

My reflections on students' comments from unit evaluation

On a positive note, all students indicated that they had learnt much in terms of the fairytale genre including structure, vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure. They also commented that they had found the topic interesting and had enjoyed the varied activities. On a down side, some students wrote that they had found the grammar component a bit heavy and this was in spite of having taught it using a constructivist, discovery approach. In light of this, I may have tried to fit a bit too much grammar into the unit or not taught it in ways with which all students could fully engage. In future, I will include a CALL program such as Language Perfect with which students can test their knowledge in a more fun and interactive way. I will also avoid using complicated grammatical terminology in the TL as this may have added to the students' perception of too much grammar. In addition, I will implement a range of formative assessment tools during the unit to inform me regularly of the students' progress.

In general, I was very pleased with the unit and my mentor commented on its success.