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LESSON PLAN 1 – NEWS CREATING STRATEGIES

Objective: To improve English language skills through the practice of journalism, including reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills.

Level: Intermediate to Advanced

Time: 90 minutes

Materials:

- News articles or newspaper clippings from reputable sources (print or online).
- Pens/pencils and paper for students to take notes.
- Audio or video recording equipment (optional).
- Whiteboard or blackboard with markers/chalk (optional).

Procedure:

Warm-up activity (10 minutes):

Ask students to share their favorite news story or headline that they have read recently.

Discuss as a class and encourage students to express their opinions and share their thoughts about the news stories.

Introduce new vocabulary related to journalism and news reporting, and review any relevant grammar concepts.

Reading activity (20 minutes):

Provide each student with a news article or newspaper clipping.

Instruct students to read the article silently, and then discuss the main points and key details in pairs or small groups.

Have students share their findings with the class, and facilitate a discussion on the topic of the article, encouraging critical thinking and analysis.

Writing activity (30 minutes):

Ask students to choose a news story that interests them or assign them a specific news article.

Instruct students to write a summary of the news story using their own words, focusing on the main points and key details.

Review and provide feedback on students' written summaries, focusing on accuracy, coherence, and clarity.

Speaking activity (20 minutes):

Divide students into pairs or small groups.

Instruct each group to select a news story from the articles provided or from their own research.

Have students prepare a brief presentation about the news story, including a summary, analysis, and their opinions on the topic.

Encourage students to practice using appropriate language for giving opinions, supporting arguments, and engaging in discussions or debates.

Follow-up activity (10 minutes):

Optional: Record students' presentations or discussions for further feedback and evaluation.

Lead a class reflection on the importance of journalism in society, the role of news reporting, and the challenges faced by journalists.

Wrap up the lesson by summarizing the key concepts covered and provide feedback on students' overall performance.

Extensions/Adaptations:

For lower-level students, simplify the news articles or provide shorter articles with simpler language.

For higher-level students, assign more challenging news articles or encourage them to research and analyze news stories on their own.

Incorporate multimedia resources, such as videos or podcasts, related to journalism or news reporting to enhance listening skills.

Assign homework for students to read and analyze news articles from reputable sources independently and discuss them in the next class.

Assessment:

Observation of students' participation in class discussions and group activities.

Review of students' written summaries for accuracy, coherence, and clarity.

Evaluation of students' oral presentations based on their ability to summarize, analyze, and express opinions about news stories.

Optional: Recordings of students' presentations or discussions for further evaluation and feedback.