

USES OF A LESSON PLAN

[The following list covers the main uses of a lesson plan. Compare your collective ideas as a group with this list. A lesson plan...]

- (1) ...encourages the teacher to think about the lesson beforehand and work out clear notions of aims, content, procedure, methodology etc..
- (2) ...provides a written record of work
- (3) ...fulfils a requirement of the RSA-Cambridge Diploma Practical Examination
- (4)...acts as a reminder for what to do next in a lesson
- (5)...serves as a checklist for important things to include in a lesson
- (6)...forces the teacher to develop a frame of reference for the lesson
- (7)...allows an observer to assess the teacher's planned course of action in a lesson
- (8)...makes the teacher maintain timing in a lesson
- (9)...lets an outsider watching a class understand how and why the teacher deviates from a previously planned order
- (10)...helps the teacher to correct/amend/change the lesson for future use
- (11)...provides a specific focus of a particular aspect of teaching for the teacher to work on during the lesson
- (12)...helps the teacher to anticipate problems that may occur during a lesson
- (13)...prevents teachers from having to think 'on their feet' about, e.g., concept questions
- (14)...allows another teacher to teach the lesson in case of substitution
- (15)...keeps the teacher from forgetting the lesson stages sequence
- (16)...promotes a balance of skills/activities in only one lesson
- (17)...forces the teacher to consider one lesson in the context of a whole course, syllabus, textbook or series of lessons