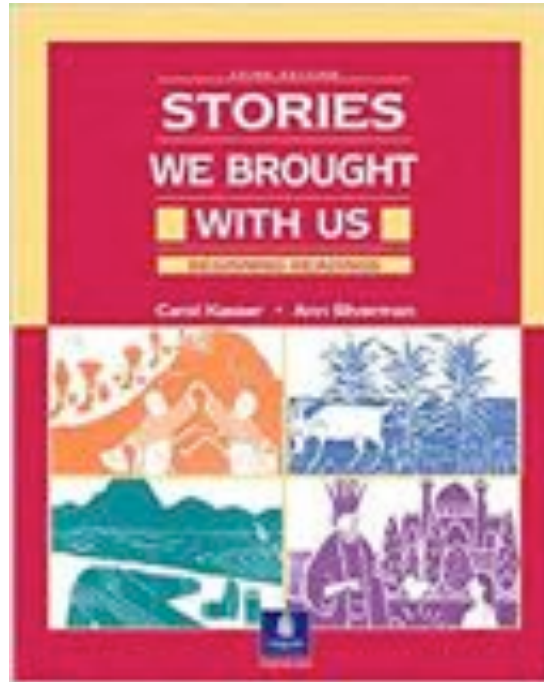
Launch the drama with a pretext- story and picture

Process Drama techniques

1. **Still images/ Freeze Frames/ Tableaux**
2. **Thought tracking**



Story, 'A Wise Wish' was taken from:



Carol Kasser & Ann Silverman

Want to learn more?

Bringing Language to Life – Teaching EAL to Adults through Drama

October 15 from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Williamstown Community and Education Centre

Tuesday 15 October,

5.00-6.30 pm

vicTESOL

Supporting English language teaching,
learning and multicultural education

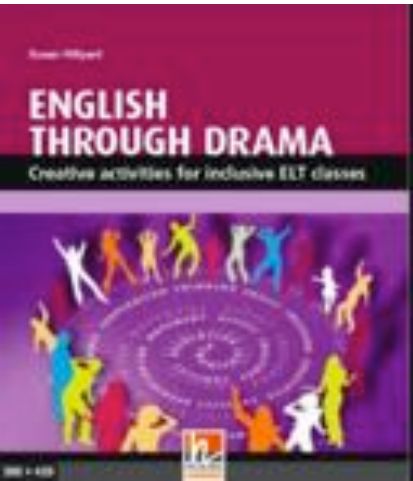
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Recommended resources

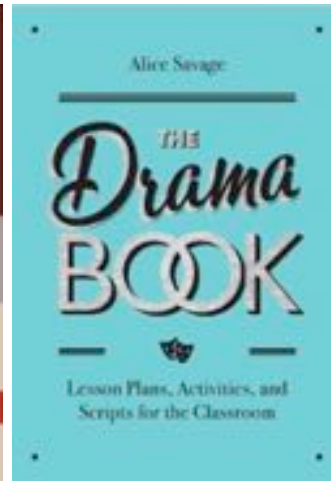
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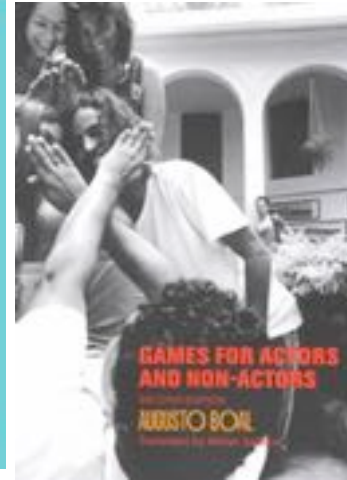
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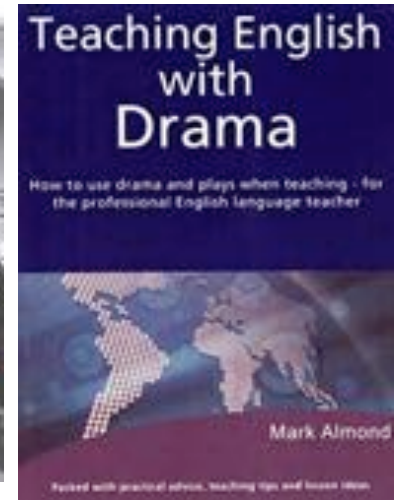
Alan Maley &
Alan Duff



Alice Savage



Augusto Boal



Mark Almond

Recommended resources (continued)

WEBSITES

dramaresource.com

English Endeavours

FACEBOOK PAGES

DiALLA (Drama in Additional Language Learning Australia)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2199921460063190/>

Drama in language teaching

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/778474208869884/>

FREE ONLINE JOURNAL

Scenario

<https://www.ucc.ie/en/scenario/scenariojournal/>

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