

NUFS Workshop 2016

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Workshop in August

Date: August 6-7, 2016, 15:00-17:30, 9:30-12:30

Venue: Green Hotel Sangane (Nishio, Aichi)

Advisors: Kazuyoshi Sato, Juanita Heigham (NUFS), Robert Croker (Nanzan University)

Title: Mid-term presentation on action research

The number of participants: 16



1) What did you learn from this two-day workshop?

- I learned how to analyze others' presentations and to dig deeper with questions. Also how to go about helping others.
- I learned a broad perspective through checking the presentation based on from kindergarten to university.
- I might need to change a way of approach. I should leave a fixed idea on teaching English.
- Many different ideas gave me more insight to teaching. I could revisit some things that I have learned and understand them better.
- I learned integration is the most important. Through organized plan of lessons, we can estimate our lessons and improve the lessons.

2) How would you like to change your AR from now on if it's necessary?

- As for assessment, I'm going to use speaking test and pair work. Also I'm going to have a new plan to teach vocabulary to JHS students. As Hiromi indicated, vocabulary teaching should be improved to meet the increase of new words in JHS English textbook.
- I want to in a way start over and introduce everything step-by-step. I will use new rewards/methods to motivate students and have them focus more on discussion rather than so much teacher talk. A lot of my data collecting methods will be changed or no longer used.
- I found that I need to focus on my research question and need to find the better way to correct the data.

- I couldn't conduct performance tests well in the first semester. I got good information on performance test other teacher did, so I want to revise the test to have the students develop the language skill.

3) Other comments

- I think in general we should be more strict with time. Mine was 10 minutes too long, but other students went even longer.
- It would be really interesting to have advisors present their own research topic.

Workshop in September (Scheduled)

Date: September 10, 2016, 10:30-14:30 (Workshop), 14:30-17:00 (AR session)

Venue: NSC College, A-31

Title: "Developing Critical Reading Abilities Through the Use of J.H and S.H Textbooks"

Instructor: Takashi Miura (Emeritus professor of Shizuoka University)

Please send an email to Chihaya (chiha143@nufs.ac.jp) to participate in this workshop.