**TPR in the EFL Classroom**

By Melody Peters

Although TPR is predominantly used for younger learners, all levels and grades can benefit from it. In this talk practical information on the topic will be shared along with demonstrations on teaching vocabulary, questions, phonics, and grammar using movement. If you are looking for ways to make your ESL classroom in Korea more exciting and effective, this talk is for you. Learn ways to instantly engage your students and help them to memorize key English concepts that lay a firm foundation for further use in real situations and conversations.

**The Presenter**

Melody Peters is currently an ESL teacher on the tiny island of Geomun-do off the coast of Yeosu. Originally from South Africa, Melody worked in HR in London before moving to Korea to pursue teaching. Currently in her 8th year as an ESL teacher, she has spent years working out more effective ways to teach English to Korean students. Melody has previously been a member of the Yeosu Education Board's consulting committee. She has regularly done open classes and workshops for Yeosu English teachers. She has a passion for finding the best ways possible to transfer information to students in a way that both engages their attention and brings joy to learning English as a second language.

*Ms. Peters will present on the use of the Total Physical Response technique in the EFL classroom at the November 12th meeting of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL at Gwangju National University of Education (Room 811).*

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**What are advantages of TPR?**

- Fun and Easy: Students enjoy activity!
- Simple TPR activities do not require a great deal of preparation on the part of the teacher.
- TPR is inclusive and works well a class with mixed ability levels.
- Good for kinesthetic learners who need to be active in class.
- Good tool for building vocabulary.
- Actions help build connections in the brain.
- Helps learners achieve fluency faster by immersing learners in activities that involve them in situational language use.
- Good instructional practice for ESL’s in their silent period.
- Works well for child and adult learners.

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- Bank transfer to KOTESOL: KEB-Hana bank account number 299-890069-83204.
- Payment in cash to the Chapter Membership Officer at a Chapter Meeting.
This presentation will look at the usefulness of play in class and ways of using imagination. We will explore different ways of using puppets and puppetry as well as visualization and story-telling. The teaching tools and methods discussed can be used by teachers of all levels and ages. The aim is to break the barriers of self-consciousness, which inhibit fluency, and to help create a comfortable environment for speaking English.

**How visualization works?**

When you visualize an action, you stimulate the same brain region that activates when you perform the action physically. For example, when you visualize lifting your right hand, the brain region that gets stimulated is same as the one that activates when you physically lift your hand. Thus, imagining an action activates the brain as performing the action.

**The Presenter**

Miriam Lee, while not defending her norae-bang title or re-organizing her NPR mug collection, is most likely singing in the hallway at the Jeonju English Center, where she teaches all the fifth graders of Jeonju to sing the Do Re Mi song. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Connecticut (USA) in 2003 in art history and anthropology, and received third place in a Care Bears coloring contest in Jersey City in 1986.

Ms Lee will present on using the students’ imagination in the EFL classroom at the November 12th meeting of the Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter of KOTESOL at Gwangju National University of Education (Room 811).
Gwangju-Jeonnam KOTESOL November Chapter Meeting

Time: Saturday, November 12, 2016, 1:45–5:00 p.m.
Place: Gwangju Natl. University of Ed., Teacher Training Bldg., Room 811 (1st Floor)

Schedule: Chapter Meeting, Main Session

1:45 pm: Sign-in and Meet-and-Greet (Admission is free. Future membership is welcomed.)

2:00 – 2:50 pm: Presentation
TPR in the EFL Classroom
Melody Peters (Geomun-do, Jeollanam-do)

2:50 – 3:00 pm: Chapter Elections

3:00 – 3:15 pm: Refreshment Break

3:15 – 4:05 pm: Presentation
Using THEIR Imagination
Miriam Lee (Jeonju English Center, Jeonju, Jeollabuk-do)

4:15 – 4:45 pm: SwapShop Session (Open to All)
Everyone is encouraged to share their Teaching Discoveries and Secrets with the group. Share your Teaching Tips, Ideas, Classroom Activities, Games, ELT Books, or other Teaching Wisdom. (Handouts welcomed.)

4:45 – 5:00 pm: Announcements / Drawing for Door Prizes / Closing

5:45: After-Meeting Dinner at The First Alleyway, downtown.

Upcoming Chapter Events

December 10, 2016. Monthly Chapter Meeting & Year-End Holiday Dinner
2 Featured EFL Presentations
SwapShop Session
Year-End Holiday Dinner
• Roasted Turkey with all the trimmings

January 14, 2017. Monthly Chapter Meeting

February 11, 2017. Monthly Chapter Meeting

March 11, 2017. Annual Gwangju-Jeonnam Chapter Spring Conference

Upcoming KOTESOL Events

December 3, 2016. National Council Meeting
Hanyang University, Seoul

December 4, 2016. Leadership Retreat
Sookmyung Women’s University, Seoul

Reflective Practice SIG
Morning Meeting
The Rhythm of Classroom Activity
Bryan Hale facilitating.