

Directions:

1. Have student groups choose a 'president'. Tell the presidents to go into the hallway. Explain to the rest of the class that you are going to read 2 sentences to the presidents, and they will repeat the sentences to their groups who will write the sentences in their notebooks.

2. In the hallway, read these sentences to the presidents, you can repeat as many times as needed. The students should listen only, do not let them read the sentences.

This is a story about a woman who is nervous and unhappy at her job. She doesn't speak or understand English well.

3. When all groups are finished go back in the room and write the sentences on the board. Have the students correct their papers.

4. Next, divide the class into 2 groups of 11 students. Have them form a circle on each side of the room. Make two copies of the story and cut each into 11 strips. Hand each student in the groups 1 strip. Tell them to read their sentences and to not show it to others. After they finish reading their sentences to each other tell them to get into order to tell the story. 1st, 2nd, 3rd...(If you have extra Ss, they can listen or if they are very low you could seat them together and let them read the story while the other students complete their task.)

5. After they think they have themselves organized redirect them to form a circle around a table and lay out their strips in the order they decided was correct. Next, you read the story, they listen and correct their strip sequencing. Then have them copy the story. While they copy, write some questions on the board. Have Ss write answers and turn them in. You could follow this up by handing the story out the next day as a cloze activity. Also, if you have enough time you could have Ss write their own questions on the board.

My first job was putting buttons on shirts. I was very nervous and unhappy.

I thought everyone was looking at me. I didn't know English.

I didn't understand the manager's announcements over the loudspeaker.

I thought the manager was saying my name and telling everyone that I was doing my job wrong.

Now I like my job.

I'm not nervous anymore.

I can do the work.

I feel comfortable at my job.

I have some friends.

I like working more than staying home alone.

When I am at work I can forget my other problems!