

Active Learning for the Primary Cross-Curricular Classroom

A Definition of CLIL (content and language integrated learning)

“CLIL refers to situations where subjects, or parts of subjects, are taught through a foreign language with dual focused aims, namely the learning of content and the simultaneous learning of a foreign language.”

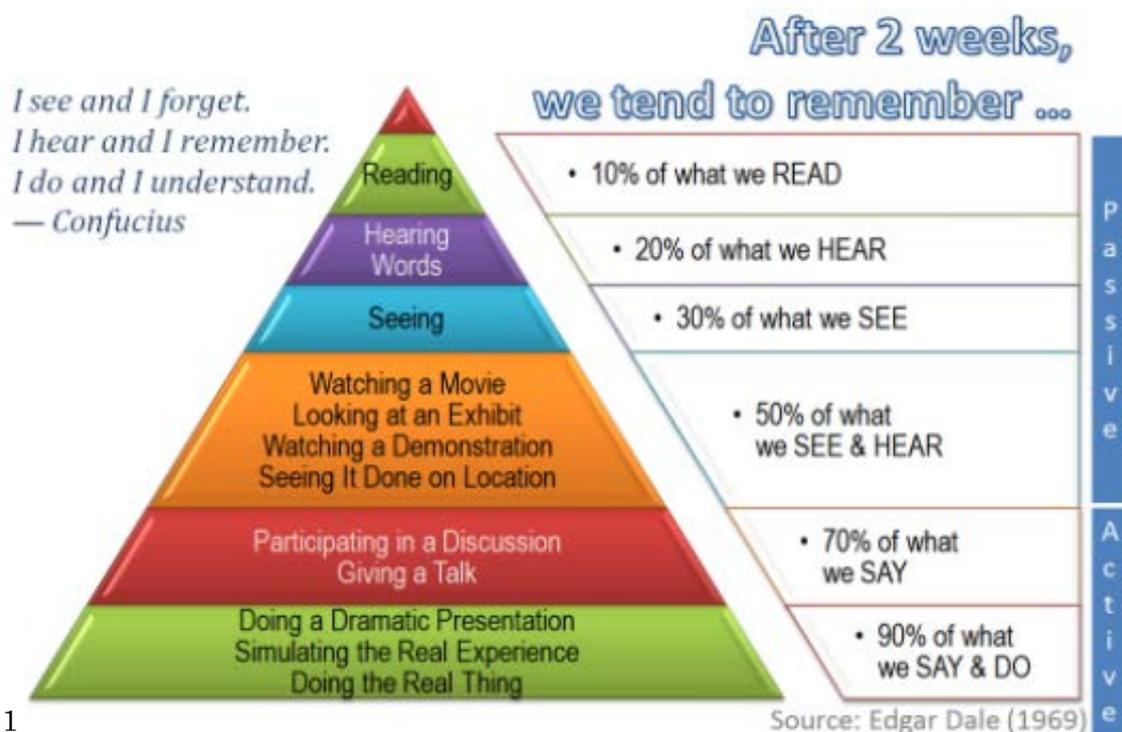
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Two Main Types of CLIL

1. Subject-led CLIL: the teaching of a subject in L2; ‘Hard CLIL’
2. Language-led CLIL: the teaching of limited subject contents within a foreign language programme; ‘Soft CLIL’

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Easter Island Statues

Easter Island is in the Pacific Ocean, far from anywhere. The island is famous for its 887 stone statues. They have big heads and little bodies.

Why are the statues here? There is a story that 1,700 years ago, people were lost on the ocean. They arrived at this beautiful island. There were lots of plants and animals, so they stayed.

These people made the big statues for their gods. They made the statues with stone from the middle of the island. Then, up to 250 people transported the statues across the island to the coast, where they stand today.

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Activities

Pre-reading activity

Complete the chart below with your own ideas. Then, read one of the texts and check your answers. Tell the rest of your group about what you read.

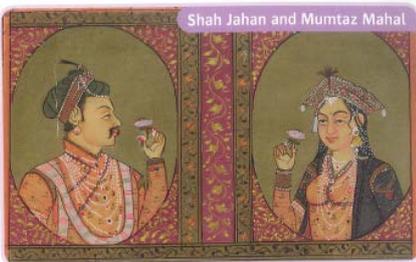
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Where is it?		
How old is it?		
Who built it? Why?		

The Taj Mahal

The Taj Mahal is in India. It looks like a palace, but it's a tomb. It's one of the most beautiful tombs in the world. There are gardens and fountains around the building.



The Taj Mahal was built about 400 years ago. The Emperor Shah Jahan built it for his wife, Mumtaz Mahal. She died when she had her 14th baby. Shah Jahan was very sad, so he built the Taj Mahal to remember his wife. When Shah Jahan died, people put his body in the Taj Mahal, so that he was with his wife forever.



Chichen Itza

About 1,600 years ago, the Mayan people in Mexico started to build a new city. They built it around water from under the ground, so they call the city Chichen Itza. The name means “the mouth of the well”.



Water was very important in this dry place.



The first people in Chichen Itza built many temples for their rain god Chaac. The most famous pyramid is the Temple of Kukulcan.

Post-reading activities

True or false?

Work with a partner. Write 4 sentences about the wonders, some true and some false. Find another pair and test them with your questions.

- 1) _____

- 2) _____

- 3) _____

- 4) _____

What do you think of the wonders?



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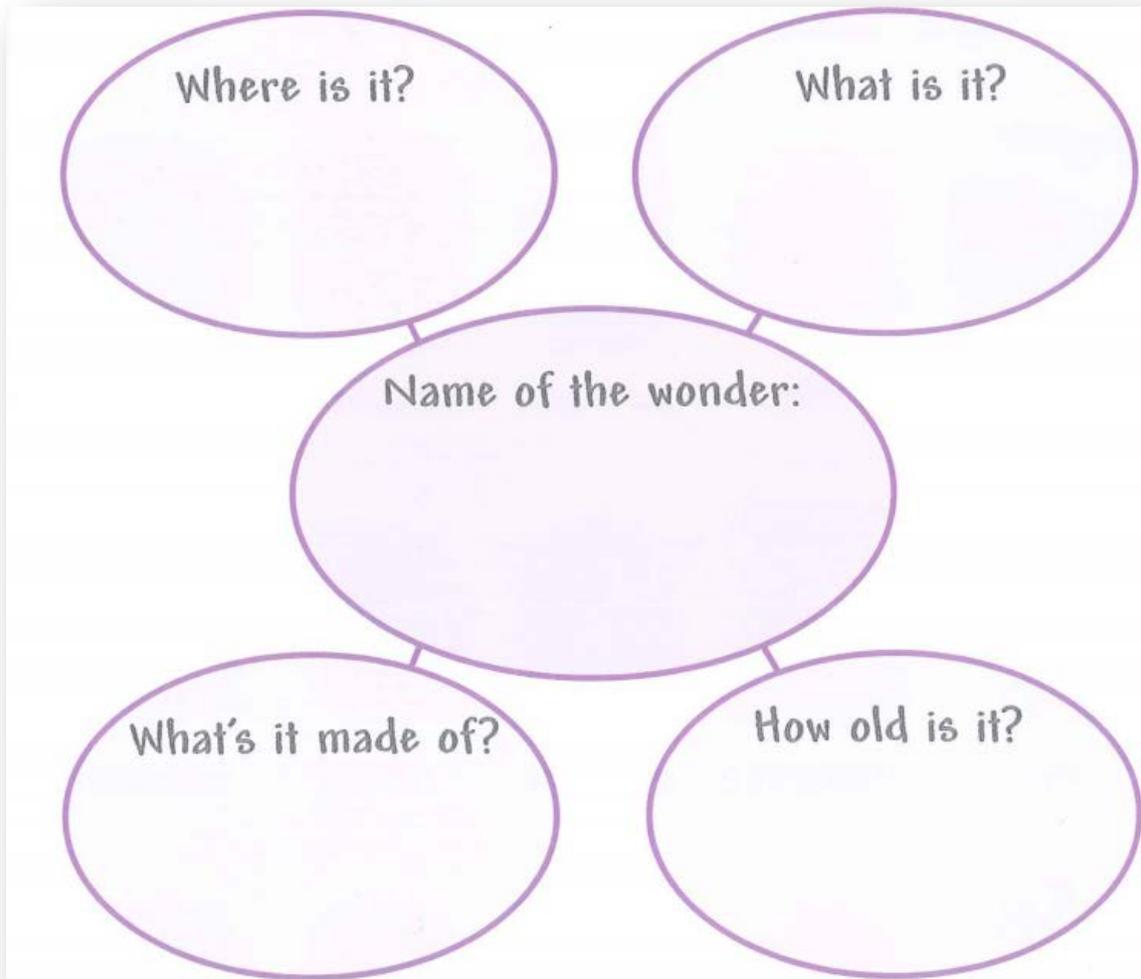


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Project: A Wonder in My Country

Complete the chart below. Then use your ideas to make a poster about a wonder in your country



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