

RaPAL/NIACE/UCU Conference Workshop Summary

Buddenbuk Card Game

Workshop presenter: Freda Davis

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Freda Davis - designer of the Buddenbuk Card games
Creative thinker
Created the game in 1986 and it has been in constant review

Target Group: for those who are native speakers. Suitable for adults as they are generally familiar with cards.

Explores: Knowledge of grammar and where did we learn it?
Exploration of grammatical knowledge and who do we trust for it?
Use the cards to play games
To write down sentences
To address questions that arise

Use:

Picture prompts are used to stimulate ideas, the learner formulates a sentence, the group checks the sentence makes sense, then it is written down.
Sentences are analysed by the tutor and encourage development, variations and extensions.

There are four other games which introduce questions and conjunctions, yet the focus was on being able to write the sentence/s.

Link and Bond

Write a clause (simple sentence), add conjunction, then add another clause.

The workshop participants were unanimous in our belief that this game could also be used with EFL and ESOL students.