

Learn French

- Learn to understand, speak, read, and write French
- Experience TPR Storytelling® from the vantage point of a student
- Observe the pacing, techniques, and questioning that make TPR Storytelling® so effective.

The Three Steps of TPR Storytelling®

- Experience the three steps as a student
- Practice the three steps in small groups
- Determine activities that enhance each step

Second language acquisition theory

- Understand the difference between acquisition and learning
- Learn why acquisition trumps learning
- Find out which teaching practices enhance acquisition
- Discover when, how, and why to teach grammar for the best results

TPR Storytelling tool: questioning

- Learn how to make 12 questions from one statement
- Practice "circling"
- Make a circling script for your own needs

Practice circling

- In a variety of situations, for different levels
- Combine PQA and circling

The Power of Reading

- Why reading is the most important tool
- The four essential reading practices
- Teaching techniques, discussion techniques
- Why translation is so effective
- Reading improves vocabulary, grammar, spelling, and composition
- Why some common teacher behaviors are NOT beneficial

Homework

- Ideas for homework
- How to use homework to enhance learning
- How to assign homework that does not exhaust the teacher
- How homework can help you teach better

Assessment

- How assessing helps you teach better
- How to create quizzes, tests, and exams
- How to grade writing assignments and essays
- What a proficiency assessment is

Make Grammar Meaningful

- How to teach grammar so that all students can improve their accuracy
- The natural order of acquisition
- How to test grammar
- Why the commonly-taught grammar syllabus fails students
- Effectively intersperse grammar lessons in reading and stories

Advanced TPR Storytelling

- Advanced grammar for upper levels
- Questioning adjustments for upper levels
- Using the barometer student to improve instruction
- Teach to the eyes
- How pauses and pacing affect student performance

Classroom management

- The importance of student-teacher relationship
- How to teach so that "discipline" is not necessary.
- Use of eye contact, personalization, and proximity
- The barometer, the super-star and the "sparkler"