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HOW TO USE THE BOOK



Learning Objectives

The scope of the lesson is presented.

Introduction

The subject to be discussed in the lesson is introduced.



Leads the students to animated audio, video aids for getting experiential learning.



Provides additional information related to the subject in boxes to stir up the curiosity of students.

Infographs

Visual representations intended to make the complex simple and make the students grasp difficult concepts easily.

Activities

Activities for 'learning by doing' individually or in groups.

Summary

Describe the main points briefly in bullets for recapitulation.

Exercise

For self-study and self evaluation.

Glossary

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