



The Lake Isle of Innisfree

Activity - I: Pre-Reading

SKILL AREA: THINKING/SPEAKING

Learning Outcomes: The students will be able to

discuss their thoughts in pairs or in groups.

develop writing and speaking fluency and accuracy.

speak without any written text in hand.

Time Required: One period

Procedure:

- 1. The teacher draws a dream bubble (as shown here) on the board and asks the students if they have seen something like this, if yes where?
- 2. They may say
 - storybooks
 - cartoons
 - thoughts
 - dreams (do not accept speech bubbles)
- 3. The teacher initiates a discussion on 'Dreams' and asks:
 - When/why do people dream?
- 4. Divide the class into pairs/ groups and instruct them to present a dream. It can be in the form of a story/poem. All students are expected to speak and participate.

Assessment (For Story/Poem):

Content

Clarity of thought

Accuracy and fluency of expression

Creativity







Feedback:

Some of the common errors made by the students may be put up on the blackboard and discussed.

Activity - II: Pre-Reading

SKILL AREA: ANALYTICAL THINKING

Learning Outcomes: The students will be able to

understand the difference between dream and reality.

develop reasoning skills.

Time Required: One period

Procedure:

1. The teacher explains that the poem 'The Lake Isle of Innisfree', exploring the poet's longing for the peace and tranquillity of a place where he spent a lot of time as a boy. She displays the following graphics and asks: 'Which of the following do you think the poet would dream of? Why?'



2. The teacher begins by showing there images and instructs, students to find a similarity, asking leading questions to extract the word 'Dreams.'





Some dreams are possible - They become a reality.

Some dreams are impossible - The dreamer is called 'escapist'.

3. She discusses what kind of dream the poet is dreaming about.

This activity need not be assessed.

Activity - III: While-Reading

SKILL AREA: READING /LISTENING

Learning Outcomes: The students will be able to

comprehend the poem without the teacher explaining it to them.

TASK: This poem is a lyric. (The teacher may explain that a poem that rhymes and can be set to music is a lyric. Also identify rhyme scheme) Here the teacher must not teach the poem by reading it out herself. Let one student read while the others listen.

Time Required: One period

Procedure:

- 1. The teacher instructs a student to read the poem aloud.
- 2. The teacher asks simple questions to check whether students have understood. If not, she should ask one more student to read it slowly.
- 3. The teacher may ask orally or prepare a worksheet with similar MCQs to check the comprehension of students.
- 4. The students answer the questions / complete the worksheet.

Assessment Criteria:

Correct responses

Feedback:

Discuss the Imagery

- a) Visual
 - cabin of clay and wattles
 - nine bean rows





- a hive for the honey bees
- midnight's all a glimmer
- noon a purple glow
- evening full of the linnet's wings
- b) Auditory
 - the bee-loud glade
 - the cricket sings
 - lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore

Link it with the MCQs

WORKSHEET

Choose the correct option:

- A. Where will the poet go?
 - a) a forest
 - b) Innisfree
 - c) a city
 - d) his home
- B. The poet says, "And a small cabin build there, of clay." The poet wants to say that he
 - a) will be happy only in a mud house.
 - b) does not want a huge house to be happy.
 - c) will build with his own hands.
 - d) will be happy in a small mud house in Innisfree.
- C. The poet will have
 - a) linnets and a bee loud glade.
 - b) nine bean rows and a hive for honeybee.
 - c) eatables.
 - d) all his friends visiting.





- D. How will the poet live?
 - a) by throwing a party.
 - b) alone and lonely.
 - c) alone and peaceful.
 - d) listening to the birds.
- E. The poet says, "I hear it in the deep heart's core." The poet wants to say that.....
 - a) going to Innisfree is his fantasy and he can hear the sound of the lake water.
 - b) he is tired of the city.
 - c) he is longing to visit the sea shore.
 - d) The poet has a vision of the isle of Innisfree.
- F. In his vision the poet sees
 - a) lake water lapping and low sounds by the shore.
 - b) glimmering midnight and shimmering noon.
 - c) peace dropping slowly through the morning veil.
 - d) the cemented pavements.
- G. The poet thinks about Innisfree when he is
 - a) walking in a city.
 - b) tired and wishes to sleep.
 - c) driving on the roadway.
 - d) standing on a road or the pavement.

Activity - IV: While - Reading

SKILL AREA: WRITING

Learning Outcomes: The students will be able to

understand the different shades of meaning of words associated with the theme of the poem

The teacher to inform students that Innisfree was a place of the poet's boyhood, an imaginary place for the poet. He mentions it in many of his poems.





Time Required: One period

Procedure:

- 1. The teacher instructs students to find what the following words mean by looking up a dictionary and to write down the meaning where the words are used as naming words (nouns).
 - a) dream
 - b) fantasy
 - c) vision
 - d) wish
- 2. The teacher discusses the same with the class and points out the differences.

Some of the differences are:

- a) Dream-a series of thoughts that come in sleep and also wishes. (Example: We dream in the night. We dream of becoming famous.)
- b) Fantasy-an exciting /imaginary thing that you imagine will happen (but it may not). An imaginary world. (Example: I have this fantasy of becoming the richest man in the world. Disneyland is a fantasy world for children.)
- c) Vision -sight, religious experience, the knowledge or imagination needed to plan the future. (Example: The vision of people fails as they grow old. She had a vision of Lord Krishna himself. We need people with vision to run this country.)
- d) Wish-a desire to do something, have something or have something happen. (Example: I wish to go to France. I wish I had won the prize. We wish we could be children once again.)
- 3. Using the words discussed, students write a paragraph of about 80-100 words predicting what the poem may contain.
- 4. The students submit the task which is reviewed after the poem is read.

Assessment:

Content

Fluency

Accuracy

Creativity





Feedback:

Read out some of the answers and invite comments from the class.

Point out the strengths and weaknesses of the written work of students and give your comments.

Activity - V: Post-Reading

SKILL AREA: READING/SPEAKING

Learning Outcomes: The students will be able to

review their own writing.

enhance their speaking skills.

Procedure:

1. The teacher

gives each student the text of what he/she had predicted about the poem. (in the previous activity)

instructs them to review their predictions on the basis of their understanding of the poem.

- 2. Each student speaks about the following:
 - a) What I thought about the poem before was .
 - b) Now I know that the poem is about_____.

Assessment Criteria:

Content

Fluency

Accuracy

Creativity

Feedback:

Review the poem to ensure that the students have comprehended the main ideas.

Encourage the students to raise their doubts and have a brief class discussion.





Activity - VI: Post-Reading

SKILL AREA: WRITING

Learning Outcomes: The students will be able to

write a letter to an imaginary person.

enhance thinking, analytical and imaginative skills.

Task: Letter Writing

Procedure:

1. The teacher asks the students to imagine that they have visited a place similar to Innisfree.

- 2. Then the teacher asks them to write a letter to a friend describing the place, giving vital importance to 'how peaceful the place is'.
- 3. The students write the letter individually and submit for evaluation.

Assessment Criteria:

Content

Fluency and accuracy of expression

Originality

Feedback:

The teacher guides students to be brief with necessary information while writing the letter.

The best letters are shared with the class.