

DEVELOPING YOUNG CHILDREN'S TEXT PROCESSING SKILLS BY USING DETECTIVE BOARD GAMES AND RWCT TECHNIQUES

Abstract

Using board games in the classroom is an opportunity for experiential learning. A previous examination proves that the systematic use of Rory's Story Cubes in the methodology of native language teaching can be included as a playful method because they are useful in the development of oral and written communication. We have reflected on this with a new project focusing on reading skills. My goal is to examine how the card games, Black Stories Junior (Red Stories, Rainbow Stories) combined with RWCT techniques (Reading and Writing for Critical Thinking) can develop the interpretation of texts in 9 to 10-year-old students. The games contain riddles with exciting criminal cases for children. The players try to reconstruct the stories by asking, guessing, and fiddling. RWCT methods are the sum of cooperative, interactive, and reflective techniques that make the learning process more successful and creative. In the first period, the experimental and the control group were formed. After that, the experimental group played with the card game 30 times and got to know graphic organizers, drama pedagogical methods, and creative writing tasks related to the short stories. The activities were carried out under the supervision of the methodical leader of the experiment and recorded with a video camera. In the end, the students were able to use the learned methods independently and achieved more points on reading comprehension tests than the members of the control group. Thanks to the drama techniques the students could write more meaningfully from another person's perspective. The results show that the consistent use of the given board game is beneficial for reading and writing skills. The project's achievements may contribute to the widespread educational use of board games and RWCT techniques, thereby expanding the methodology of native language teaching.

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