

Generic Session Plan

Pre session web based tasks -1 hour
Duration 3 hours

Teaching Objectives

- To identify key aspects of language change through the detailed analysis of a variety of historical texts (C & G Units 1 & 2)
- To demonstrate the importance of context in language use (C & G Unit 2)
- To discuss changing attitudes towards accent, dialect and Standard English (C & G Unit 2)
- To explore the concept of literacy as social practice through examples of Personal History research methodology (C & G Units 2 & 3)

Time	Topic	Resource	Key points
10 mins	Welcome/introductions Aims of the session		Resources all available locally in museums, libraries & archives
10 mins	Review of web based tasks	Web site either on line or printed sheets	Local dialect words Info about names & census to introduce personal history
20 mins	How different groups of people use language in different ways	Film Archive Example of Standard English & RP Sound Archive Examples of local dialect	Dialect-definition - grammar & vocabulary Urban Rural Regional Sociolect Idiolect
15 mins	Dialect Standard English Received pronunciation	Information sheets for each topic	Accent-definition - pronunciation Standard English E Midlands dialect
10 mins	Discussion Does dialect & accent impact on social & economic status	Personal experiences and examples	1476 W Caxton Printing press 1755 Johnson dictionary – standardisation of words & meanings Five characteristics of SE (D Crystal) Received Pronunciation Status

			SE v Regional Attitudes & prejudices Up/down convergence Estuary English
20 mins	The importance of context in Literacy & Language development Language change over time	Letter writing: Form, audience purpose A local letter and transcription A school punishment book	Text Level Transcriptions Use of ammenuensis Place of greeting & ending Sentence Level Lack of paragraphs All purpose use of comma Use of pronouns Frequency of final e Uncertainty about word boundaries 'assone' 'shalbe' 'of' used as a preposition Word Level 'u' & 'v' interchangeable 'l' & 'j' interchangeable Roman numerals for figures French words linked to law & accountancy 'Correct' standards vary over time Variety of spelling and punctuation
20 mins	Graphology	Elizabethan Script Secretary Hand Court Hands Italic hand	Examples of: Elizabethan alphabet Secretary Hand u & v interchangeable j&i interchangeable minims- downward strokes and initial s Court Hand –functional rather than elegant Origin of 'free hand'
10 mins	An Inventory – written and drawn	A written local house hold inventory Inventory items recorded by drawing & labelling	Visual differences Abbreviations Word origin – Item, Primis Links to current use of bullet points Social/historical context Word change eg flesh pot
10 mins	Break		
20 mins	Census Return	Local census page Local photographs Information sheets	History of the census Characteristics of a census document Social/economic/health issues linked to later census info Critical awareness of issues linked to accuracy.

			Individual Literacies
20 mins	Advertising media	Robert Opie Books 1910 1930 1950 1970	<p>Persuasive language- similarities and differences in the way that language is used</p> <p>The attitudes and aspirations of the reader</p> <p>Words or phrases that have changed meaning</p> <p>Distinctive features of punctuation</p> <p>The impact of technology on the presentation of adverts, packaging and newspapers.</p> <p>How were graphics and images used. Relate these to historical context</p>
15 mins	Plenary	Feedback from learners via question/answer/discussion about what they have learned from the session.	

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