

FINAL PROJECT

“THICK AS THIEVES”, A LESSON PLAN

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INTRODUCTION

Something special I have taken away from the *Teaching for Success* course are some ideas for promoting speaking. This part of the course has enabled us to reflect upon the speaking activities we use in class: students should feel relaxed and, for this, having one-to-one conversations is a good choice. We should also be aware that students are different, so it is positive to use activities that can be done at different levels and in different ways (that is, allowing certain hesitation and not forcing them to speak at a certain speed.)

My lesson plan is designed for a group of students that have an intermediate to upper-intermediate level of English. The content is crime vocabulary and the main skill is speaking.

This document contains:

- ❖ A lesson plan.
- ❖ A worksheet with vocabulary exercises.
- ❖ Its answer sheet.
- ❖ A set of cards for a roleplay.



The main aims of this lesson plan are that:

- ❖ Students connect these new contents with their previous knowledge.
- ❖ Students learn vocabulary and classify it.
- ❖ Students use derivation to create new words.
- ❖ Students choose a way to depict words, depending on their preferences.
- ❖ Students practise the new words in a controlled way.
- ❖ Students feel comfortable and have fun in a fluency activity.



LESSON PLAN

- 1) **Warm-up:** Brainstorm. The teacher elicits vocabulary related to crime.
- 2) **Introducing vocabulary.** The teacher shows students the words in the worksheet, exercise 1. Students need to group these using some criteria.

The aim is that students justify their answer.

- 3) **Classifying vocabulary:** word-formation. (Worksheet, exercise 2.) Students fill in the gaps with the names of the criminals who commit each crime and the action. They also have a gap in which they can draw or, if they prefer, write a definition or its translation.
- 4) **Controlled practise.** Jupeety. In this activity a student thinks of one of these new words. The others try to find out what the word is, replacing it for some made-out word like jupeety.

Example:

A: When do you jupeety?

B: When nobody's home.

A: Why do you jupeety?

B: Because you want to steal TVs and jewels.

A: Is "jupeety" burgle?

B: Yes!

- 5) **Fluency activity.** (Check roleplay sets) The party game.
 - ❖ Students are given out a roleplay card. Each student has a different role. They are told to read it and understand who they are and what they must do. It is very important that they do not say anything about it to their classmates... It is a secret!
 - ❖ Once they have read it, the teacher tells them that they are at a party. They should mingle and talk to people, taking into account their roles and tasks. The teacher elicits useful expressions and practises intonation.
 - ❖ What students do not know is that there are two sets of cards. Half of the class are detectives who are looking for criminals who have certain hobbies. The other half are people who are just there to have fun and talk to others about their hobbies. They are the criminals, although they do not know it, and there is a detective looking for them.
 - ❖ The teacher walks around monitoring the activity. After a while, when students have had the chance to talk to many others, the teacher can stop the activity and ask detectives to catch the criminals. Detectives must explain who their criminals are and how they know it.

WORKSHEET: THICK AS THIEVES

1) Look at these words. Could you put them into 3-6 groups? Give reasons for your choices.

Burglary * Mugging * Arson * Robbery * Manslaughter * Shoplifting *
 Forgery * Kidnapping * Pickpocketing * Murder * Vandalism* Hijacking



2) Fill in this chart. In the definition square you can draw a picture, the translation or a definition.
 Up to you!

CRIME	CRIMINAL	ACTION	DEFINITION
ARSON	<i>Arsonist</i>	<i>Set fire/ commit arson</i>	
ROBBERY			
BURGLARY			
MURDER			
SHOPLIFTING			
SMUGGLING			
PICKPOCKETING			
FORGERY			
HIJACKING			
KIDNAPPING			

ANSWER SHEET

1) Students' own answers. A possible solution would be.

Burglary, Robbery, Shoplifting -> Stealing from certain places.

Mugging, pickpocketing -> Stealing from people

Arson, vandalism -> damaging public property

Manslaughter, Murder -> Taking someone's life.

Hijacking, kidnapping -> taking something/someone away by force

Forgery, smuggling -> dealing with property or documents in an illegal way.

2)

CRIME	CRIMINAL	ACTION	DEFINITION
ARSON	<i>Arsonist</i>	<i>To set fire/ commit arson</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
ROBBERY	<i>Robber</i>	<i>To rob</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
BURGLARY	<i>Burglar</i>	<i>To burgle</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
MURDER	<i>Murderer</i>	<i>To murder</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
SHOPLIFTING	<i>Shoplifter</i>	<i>To shoplift</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
SMUGGLING	<i>Smuggler</i>	<i>Smuggle</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
PICKPOCKETING	<i>Pickpocket</i>	<i>To pickpocket</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
FORGERY	<i>Forger</i>	<i>To forge</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
HIJACKING	<i>Hijacker</i>	<i>To hijack</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>
KIDNAPPING	<i>Kidnapper</i>	<i>To kidnap</i>	<i>Students' own answers</i>

SET 1. CRIMINALS

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a dentist who loves travelling and who is planning a trip around Europe. You love opera and you are quite short-sighted.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask them questions.

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a businessman who works in the city. You are very stressed. You love taking off your suit and tie and relaxing, watching TV or cycling in the countryside.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask them questions.

You are at a party because you love meeting people. You are a bus driver who likes going to wine-tasting events with your friends. You also like going to the cinema and playing videogames.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask them questions.

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are an academy teacher from Ireland who loves Irish dancing and Gaelic football. You also love taking photos of the city, you just got an expensive camera.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask them questions.

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a doctor who really likes playing paddle, but whose favourite hobby is cooking for his/her friends. You also love watching films but not at the cinema, it's too noisy.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions

You are at a party because you love meeting people. You are a philosopher who likes dancing ballet in his free time. You also like listening to music and bird-watching.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions.

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a lawyer who loves relaxing with perfumed candles in the bathtub. You also like collecting stamps.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions.

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a firefighter who loves painting. You also love dogs: you have 5! And you walk them all the time.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions.

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a cleaner who loves writing fiction. You write short stories and you'd like to publish some. You also enjoy swimming.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a carpenter who enjoys parachuting. You are addicted to sweets, especially to lollipops: you eat them all the time!

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a TV presenter. You present a programme about sports and you especially like Formula 1, you are interested in it. You try to keep fit and you have a healthy diet. You eat a lot of vegetables.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a hairdresser. You enjoy listening to rock music and you spend quite a lot of money in concerts! So when you go to festivals, you try to go camping instead of staying at hotels.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a university student. You study Economics at Complutense University. You also study languages because that will be useful in the future. You are learning German, French and Chinese. In your free time, you go surfing.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions.

You are at a party because you love meeting people.

You are a secretary who works for a big cigarette company. When you are bored, you make origami figures. You also collect coins, so when you travel you always keep some.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions

You are at a party because you love meeting people.
You are a designer who loves his/her job. In your free time, you play ice hockey with your friends. You also like dancing claque, so you are really sporty.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions

You are at a party because you love meeting people.
You are an actor/ actress who has played small roles in TV series but who wants to become famous. In your free time, you go fishing. You also collect Lego figures.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people about yourself and ask questions

SET 2: DETECTIVES

You are a detective and you are after a bank robber. At the crime scene, (s)he left a Lonely Planet Guide of Europe and a pair of glasses. You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who likes travelling and who is short-sighted. **Do not say anything** if you find him/her. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a murderer. At the crime scene, (s)he left a bike helmet and a tie. You are at a party and he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who loves cycling and who usually wears ties. **Do not say anything** if you find him/her. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a drug smuggler. At the crime scene, (s)he left a bottle of wine and a videogame. You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who goes wine-tasting and plays videogames. **Do not say anything** if you find him/her. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a pickpocket. At the crime scene, (s)he left a Gaelic football magazine and an expensive camera. You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who likes Gaelic football and taking photos. **Do not say anything** if you find him/her. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a kidnapper. At the crime scene, (s)he left a recipe book and a DVD.
You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who loves cooking and watching films at home. **Do not say anything** if you find him/her. **Keep talking to others**. You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a forger. At the crime scene, (s)he left a pair of ballet tights and an ornithology guide.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who likes dancing ballet and bird watching. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others**. You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after an arsonist. At the crime scene, (s)he left a perfumed candle and a strange stamp.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who likes collecting stamps and who uses perfumed candles. **Do not say anything** if you find him/her. **Keep talking to others**. You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a burglar. At the crime scene, (s)he left a paintbrush and some dog hair.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who loves painting and has dogs. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others**. You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a hacker. At the crime scene, (s)he left a notebook with short stories and a pair of goggles.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who writes short stories and who likes swimming. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others**. You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a vandal. At the crime scene, (s)he left a lollipop and a parachute.
You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who goes parachuting and eats lollipops. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others**. You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a drunk driver who has crashed against a little shop. At the crime scene, (s)he left a Formula 1 magazine and a bag full of onions, carrots, tomatoes and cucumbers. You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who likes Formula 1 and who eats a lot of vegetables. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a hijacker. At the crime scene, (s)he left a ticket for a Rock Music festival and a tent.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who likes rock music and who usually goes camping. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a kidnapper. At the crime scene, (s)he left a surfboard and a Chinese dictionary.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who likes surfing and studies Chinese. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after an assassin. At the crime scene, (s)he left an origami bird and a strange coin.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there.

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who likes origami and collects coins. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a person who robbed a liquor store. At the crime scene, (s)he left some melting ice and a pair of claque shoes.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who plays some sport in the snow/ ice and who dances claque. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.

You are a detective and you are after a thief. At the crime scene, (s)he left a fishing rod and some Lego pieces.

You are at a party and (s)he's probably there

WHAT TO DO? Talk to people around you and try to find someone who goes fishing and like Lego. **Do not say anything** if you find him. **Keep talking to others.** You are working INCOGNITO, so just pretend you are a normal person who is meeting new people.