

LESSON PLAN

Subject: English language /Literature
Grade 9: SP III
Term/Unit: Term1, Unit 1
Unit Title: Establishing Healthy Relationships
Focus Strand: Listening and Speaking
Topic: Strategies for Good Listening
Time: 1 hour
Date: September 4, 2019

Objectives:

Students should be able to:

- Listen and respond to materials and oral presentations, expressing opinion on what has been said
- Practise strategies for good listening
- Make notes, outlines or graphic representations of information heard.
- Listen to and evaluate the effectiveness of the speaker's message
- Request clarification on ideas, viewpoints and arguments
- Demonstrate respect for others as they practise listening skills

(NSC – Term 1, Unit 1, Listening and Speaking, Objectives 2-6)

- Skills: demonstrate active listening skills, discuss ideas, work cooperatively in groups, make oral presentations

Engagement

Watch the following video to review some effective listening skills.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rzsVh8YwZEQ>

Discuss these skills as a whole group and list them on the board/in notebooks for reinforcement.

Exploration

As a whole group, listen to the following songs that address relationships - "Thank You Mama" by Sizzla, and "She's Royal" by Taurus.

In small mixed ability groups, read and discuss the qualities of a healthy relationship. In each group, do the following:

- Select the song that appeals to them more and analyse its content to determine the features of a healthy relationship that are communicated
- Determine if the song effectively delivers its message and give evidence to support their position. Where relevant, say how the message could be improved/enhanced
- Apply the skills/strategies of active listening as they discuss with their groups what helps the song writer to bring across the message effectively.
 - ✓ Positive nonverbal communication – good eye contact, nodding, appearing focussed
 - ✓ Taking relevant notes
 - ✓ Asking clarifying questions, where necessary

At the end of the discussion, compare notes and make a brief outline for an oral presentation on "Defining and Maintaining a Healthy Relationship" to be made to the whole class. Appoint one student to carry out this task.

Sample Speech Outline Template

Defining and Maintaining a Healthy Relationship
Idea 1

Examples
1 -----
2 -----
Idea 2

Examples

Explanation

Have appointed group presenters make three-minute speeches on "Defining and Maintaining a Healthy Relationship".

Take very brief notes during the presentation and demonstrate positive nonverbal communication.

At the end of each presentation, the whole class should ask questions to clarify, probe further or to support specific statements or points.

Elaboration/Additional Explanation

In pairs, talk about their experience of having actively listened to their peers, as well as having had others listen to them as they spoke about healthy relationships. Include both the positive and negative aspects of the experience and indicate how they could have made it better, where necessary. Continue to practise active listening strategies as they go through this reflective exercise.

Evaluation:

Assess students' ability to

- ✓ Demonstrate active listening strategies
- ✓ Effectively analyse oral presentations listened to
- ✓ Demonstrate respect for their peers during listening activities

Teacher Reflection

Song Lyrics

Thank You Mama

[Sizzla](#)

Hey mama, hi mama
Oh my, oh my
Oh, mama don't cry
Thank you so I
Reachin' out to all di mothers in di world
Sometimes just the way things are to be
(Yeah)

Thank you mama for the nine months you carried me through
All the pain an' sufferin'
No one knows the pressure you bare a just only you
Give you all my love, oh yeah
Thank you mama for the nine months you carried me through
All the pain an' sufferin'
No one knows the pressure you bare a just only you
It's my words and my utterin'

Mama I would never let you down
I'll never go away, I'll always be around
You know why you do it such love that you found
I'm always gonna let you wear that crown

Through the roughest of times you maintain your count
I was your only
(Yeah)
While shelterin' me from the storm
And when...

Source: [LyricFind](#)

She's Royal

[Tarrus Riley](#)

No I never been someone shy
Until I seen your eyes
Still I had to try, yeah
Oh yes, let me get my words right and then approach you
Woman I'll treat you like a man is suppose to
You'll never have to cry, no
I know everyone can relate to when they find that special someone

And she's royal, yeah so royal
And, I want her in my life
I never knew anyone so one-of-a-kind, no
The way she move to her own beat
She has the qualities of a queen, She's a queen
Ooh Ooh what a natural beauty
No need no make-up to be a cutie
She's a queen, she's a queen

And when they ask what a good woman's made of
She's not afraid and ashamed of
Who she is

She's royal yeah, so royal
And I need her in my life
I never knew anyone, so one of a kind
Until the night that I see in your eyes
NUBIAN...

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