

Teaching for Robust Language using TPRS

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J'ai besoin de trois volontaires...



Storytelling Rules

1. Whenever I make a statement, you respond with an *EXPRESSION OF INTEREST... oooooohhhh*
2. When I ask something and you know the answer, answer in French because it is a French story:
OUI / NON, EITHER / OR, THE ANSWER
3. When I ask you a question and you don't know the answer:
GUESS (EN FRANÇAIS)

Qu'est-ce que?

What?

Qui?

Who?

Où?

Where?



Il y a un garçon.

There is a boy.

Le garçon est George.

The boy is George.

George est un garçon.

George is a boy.

Je suis	I am
Tu es	You are
Elle est	She is
Il est	He is

Comment?

How?

Combien?

How many?

Pourquoi?

Why?

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deux 2

trois 3

une fille a girl

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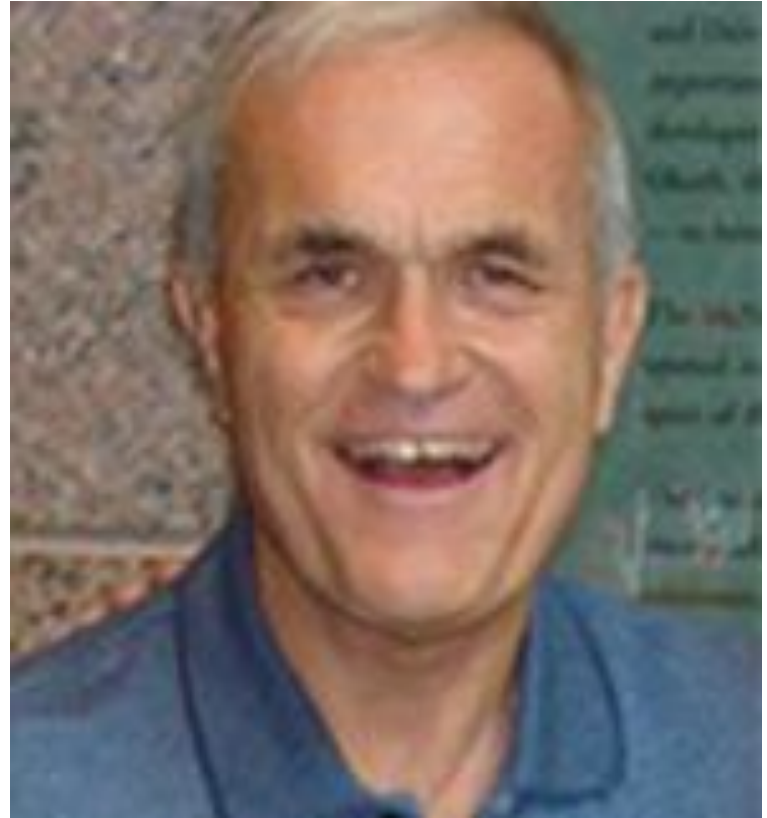
Agenda

- French Demo
- TPRS: Then and Now
- Robust???
- Goals
- K-12 vs University



Intro to TPRS

- Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling
- Blaine Ray
- 1980's
- Stephen Krashen & James Asher



In the beginning...

- Repetition through Circling
- Basic Storytelling
- Input and Interaction
- 3rd person
- No actors
- Little dialogue



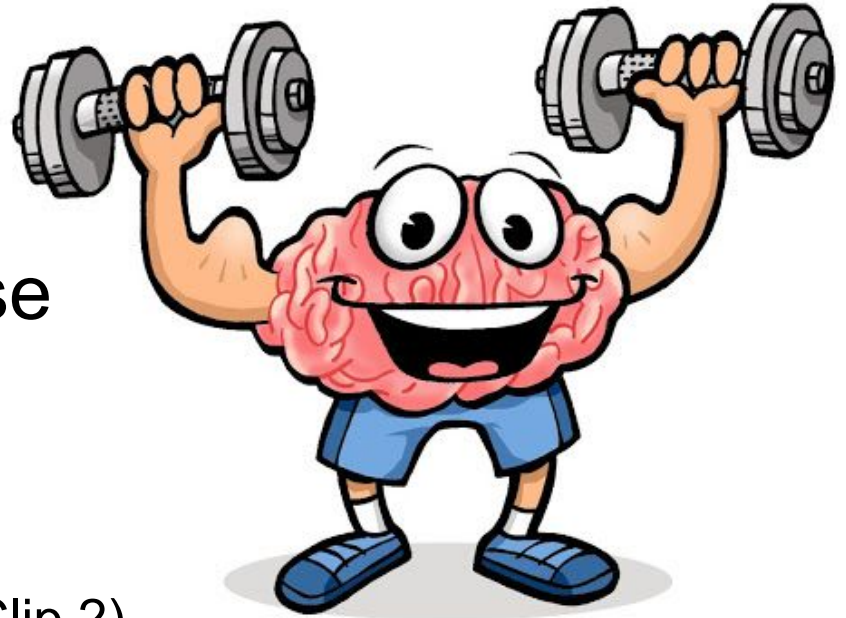
Spring 2020...

- Repetition through Circling **and Triangling**
- Basic Storytelling
- Input and Interaction **and responding in full sentences**
- **1st, 2nd, and 3rd person**
- **Student and teacher actors**
- **Lots of dialogue**
- **Describe the situation**



ROBUST

- Strong and Healthy
- One sentence at a time
- Listening to the response time (Clip 1)
- Circling and Triangling
- Describe the situation (Clip 2)



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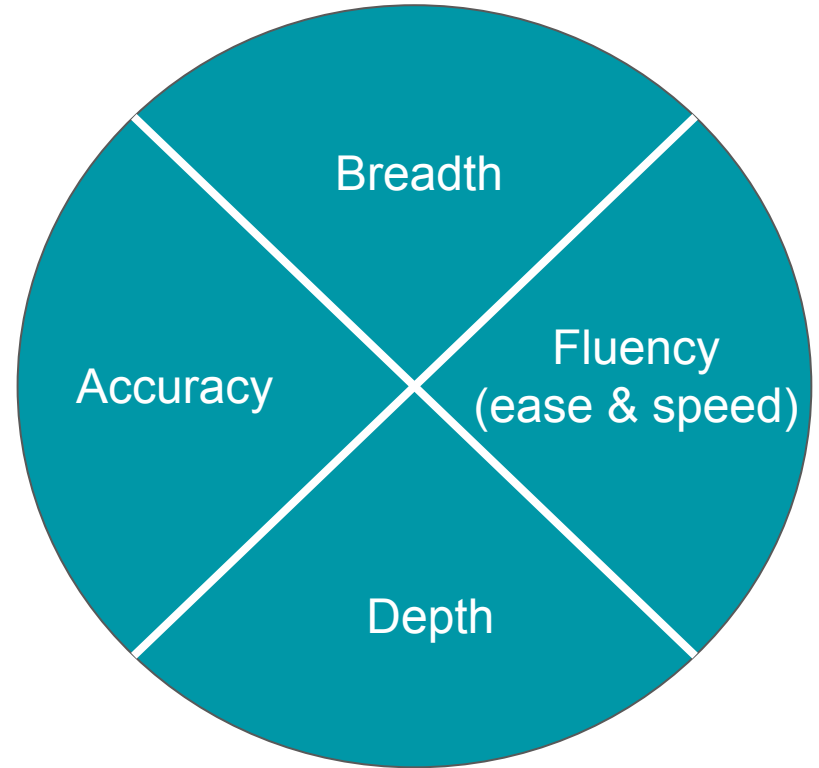
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GOAL

- Comprehension first
- Building confidence
- Input focused
- Active student involvement
- Builds fluency first
- Pacing, grammar is embedded, foundation becomes solid
- Can gradually expand depth & breadth as foundation grows.

Proficiency:



K12 vs University

- TPRS slides are designed to capture attention
- Can use any image or movie clip as jumping off point
- Story details are dependent on students interests
- Try not to take ourselves so seriously, expectation can be fun



Classroom vs Zoom

Considerations:

- Class Size
- Personality challenges
- Interruptions/distractions
- Classroom Community
- Physical space



- Pointing and Pausing
- Gestures and movement
- Student responses
- Timely

What is your goal?

Fluency?

Proficiency?

Communication?

How can your students
achieve these goals?



Resources

- TPRS Books Links to free webinars:
<https://www.tprsbooks.com/free-resources/>
- Stephen Krashen Principles and Practice in Second Language Acquisition:
http://www.sdkrashen.com/content/books/principles_and_practice.pdf
- Talkin L2 with BVP Podcast:
<https://soundcloud.com/user-456391322>