

Pecha kucha night

Teacher's notes

Aim

To practise the planning and organization of presentations

What

Presenting ideas precisely, deciding on the most relevant language to use and avoiding digression

Interaction

Teamwork

1:1

The student makes a pecha kucha of his/her own and then delivers it to you (or somebody else)

When to use

Any time after task 8 on page 64

What you need

One worksheet for each student

Preparation

Photocopy the worksheet to provide one copy for each student. MS Powerpoint, internet access, and presentation facilities should be available.

Here's how

1. Tell the students about pecha kucha presentations. Explain the 20 x 20 format (see below) and search for examples to show them on youtube, e.g. teacher trainer *Ken Wilson's Pecha Kucha "The Diversity of Language"*.
2. Divide the class into small groups (ideally 4–5 students). Hand out each group a copy of the worksheet and ask the students to decide on the four most important points to think about when giving a presentation. Then give them a few minutes to decide.
3. Then let them decide on a topic. Once they have some ideas they plan their pecha kucha together, using the slides on the worksheet. They should decide both what to say and which images they want to use.

TIP Encourage the class to search google images for their slides. For photographs they should search for the subject + *jpeg*, for drawings or illustrations they should replace the *jpeg* with *gif*.
4. Once the groups are ready, encourage them to rehearse their presentations together. As a rule, each group member needs to say something during the presentation.
5. When everybody is ready, each group present their pecha kuchas to the class.

Background

Pecha kucha, originally meaning 'chit-chat' in Japanese, was developed as a short and direct way of presenting. It proved to be such good fun that it has become popular worldwide, often with evening events called pecha kucha nights.

The presenter prepares a series of 20 slides, each of which moves on automatically after 20 seconds so the presenter must make sure that he only speaks for that length of time. This means each presentation is exactly 6 minutes and 40 seconds long.

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The most important points of a presentation:

Topic and plan of pecha kucha

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