

Ideas for Language Use in a Primary/Intermediate Classroom

Classroom set-up	<p>Posters with classroom instructions, frequently used words and phrases, classroom items labelled in TL, school map in TL, world map in TL</p> <p>Students names in TL, books labelled in TL, student badges - laminated and safety-pinned - in TL</p> <p>Toilet pass that has the expression on it asking for permission to go to the toilet - similar pass for going for a drink of water. Have laminated and available so students can grab it and bring it to you when they need to use it.</p> <p>Sign on the door with the expression “sorry I am late” for anyone coming in after start of lesson.</p>
Beginning of day routines	<p>Greetings - standing, bowing etc. if Asian languages</p> <p>Date and time</p> <p>Taking the roll</p> <p>Weather</p> <p>Ideas for cheat sheets - classroom instructions, asking permission to do things e.g. go to the toilet, phrases that students might say daily</p>
Start of lesson preparation	<p>Equipment needed e.g. pencil case items</p> <p>Activity locations</p> <p>Classroom instructions</p> <p>Asking to borrow items</p>
Lesson endings	<p>Formulaic phrases for end of day, giving homework</p>
Mathematics	<p>Simple maths</p> <p>Numbering students or groups</p> <p>Anything to do with basic counting and number, shapes, position and orientation, transformation</p> <p>Telling the time</p>
Social Sciences	<p>Festivals</p> <p>Seasons</p> <p>Holidays</p> <p>Birthday celebrations</p> <p>Myths and legends comparison</p> <p>Family background in languages comparison</p> <p>Meal etiquette/ good manners comparison</p> <p>Famous people around the world who speak the TL</p> <p>Cultural differences surrounding schooling and school life</p>

	Geography comparison
Science	Weather patterns Seasonal differences Pets, pet care Parts of the body
English	Poetry - haiku Parts of speech Read books in translation from country of TL Film studies from country of TL
Technology	Transport comparison Food, meal preparation Textiles from country of TL Clothing comparison Govocab.com EDpuzzle Using recording devices for conversations/activities and sharing with students Film students conversations/activities and share
Art	Calligraphy Art styles from country of TL Famous artists from country of TL
PE/Health	Sports/activities specific to country of TL Nutrition Food specific to country of TL Famous sports people from country of TL Healthy lifestyle comparison

Chinese Zhōngwén 中文

<i>Classroom set-up Instructions</i>	
Please sit down	Qǐng zuò! 请坐!
Please stand up	Qǐng qǐ lì. 请起立。
Please listen	Qǐng tīng. 请听。
Please wait a moment	Qǐng děng yíxià. 请等一下。
Please be quiet	Qǐng ān jìng. 请安静。
Please show me	Qǐng ràng wǒ kàn yíxià. 请让我看一下。
Please read a book	Qǐng kàn shū. 请看书。
Window	chuānghu 窗户
Door	mén 门
Desk	shūzhuō 书桌
Chair	yǐzi 椅子
Whiteboard	báibǎn 白板
Table	zhuōzi 桌子
Pencilcase	wénjùhé 文具盒
Notebook	bǐjìběn 笔记本
Maths book	shùxué shū 数学书
Reading book	yuèdú shū 阅读书
Writing book	xiězuò shū 写作书
<i>Beginning of day routines</i>	
Good morning	Zǎoshàng hǎo. 早上好。
Good weather	Hǎo tiānqì. 好天气
Terrible weather	Zāogāo de tiānqì 糟糕的天气。
Sunny	qíngtiān 晴天
Rainy	yǔtiān 雨天
Cloudy	duō yún 多云
Snow	xuě 雪
Storm	bàofēngyǔ 暴风雨

Hot weather	yánrè de tiānqi 炎热的天气
Cold weather	hánlěng de tiānqi 寒冷的天气
Humid	cháoshī 潮湿
Asking permission	
May I go to the toilet?	Wǒ kě.yǐ qù wèishēngjiān ma? 我可以去卫生间吗?
May I borrow a pencil?	Kě.yǐ jiè wǒ yì zhī bǐ ma? 可以借我一支笔吗?
May I eat?	Wǒ kě.yǐ chī ma? 我可以吃吗?
May I drink?	Wǒ kě.yǐ hē ma? 我可以喝吗?
Daily phrases	
I understand	Wǒ míng.bái. 我明白。
I don't understand	Wǒ bù míng.bái. 我不明白。
I know	Wǒ zhī.dào. 我知道。
I don't know	Wǒ bù zhī.dào. 我不知道。
Yes that's right	Duì, méicuò. 对, 没错。
No	Bú shì./Bú duì. 不是/不对。
Sorry I'm late	Duìbuqǐ, wǒ chí le. 对不起, 我迟了。
I'm sorry	Duìbuqǐ. 对不起。
Excuse me	Qǐngwèn/láojià/duìbuqǐ/bùhǎoyìsi 请问/劳驾/对不起/不好意思 (context-dependent)
The dog ate my homework	Gǒu bǎ wǒde zuòyè chī le. 狗把我的作业吃了。
End of day	
Goodbye	Zàijiàn. 再见!
See you tomorrow	Míngtiān jiàn. 明天见。
See you on Monday	Zhōuyī jiàn. 周一见。
Have a nice day	Culturally, Chinese don't say this.