TPR Lesson Demonstration

One-Hour Lesson in French



[10 min]

- **NEW (12 items):** rise, walk, don't, dance, slowly, quickly, romantically, normally, like, boy, girl, and
- Materials: All colored clip art. X for negatives.
- Narration form: "La classe . . . "

List 1

FIRST PASS	SECOND PASS	THIRD PASS
Se lève	Marche normalemente	Marche
S'assied	Marche rapidement	Ne marche pas
Se lève	Marche romantiquement	S'assied lentement
Marche	Ne marche pas	Se lève normalement
Ne marche pas	Danse comme J. Travolta (JT)	Danse comme Michael Jackson (MJ)
S'assied	Danse rapidement comme JT	Ne danse pas
Se lève, marche	Ne danse pas	Baila lentement comme MJ
Marche lentement	S'assied, se lève	Ne danse pas

After 3 passes, go to students and touch each – first 1 girl, then 1 boy:

List 2

LIST E				
"LA FILLE"	"LE GARÇON"	"LA FILLE <u>ET</u> LE GARÇON"		
FIRST PASS				
Marche normalement	Se lève rapidement	Se lèvent		
S'assied	S'assied normalemente	Dansent		
Se lève rapidement		Ne dansent pas		
SECOND PASS				
	Marche comme Frankenstein			
THIRD PASS				
Ne marche pas comme		Marchent normalement		
Frankenstein—ridicule!				
Marche romantiquement				
comme Angelina Jolie				

[Model "BRAVO" with applause]

[1 min]

• Divide class and repeat *List 1* but change verbs when you speak them where needed for plural

[2 min]

• "Please point to the picture I describe." Hold up pictures and after class points, raise the correct one to verify correctness. ["Bravo! La clase dit bravo—thank you, please have a seat."]

[5 min]

- Request 4 volunteers "Please hold these pictures at your chest and raise your when I describe it, then lower." Always add one which is not there for fun. When no one responds say "Bravo! Good job I couldn't trick you"
- Request an additional 4 volunteers

[2 min]

- NEW (4 items): head, nose, hand, touch
- Materials: Colored clip art for head, nose, hand.

List 3

FIRST PASS	SECOND PASS	THIRD PASS [1 MIN]
(repeat until no hesitation)		[1 min] (divide the class – "¡Excelente!" when finished)
Touche la tête	Touche la tête	Touche la tête
Touche le nez	lentement	Touche le nez
Touche la main	Touche le nez	Touche la main
Lève la main	rapidement	Lève la main
	Ne touche pas le nez	Touche la tête lentement
	rapidement	Touche le nez rapidement
		Ne touche pas le nez rapidement

[5 min]

• Whole group - Start adding Lists 1-2 to List 3

List 4

FIRST PASS	SECOND PASS	THIRD PASS
	(do not model)	
La clase se lève	Marche	-Touche la main
Marche et touche la tête	Ne marche pas	-La main touche la
Danse et touche le nez	S'assied	tête
S'assied et touche la main	Se lève	-La main touche le
Se lève et lève la main	Lève la main	nez
Marche et touche le nez	Touche le nez	-NOVEL: La main
S'assied et lève la main	Lève la main	touche la main
	NOVEL: Lève le nez ("Bravo!")	rapidement
		("Bravo!")

Bravo! Divide -redo II and #2

[26 minutes for parts I and II]

[Part II pictures that need drawings done on clip art:] hand dances. head and nose walk. Boy lifts hand. Girl lifts nose. Boy touches head. Girls touches nose. Hand walks. Head doesn't walk. Hand raises the nose. Girl raises the boy.

[15 min]

 Show funny pictures from group #2 and give verbal choices / 5 people up in front/ 5 more/describe easy pictures from group #1 on board and class shows response through raising fingers/then when it's clear they have it, describe and they shout out number of what you're describing

[10 min]

• **Tappette** of easiest ones on board. Divide by counting 1,2. Two lines. Pairs up front. Give about 3-4 chances to each pair. No running. No scoring.

[5 min]

• **Assessment** - These are ESL teachers so there is no common language among their students to do written assessments with. Assessment will be Describe pictures, they write numbers – correct together. Explain 80% rule.

56 minutes – [4 minutes -] Handouts

Assessment

TPR Demonstration



- 1. Michael Jackson marche lentement à Las Vegas.
- 2. La main y le nez dansent la cha-cha romantiquement.
- 3. Lady Gaga lève les mains rapidement.
- 4. Big Bird se lève et touche la tête.
- 5. El chico ne marche pas comme Frankenstein.
- 6. La fille danse et lève le nez.

Listen to the French and write the number of the sentence you	Listen to the English and write hear: the number of the sentence you hea	ır:
1	1	
2	2	
3	3	
4	4	
5	5	

Teachers: One extra sentence is given above on purpose so that answers don't come from simply process of elimination. If students are literate and the new language has the same alphabet as the native language, there is direct transfer of most vocabulary from auditory fluency to reading skills. The use of the absurd illustrates how the mind is capable of remixing old vocabulary to understand sentences with completely new meanings (a sign of fluency), even though the meanings are absurd. You'll notice in the demo that people's bodies will begin to do the absurd narration correctly, but their rational minds will make them hesitate; they don't believe what they've heard. The use of games provides the safe trial and error context so necessary to grow dendrites, increasing the velocity at which the ear is capable of understanding the new language (another sign of fluency). Inserting things like plurals, adjectives, and cognates can serve as contextual clues to prime or pre-teach new grammar, providing a familiar aid for the future when new information needs a reference point to which it can run back and attach itself. Inserting famous people and students from the class is fun, helps grab attention, and makes this small assessment a pleasant learning experience. Short, daily assessments give the brain the quick feedback it wants and an opportunity for pop-up grammar lessons in context. This satisfies left hemisphere curiosity as is unconsciously compares L1 with L2 and confirms correctness (another sign of fluency) or need to change/adapt, a basic survival skill of the brain.