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Session 17 "Video Storytelling I" (90 MIN)

INTRODUCTION (10 MIN)

Energizer "Silent movie"

Activity	• Energizer "Silent movie" (DW Akademie MIL Guidebook,	10 "		
	English edition p.138)			
Objective	 Students tell and act out creative stories 			
Steps	• 1" Divide the group into "narrators" and "actors"			
	• 1" The first narrator starts with one or two sentences that mark the			
	beginning of a made-up story and introduces a couple of figures			
	• 1" Some of the actors take on these roles as in a silent film:			
	without speaking, they use exaggerated gestures and facial			
	expressions to portray what the narrator has said			
	• 7" The next narrator carries on with one or two sentences, more			
	actors are added, and so on			
	• The idea is to have each narrator continue the story, so that the			
	parts are related and that roles are created for all the actors as the			
	story unfolds			
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BODY PART (70 MIN)

Trainee Centered: Pair work Developing a story idea and storyboard for a video production

Activity	• Group work 30"		
Objective	 Students understand visual narrative language 		
	 Students plan a video sequence with a storyboard 		
Steps	• 5" Divide the students into groups. Ask each group to come up		
	with an idea for a short video production. The topic should be		
	relevant to their lives and the production shouldn't be too		
	complicated (limited number of actors, scenes and just one		
	location)		
	• 5" Discuss the story ideas with the students and make sure they		
	are realistic: production time is limited		
	• 20" Ask them to plan their video shoot with a storyboard. Ask them		
	to sketch out their ideas for pictures on a storyboard, noting the		
	shot size to be used under each sketch. Major jumps, such as a		
	long shot to a close-up, should be avoided		
	 As they work, go from group to group, give them feedback and 		
	assist them		
Material	 Worksheet "Storyboard" DW AkademieMIL Guidebook, English 		
	edition p. 149		
	 Pens and markers 		
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Create: Active Media Work Video sequencing - storyboard for the five-shot rule - production

of a video

Activity	Group work: Video production 40"
Objective	 Students create videos about topics relevant to them Students produce videos applying the "grammar of video" (different shot sizes, camera angles, pacing, five-shot rule etc.)
Steps	 40" Based on their storyboards, the students record their various shots. Provide individual assistance, tips and suggestions where needed Remind the students to record a bit of free space at the beginning and end so they can be edited later It is also wise to record several takes of each shot size, so the best one can then be selected in the editing process Panning shots and zooming should be avoided since these movements cannot be edited – the professionals never cut a panning shot until the camera has come to a standstill, and they don't cut zoom shots until the zoom is complete Explain that there will be additional time in the next session to edit the videos
Material	 Worksheet "Storyboard" DW Akademie MIL Guidebook, English edition p. 149 Video cameras or smartphones WiFi Computer Projector







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3. CONCLUSION (10 MIN)

Reflection

Activity	 Discussion / Reflection 	10 "
Objective	 Students clarify open questions, cool down 	
Steps	 10" Students reflect on the production process, mention fun aspects, point out difficulties, and ask additional questions if something is still unclear 	
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ASSESSMENT

- Attendance
- Participation in discussions and group work
- Result of active media work (content, creativity) ...