

Using Realia: Using Real-life Objects in Language Teaching

Abstract:

Have you ever come across a brochure or poster and wanted to incorporate them into your EFL lessons but not quite sure how? In this workshop, tips on how to procure realia while teaching in a foreign country will be discussed. Realia are objects from real life which are used in the classroom to teach about the concept and create a better understanding for students.

In the first part of the workshop, the presenter will introduce some realia she has gathered throughout various locations from her travels in Korea and how she has utilized them in her classroom.

For the second half of the workshop, everyone is encouraged to share their experiences of using realia in their own classroom, as well as create activities with examples provided by the presenter. Attendees will also brainstorm together on finding other realia from their own settings and discuss how those could be adapted for classroom use.

Bio:

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