

MOVIE TALK DIRECTIONS

These directions are adapted from Miriam Patrick's Movie Talk post on her blog Pomegranate Beginnings.

Set Up

Determine what your target vocabulary/structures are going to be. As this is an activity used to pre-teach vocabulary, you need to know what you want to target. I would say that no more than 8 new words should be targeted, but that does not include various forms of that word. Remember, you want to shelter vocabulary, not grammar.

Choose your video. Choose films based on the vocabulary you are working with. The national movie talk database is wonderful for this.

Write Your Script. it is good to have everything written down, especially since you will be pausing the video in key spots. This is the most time consuming of the project, but even then, if you have chosen a video and know your end goals clearly, it will not take long.

Procedure

Show the film, and pause it at your pre-determined places. Use your script. Ask questions as part of the script.

Pause the film before the end (usually at the cliffhanger). Replay the video from the beginning with pausing all the way through the end.