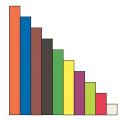


...But Rods Will Teach Them English

Using Cuisenaire rods in the ELL classroom



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1. Manipulatives and Learning

a. Modes of Learning

- i. Auditory
- ii. Kinesthetic
- iii. Visual
- iv. Multimodal

b. Manipulatives and the Math Classroom

- i. Cuisenaire Rods and other fractional elements
- ii. Combines Visual and Kinesthetic learning, and allows students to show themselves how things work instead of being shown.
- iii. Early education fractions lesson: "Making Trains"

c. Common language classroom manipulatives

- i. Fake coins/bills - Making change
- ii. Letter/syllable/word cards - Structures of English
- iii. _____
- iv. _____

2. Practical ELL Applications of the Cuisenaire Rod: Concrete Linguistic Uses

"A Rod is a Rod that Interacts with Other Rods"

a. Comparatives and Superlatives

b. Prepositions of place and other location words

- i. Clarifying and confirming language
 - _____
 - _____
- ii. Complex and clear sentence formation
 - _____
 - _____

3. The Symbolic ELL Applications of the Cuisenaire Rod

"Yellow can be anything"

a. Storytelling and creative thinking

- i. Puppet shows
 - Manipulating verb form and tense
- ii. A dozen details in a 4x5
- iii. Personalization and expression of ideas
 - Scenes from the heart
- iv. Interrogation and answering questions
 - The Mysterious Seven

4. The Rod as Linguistic Element

"Gerunds are red - Modals are blue - Adjectives are green - And subjects are too!"

a. Mapping sentences using rods

- i. Rearranging elements of a sentence
 - Let's make it right!

b. Silent error correction

c. Pronunciation and minimal pair practice

- i. Color-Vowel Chart Pairing

