

Multi-level Dictation Activity

Level: Low / High Beginning

Steps:

1. Tell students they will practice dictation by listening to a story.
2. Have students choose for themselves which level they want to do or assign a level to each S. Lower level: fewer missing words to write. Higher level: more missing words to write.
3. First, T reads the text and Ss listen only. Ask Ss what the story is about (someone's daily activities and likes and dislikes) Elicit some answers.
4. T read the text again. Ss listen and write down the missing words as well as they can. Encourage Ss to ask for clarification such as repetition. Tell Ss not to worry if they can write down all the words.
5. T reads the story one last time. Ss check their work.
6. Put Ss into small groups. Give each group an original story. Ss compare their work against the original. T makes note of common errors students made to later address as a class.
7. Ss take turns reading the story aloud.
8. Finally, have Ss write about their likes/dislikes an their daily routine by using the "My Story" handout. Students' writings can be used for another student-generated dictation or daily edit.

Students' Stories (original)

I'm Vietnamese. I'm married and I have four sons. My country is small. The weather is hot all year around in Vietnam. It is very cold in the winter in America!

My children go to High School here. My husband and I go to work. I get up at 5:00am every day. I work at a factory. I only work on the weekends. I go to work from 7:00am to 5:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. From Monday to Friday I am a housewife. I'm a very good housewife!

My family and I often visit my parents. We go to church every weekend. I usually watch TV every night. I go to bed before 10:00pm.

I like to eat fruits and vegetables. I drink a lot of water. I sometimes like to eat fish too. My children hate fish. I dislike eating meat. I like the color red. Red is the color of victory and I always want to win everything!

Students' Stories – Lower Level Dictation Activity

- Listen to the story. Then, write the missing words.

_____ Vietnamese. I'm _____ and I have four sons. My country _____ small. The weather is _____ all year around in Vietnam. It is very _____ in the winter in America!

My children _____ to High School here. My husband and I go to work. I get up _____ 5:00 am every day. I _____ at a factory. I only work on the _____. I go _____ work from 7:00am to 5:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. From Monday to Friday I am a housewife. I'm a very _____ housewife!

My _____ and I often visit my parents. _____ go to church every weekend. I usually watch TV every night. I go to _____ before 10:00pm.

I _____ to eat fruits and vegetables. I drink a lot of _____. I sometimes like to _____ fish too. My children hate _____. I dislike eating meat. _____ like the color red. Red _____ the color of victory and I always want to win everything!

Students' Stories- Higher Level Dictation Activity

- Listen to the story. Then, write the missing words.

I'm Vietnamese. I'm _____ and I _____ four sons. My country is small. The _____ is hot _____ year around in Vietnam. _____ is very cold in the winter in America!

My children go _____ High School _____. My _____ and I go to work. I _____ at 5:00am every day. I work at a _____. I _____ work on the weekends. I _____ to work _____ 7:00am to 5:30pm on Saturdays and Sundays. From Monday to Friday I'm a _____. I'm a very good housewife!

My family and I _____ visit my _____. We go to _____ every weekend. I _____ watch TV every night. I go to bed before 10:00pm.

I like to eat fruits and _____. I drink a _____ water. I sometimes _____ to eat fish _____. My children _____ fish. I dislike eating _____. I like the color red. Red _____ the color of victory and I always _____ to _____ everything!

My Story



- Now it's your turn! Tell the class about yourself
- What do you do everyday?
- What do you like? What do you dislike?

My name is _____ . I'm from _____ .

I am a _____ .

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____