

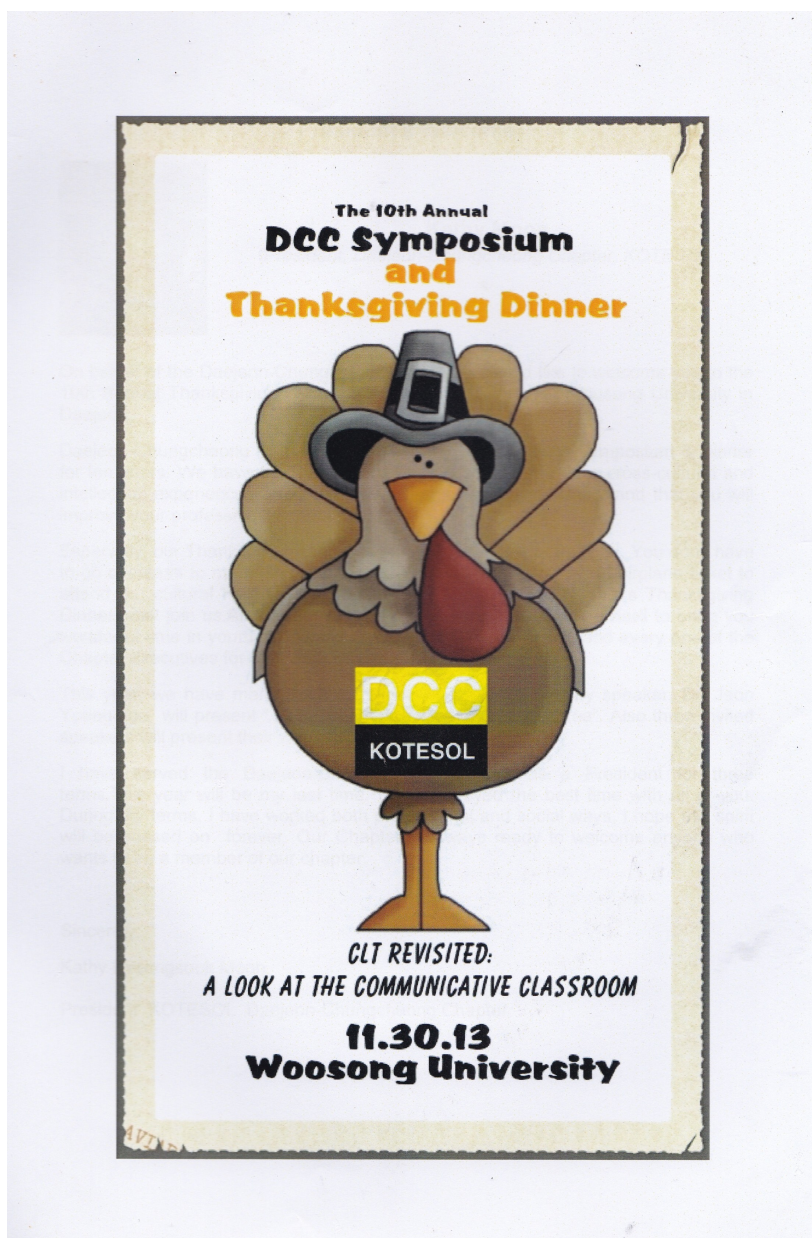


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The Mystery Game: A Critical Thinking EFL Activity, based on research by Cambridge professor Mario Rinvolucri

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Presentation Type: 50 minute workshop

Topic Area: Speaking, Cognitive approach, Problem-based learning

Teaching Context: High School, University, Adult, Corporate setting

Abstract

At education conferences and in the boardrooms of global corporations, the lament is often heard that students—especially from Confucian-hobbled education systems—lack critical thinking skills. This has led to many studies that indicate the obvious: critical thinking skills are absolutely essential in a global business environment. The unanimous conclusion is that we as educators need to teach critical thinking, but the question arises, “can we do it in an EFL environment?” The answer is “yes.” This audience-participation workshop, based on the research of Cambridge professor Mario Rinvolucri, presents a fun and challenging cognitive game that will reinforce simple past and past progressive, increase awareness of the progression of sequencing of events and cause-and-effect, and require the participants to think and work together in a PBL (Problem Based Learning) situation. It is a prime example of output-based learning and has worked in beginning to advanced EFL settings of varying ages. A discussion will follow the game.

Bio

Robert Badal has taught English, ESL, Business English, Drama, Speech, teacher training for kindergarten, corporate, hospitality, and engineering English for eleven years for the Los Angeles Unified School District, Osaka Sangyo University Los Angeles, Nagoya Meito High School, Aichi Prefectural University, Nanzan Junior College, Chukyo University Graduate School of Management, Nagoya University of Arts and Sciences, Toyota Motor Corporation, Ford China, Aichi Medical University, and the Intercontinental Hotel Group. He has five teaching credentials, a university TESL, an MA and is an MBA candidate. He was the speechwriter for the CEO of Toyota Europe and Ford China and has published 4 academic research projects and 2 award winning books. His 3rd book will be published later this year. He has presented on various topics at conferences in 3 countries.



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