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#### Abstract

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This research follows a qualitative action research methodology that was implemented with the third-grade students of Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño. The study shows the proposal that studies the importance of Storytelling Techniques as a way to promote the Productive Skills of students in third-grade students. Similarly, this research seeks to show the importance of the Reflective Process through short stories. The main objective was to determine the effects of implementing Storytelling Techniques, within a Reflective Process, on the development of the Productive Skills of a group of tird EFL graders at Liceo Femenino Mercedes nariño School.

#### **CHAPTER I**

# **Contextualization and Research Problem**

The purpose of this chapter is to describe the local and institutional context of the participants of IED Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño. Besides, this section shows a description of the Institutional Educative Project, its mission, and its vision. Likewise, the preferences of the participants about their classes and perspectives that include social, affective, cognitive, and cultural aspects are explained. Finally, the justification of the present investigation, the diagnosis, the description of the problem, the investigation question and the objectives are presented.

#### Characterization

# Local Context

The I.E.D Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño is located in Rafael Uribe Uribe, which is the eighteenth town of Bogotá, in the San José neighborhood. This school offers academic hours in the morning, afternoon, and evening, as well as extended hours on weekends for adults and people belonging to a post-conflict program, in addition to academic levels from preschool to 11th grade. The school emphasizes the health sciences, in English and French as foreign languages.

#### Institutional context

The I.E.D Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño is a female school focused on the development of the students, in which they assume a role of constant reflection about the context that surrounds them, building their own opinions about the world's reality. In this way, students are able to transform the individual perspectives of their context and how they affect their coexistence with others. Thus, the Institutional Educative Project is based on the development of

Critical Thinking to transform society through respect, honesty, identity, and autonomy. This perspective enables students to act freely and assertively.

By 2025, the vision of the Mercedes Nariño Women's School will be recognized for its national level of teaching: learning, quality, and excellence for its graduates to develop and apply skills in society. In addition, the institution is focused on the development of skills in foreign languages (French and English), basic sciences, and ICTs. All this knowledge is fundamental in the learning process of students as human beings and is considered as a vehicle to transform and help build a respectful society.

The institutional model is humanist and it is focused on the development of social and cultural perspectives in student's learning process. Furthermore, the institutional mission is focused on the importance to encourage women to enjoy a happy life to live with dignity. To conclude, the pedagogical model is based on Critical Thinking and the development of a formative process in education as well as the learning-teaching process using collaborative and meaningful learning. It provides the development of potentialities based on the students' needs, interests, and attitudes.

Finally, in terms of English development at school, it is important to mention that the school has one hour per week for teaching English in primary school. This process is carried out by practitioners from different universities and is monitored by a coordinator. Likewise, the school has an English room available for teachers and students, in which there is an interactive smart board and computers. Additionally, regarding the English study program, the school is guided by the basic guidelines and standards for teaching EFL, established by the Ministry of Education, the school also has a general curriculum about main topics by level.

# **Participants**

To collect students' information some instruments were implemented at the beginning of the research. The first one was an interview that was administered to the head teacher and to the English practitioner from La Salle University who was in charge of the English classes. Its objective was to collect data from the students through the teacher's perception of them and the relation between them and the learning process of EFL. The second instrument was a survey for the students. It was designed to collect data about them and their context. The third instrument was a compilation of field notes, which was an important source to identify not only the students' strengths and weaknesses, but also their needs and the problems related to their learning process (See Annex C).

Besides, the research was implemented in a group of 36 students in a range of ages between 7 and 9 years old. Survey results showed that most of the students were from Bogotá. In addition, from the total of students 32% live in the San Cristobal locality, 62% of them live in different locations. However, they do not live near to the educational institution. (Survey. Additionally, 46% of the students live far from the school and they have to spend 1 or 2 hours to arrive at the school (see Annex A). As a consequence, students wrote that since they have to get up very early in the morning to go to school, they prefer not to go. In conclusion, all of the students lived in the south of the city and most of them lived near the school.

In terms of their family, the data collected by the survey allow to conclude that 71% live with their parents and 29% do not live with their parents. It means that out of the total of the students, most of them live in a regular family (mother, father, siblings, or grandparents), 25% live in a monoparental family, and 4% live in extended families. Therefore, talking about the composition of their families, the data reveals that 53% live in a range of 2 to 4 people, 31%

between 5 to 10 people, and the rest of the students with more than 8 people. The above information allows the researcher to characterize and know the population, their context, and their families. Likewise, by the interview the student's families are an important factor in their learning process since they participate in the girl's process. Families ask and support students in terms of their homework and extra activities (see Annex C).

Regarding their academic likes, they are mostly related to logical subjects like mathematics 44% and Computing 15%; they like Spanish 15% because they expressed that in that subject they can participate, express their opinions, and read stories. (see Annex B). They mentioned Science 6%, Geometry 6%, Philosophy 3%, Philharmonic 3%, French 3%, and students that did not answer 6%. Interestingly, they did not mention English as a subject that they like.

Moreover, based on the survey they expressed that 82% like English and 18% of the students do not like this subject. In addition, 82% of the students answered that they want to learn English, 12% that they do not want to learn this language, and 6% of them do not answer the question. Furthermore, most of the students enjoy the school but in terms of their likes, they do not choose the English class because they think that the class is boring.

On the other hand, some of them want to learn English. Besides, to talk about new strategies to learn English, the students' results showed that 19% prefer reading stories as a tool to improve their language skills, 18% listening to music, 17% chose to watch videos, 15% prefer acting, 15% said that they prefer games, 9% chose mime, and 7% chose activities related to singing and dancing. In that way, Productive Skills can be viable alternatives to work on them to increase their interest in learning EFL (see Annex A). Thus, 44% of the students answered that

they know songs in English related to animals, colors, and the alphabet; those songs are taught by the practitioner (Annex B).

Regarding the practitioner's interview, she said that she uses the audio-lingual method because it was the only method that was successful with them. (See Annex B). As a result, classes are all about repetition, identification of written words, images, and the oral representation of the word. Additionally, students learn some songs but repeating the song, without mime or an image to establish a connection. That is why student's behavior in class is connected with the activities that the practitioner proposes, if these activities are repetitive and only about repeating, students start to be distracted and disturb the class environment (see Annex B).

Based on this analysis, it is important to mention that students need to develop foreign language skills in an active way, in which they seek to integrate them as an active part of the learning process. Giving them the necessary tools to use the vocabulary they have learned to produce, communicate, and express their ideas, thoughts, and opinions.

### Diagnosis

To establish and know students' needs, interests, and language level it was necessary to administer three data collection instruments. The first one was a survey that looked to reveal their interests, their likes, and how that information was connected with their process of learning EFL. The second one, was an interview made to the head teacher and a practitioner, it was about their context, the learning and teaching process, and their methodologies and strategies to teach EFL. Finally, to know their target language level it was necessary to do a test to evaluate according to the five skills of the language and vocabulary. This test was designed considering the information collected during class observations about the topics that were developed in the school.

The survey (see Annex A) was an instrument to know students and it showed that most of the students were in the same range of age and that their likes were related to activities that involved physical development. Thus, it showed that they are interested in learning EFL even if they do not understand. Finally, the data collected was an important source to identify the student's main problem which was the starting point of the research and the research question, that weakness is related to their Productive Skills (speaking and writing). Therefore, I decided to propose the use of Storytelling as a tool to develop their writing and speaking skills to communicate their own opinions, reflections, and ideas about the society through WH questions, yes-no questions, voice recordings, worksheets, posters, descriptions, role play, and the implementation of short dialogues (pair work – group work).

#### Statement of the Problem.

As a result of the triangulation of the data collected from a survey administered to thirtyfour students, five field notes, two interviews to the home teacher, and to a practitioner, and a diagnostic test it is possible to identify some specific weaknesses in the participants. According to the *"Estándares Básicos de Competencias en Lenguas Extranjeras: inglés"* (2006), students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade must understand easy short stories. Also, students supposed to understand spoken sentences and descriptions related to family, friends, games, and known places. In terms of, comprehension abilities, students must be able to react in verbal and nonverbal ways as they listen to someone speaking English. In terms of reading, they are supposed to predict a story from the title, the images, and the keywords. Regarding production abilities, they must use writing and oral language to build monologues and short conversations.

Therefore, after the analysis of the information, it is possible to conclude that students were not able to understand stories, not even to understand short sentences by reading. Likewise, they cannot recognize vocabulary if it is not written in Spanish. Furthermore, they do not understand the topic of a story by reading the title or the keywords if those sources are in English. Students need to listen to the meaning of a word in Spanish to comprehend the meaning. Thus, they are not able to build short sentences using the vocabulary that they learned before. (Field note #2. Annex C).

As well, the school has its EFL program based on the "*Estándares Básicos de Competencias en Lenguas Extranjeras: inglés*" (2006), but the practitioner does not follow that, she follows a table that is provided by the school, there are the main topics and goals that students must achieve. Also, the practitioner said that they do not have enough time to do different activities and that the audio-lingual method is the best method to teach third-grade students because of their ages. Finally, the data collected was an important source to identify the main problem of the student, which is the starting point of the current research and the research question, this weakness is related to the production of language through the use of Productive Skills of students (speaking and writing) within a Reflective and Critical Process, responding to the institutional project. Therefore, I decided to propose the use of Storytelling as a tool to promote the Productive Skills of students to communicate their own opinions, reflections, and ideas about society.

# **Rationale of the study**

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Taking into account the aforementioned, this study aims to propose and implement in the pedagogical intervention, a strategy in which the third-grade students of the Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño can use the Productive Skills of English to communicate their Reflective Process about short stories told through Storytelling Techniques.

In fact, it is necessary to continue researching the development and teaching of Productive Skills, [as this allows students to not only receive the language, but also to produce it to communicate. Medina and Muñoz (2018) affirm that receptive skills: listening and reading, are how students received the language and, later, they move that language they have received, towards Productive Skills: speaking and writing, since they need to articulate these skills together with what they have received, to produce language that can be communicated (p, 6). As a consequence, by focusing on the Productive Skills of the language, the students of the Liceo feminine Mercedes Nariño will not only receive the language, but also they will produce it in a real context, in which they will communicate their thoughts and reflections.

Storytelling is a pivotal part of the development of Productive Skills since according to Isbell (2004) students can benefit from Storytelling to speak and develop comprehension abilities. Moreover, the Storytelling technique is an important proposal because it allows students to imitate patterns as the structure that they follow and identify in the reading process and the sounds they hear. In that sense, Hillman (1975) explains that while the teacher is reading, he can use different paralinguistic resources to help students in the process of interpreting the story that is told. The connection that is established thanks to the imitation of the sounds, of the vocabulary, of the structures, and phrases that appear in the stories, has a direct relation with the improvement of the written vocabulary that results from listening to stories. Similarly, listening to words considering the student's actual contexts increases the number of meaningful vocabulary and phrases that students are acquiring to use in their Productive Skills, giving students the tools to express their ideas, world view, opinions, and reflections for themselves. This is how students have the possibility of having real spaces to exchange their reflections with others, to have a voice in society, considering the real context and the social problems exposed in the short stories (Freire and Macedo, 1987. P, 234).

Likewise, in this research, Storytelling is the vehicle to foster Productive Skills as the main point of the learning process. As a result, it is important to explore Storytelling Techniques as a method to put into practice in the classroom, considering that this method provides real learning connected to students' previous experiences establishing a connection between the school and their contexts

In addition, the Storytelling Technique encourages students to develop their speaking abilities, to practice, to speak freely, and to express their ideas and what they want to communicate with very good pronunciation. It is important to mention that their improvement is a result of the reading and the use of Storytelling as an input to encourage them to use EFL. Williamson (1988) emphasizes that teachers should read to their students. As the teachers read to their students, the students get and learn a better feel for the language and its structure to express and communicate their interpretations.

Stories encourage children to learn EFL and participate in class. It is important to recognize that "We are Storytelling creatures, and as children, we acquire language to tell those stories that we have inside us." (Bruner, 2004. p, 107). Students need a real context to create their own stories. Furthermore, telling stories in education is a successful pedagogical technique in the teaching and learning process, students are able to improve their Productive Skills but at

the same time, they are building a Reflective Process in which they take an opinion and a position about the problematic topic inside of the stories.

As a result, students are building their reflective process in which they need to use the Productive Skills to communicate their reflections and to express the connections that they establish with their realities and context as a result of the use of Storytelling Techniques. Finally, this research that is focused on Storytelling to foster students' Productive Skills within a Reflective Process emerges considering student's needs, school context, students' reality, and how it interacts with the EFL learning.

# **Research question**

How does the implementation of Storytelling Techniques within a Reflective Process affect the development of the Productive Skills of a group of third grade EFL learners at Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño School?

# **General Objective**

To determine the effects of implementing Storytelling Techniques, within a Refelctive Process, on the development of the Productive Skills of a group of third EFL graders at Liceo Femenino Mercedes nariño School.

Specific Objectives

To analyze the development of the student's Productive Skills within a Reflective Process.

To develop student's Reflective Process using Storytelling Techniques such as promoting interaction.

To use activities through the use of Storytelling Techniques that contributes to the development of Productive Skills within a Reflective Process.

#### **CHAPTER II**

# State of the Art and Theoretical Framework

This second chapter presents the state of the art, which develops a background on some studies to understand what has been done in this field. After that, the theoretical foundations on which the research rests are presented; those concepts are: Storytelling, Productive Skills, and Social Literacy. These foundations are taken from some authors who leave an impact for this study.

# State of the Art

This study attempts to help students in their EFL Productive Skills learning process through the use of Storytelling Techniques in order to show their comprehension and reflections about social issues. Furthermore, Storytelling has been a useful strategy to give the students the possibility to improve and to acquire the Productive Skills (writing and speaking skills) as two of the first abilities in the EFL learning process. According to that, it is important to consider previous research focused on this field; those studies are from Universidad Pedagógica Nacional de Colombia and some national and international universities.

<u>Title</u>	Author(s) (Year)	<u>Scope</u>
Storytelling: an aid to develop oral skills among	Cardenas (2016)	UPN
third graders		
The use of real women's life stories as a situated	Hincapie, N. Cely, V. (2018)	UPN
writing model.		
Children Pictures Books to implement fairs	Triana, A. (2017)	UPN
approaching to write		
Storytelling and story-reading. A way to	Rivera, (2016)	Bogota
enhance EFL students' literacies		

#### Summary of the Reviewed Studies for the Rationale of the Study

Storytelling to promote participation EFL	Torres, E. Arias, J. (2015)	Bogota
second graders		
Storytelling as a strategy to improve speaking	Velasquez, M. Rodriguez, W. (2015).	National
skills		
Promoting EFL Elementary Students` Speaking	Jimenez, V. (2017)	International
Skills through the use of Storytelling		
Storytelling to improve speaking skills	Bin As, A. (2016)	International
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Table 1: Literature review.

The first study, *Storytelling: an aid to develop oral skills among third graders* (Cárdenas, 2016) was done at Universidad Pedagógica Nacional. The main objective of the study was to develop speaking skills through the use of Storytelling in a public school. As a result of the study, students developed speaking skills in EFL after the implementation of Storytelling. This result evidenced the development of the micro speaking skills since students began to emphasize, understand, and name the emphasis on content words such as nouns, adjectives, and verbs. This perspective coincides with the field of the current research since both studies maintain that students can develop their speaking skills thanks to the implementation of the Storytelling Technique.

The second one, called *The use of real women's life stories as a situated writing model* (Hincapie, N. Cely, V. (2018) was done at the Universidad Pedagógica Nacional with a population of third graders in a public school. This study was focused on the implementation and use of short and real stories about the woman's role as a model to foster student's writing process. The researchers were focused on the development of a Reflective Process through the learning of EFL. As a result, the findings revealed that by using women's role stories as a writing model, students were able to get familiar with some expressions, to show their comprehension

about the main idea of each story that was told. This progress positively affected the students' writing process, as well as their reflections on the importance of women in society.

The previous research is connected to the current research in terms of the use of Storytelling Techniques to foster students writing skills. Additionally, through the use of writing skills students expressed their reflections about a social topic and this is related to one of the objectives that this research attempts, students Reflective Process.

The third research was developed at Universidad Pedagógica Nacional de Colombia and it is *Children Pictures Books to implement fairs approaching to write* (Triana, A. 2017). This study was focused on the implementation and use of CPBs (Children Pictures Books) to develop students writing skills. The researchers worked with a guided process in which students started to write sentences and words even when some of them had problems in terms of the use of formal structures. As a consequence, findings showed that students wrote short sentences using specific patterns learned by the reading of the CPBs. The previous study has a central point connected with this current research that is the writing development through the use of CBPs. These productive skills appear as a result of the interaction between the students and the reading process in which students learned patterns and started to use it following what they learned before the reading.

This national research is called *Storytelling and story-reading*. *A way to enhance EFL students' literacies* (Rivera, 2016). This investigation was developed at Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas. This study was not focused on Productive Skills, nonetheless, speaking and writing skills were developed as a result of the reading process. Students improved their vocabulary, their communicative abilities, and they learned language patterns. Also, they enhanced their Productive Skills development because it was a resource to encourage student interaction (teacher-student/student-student). Besides, students-built meanings in EFL to understand, comprehend, and express their oral and written opinions about a story. This research has a common point with this current study in terms of the development of the Productive Skills to express student's voices and reflections as a result of the reading process.

The following research was done at Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas and it is called *Storytelling to promote participation EFL second graders* (Torres, E. Arias, J. 2015). This research was focused on the effects of implementing Storytelling activities on the EFL learning process of second-grade students. Therefore, the results of the investigation showed how an active role in the students generated a powerful participation in a language exchange and the cooperative learning. Likewise, a language exchange and a reflective process were evident between the student's realities and the stories. Those stories encouraged children to learn EFL and participate in class using the foreign language. This research is connected with the present study since both propose the use of Storytelling to develop a Reflective Process in students through the use of Productive Skills.

The third study was *Storytelling as a strategy to improve speaking skills* (Velasquez, M. Rodrigues, W. 2015). This study was done in Pereira, Colombia at the Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira. Further, this research was carried out with a population of third-grade students from a public school. This study had the aim to develop oral skills by using Storytelling. Furthermore, the findings reveal that students develop their speaking skills in a verbal and non-verbal way. Also, they show that they are interested when the Storytelling time involves different tones of voice, different volumes, and sounds about the story. At the end of the research, students increased their vocabulary, which was an important factor in Students' oral expression in EFL.

This international research was carried out at Universidad Veracruzana in Mexico and it is called *Promoting EFL Elementary Students` Speaking Skills through the use of Storytelling* (Jiménez, V. 2017). This study was developed with fifth-grade students at a public elementary school, in which the researcher attempted to improve students' speaking and vocabulary skills through Storytelling. The results showed an improvement in students' speaking skills and they produced sentences using new vocabulary to express their ideas. In addition, by the implementation of Storytelling, students worked on their writing and comprehension processes to produce and express their ideas and opinions related to what they heard in the reading process. This research is related to the current study in the student's use of Productive Skills to communicate and express their opinions after the implementation of Storytelling Techniques.

The last international research was carried out in Indonesia, at the University of Syiah Kuala. *This study is called Storytelling to improve speaking skills* (Bin As, A. 2016). This research established the students' mastery of EFL, and the implementation of Storytelling Technique to foster speaking skills. Likewise, the results of the research showed an improvement in students speaking skills that were taught by the Storytelling Techniques. They were significant in terms of vocabulary. As a consequence, the Storytelling Technique encouraged students to develop their speaking abilities, to practice, to speak freely, and to express their own ideas and what they wanted to communicate with very good pronunciation.

It is important to mention the relationship that this study has with the current research in terms of the development of one of the Productive Skills that is speaking. They mention how through the implementation of Storytelling Techniques students started to use speaking skills as a need to communicate their opinions and reflections. Finally, through the use of speaking skills students started to improve their proficiency in this language skill. To conclude, those research are an important background about what has been done, the results obtained, and how the implementation of the Storytelling Technique is successful in terms of improving the students' Productive Skills (writing and speaking). They also show how, through the implementation of this technique, students can improve the four language skills even when the study focuses on two of them: Productive Skills. This technique is a good tool to get students to develop critical thinking, express their ideas, and construct meanings about the world around them.

# **Theoretical Framework**

As mentioned in the introduction to this chapter, the theoretical framework seeks to explain the theoretical bases on which this study is based First, the theoretical construction of Productive Skills is presented. Following this, the concept of Storytelling is constructed as a Pedagogical Technique. Finally, the concept of Social Literacy on which the Reflective Process is framed and presented.

# **Productive Skills**

First of all, it is important to note that Productive Skills are part of the skills involved in the learning of language by the student. These linguistic skills are divided into two groups according to their function, in such a way that there are receptive (reading - listening) and productive (speaking-writing) skills. On the one hand, receptive skills are also recognized as passive, which have to do with the inputs that students receive and understand without producing language. On the other hand, Productive Skills are also known as active skills since they concern the production of language by students as a result of previous interaction with Receptive skills: listening and reading, respectively (British Council, 2019). Furthermore, when someone begins the process of learning a foreign language, he/she is unconsciously exposed to both groups of receptive and productive language skills, which work together even when the focus of the process is only one of them (Golkova & Hubackova, 2014, p.477). This is the case of the current research since it is focused more on the process of promoting productive Skills. These skills are defined and developed in the following lines, considering the existing theory about them,

Regarding the conceptualization of Productive Skills, Medina and Muñoz (2018) affirm that receptive skills: listening and reading, are how students received-the language and that, later, they move that language they have received, towards Productive Skills: speaking and writing as students need to articulate these skills together with what they have received, in order to produce language (p,6). The above allows understanding these language Productive Skills as a process carried out by the apprentice, in which the knowledge is received thanks to the receptive skills and the language is transmitted towards forms of written or oral communication and.

Besides, this group of skills is responsible for the production of language, in which information, thoughts, and reflections are expressed, communicated, enunciated, and portrayed either orally or in writing (Golkova & Hubackova. 2014. p, 478). Additionally, Productive Skills are the practical application of receptive skills, which allow students to put into practice the knowledge received in the form of inputs, through the implementation of listening and reading skills (Bashrin, 2013, p.10). Passive knowledge, such as listening and reading, represents not only an input, but also a springboard for the active implementation of grammatical structures, passive vocabulary lists, and sounds heard and repeated from a foreign language with the objective to be communicated (Riggenbach & Lazaraton, 1991, p.129).

Moreover, Productive Skills represent an important element within the communicative processes of the students, since these are the ones that allow them to interact with the other, either from writing or in oral interaction (see Figure 1.). These skills allow students to produce language, with a communicative purpose, establishing a dialogue between the language and its use through interaction with other cultures, points of view, opinions, and reflections. Therefore, the communicative process carried out by means of these skills allows learners to be given a voice, either through the use of language signs or through oral expression within a communicative situation (Hossain, 2015. p 6).



Figure 1: Relation between the Communicative Situation and Productive Skills

Finally, the speaking skill is part of the productive ones because of its nature, which is the oral production of language. According to Bygate (1987), speaking can be defined from interaction skills that implies a communicative exchange that requires the speaker to make decisions about the communicative act, in order to show real-life use of the skill (p, 9). Furthermore, writing is a productive skill in which the learner also expresses ideas, thoughts, reflections, and opinions but in a textual way, by using signs to represent or transmit language.

(McDonough & Shaw 2003, p.133-134). As a group of skills, speaking and writing work together; that is to say that the learner develops both simultaneously to produce language rather than to receive it. In this process, it is important how students use their Productive Skills to write sentences and interact orally not only about the short stories read during the Storytelling time, but also about the reflections made on the theme and problem of those short stories.

# **Development of Speaking through Writing**

According to Underwood (1997), speaking a foreign language involves three micro communicative skills. These are a mechanical process that the brain performs in a natural way to be able to communicate: the pronunciation of a word, the construction of grammatically correct sentences, and the knowledge of vocabulary. In addition, that process includes accuracy, that is the correct use of vocabulary grammar, pronunciation in controlled and guided activities; and fluency which is the ability to keep going when speaking spontaneously (Gower. 1995. p, 99).

Moreover, it is important to mention that Speaking is being considered in many ways; two of them are the spontaneous process of language and the formulaic language that consists in routines, written patterns, written sentences, and written expressions that children memorize and that enable them to communicate with a minimum of language competence (Ellis & Brewster, 2014. p, 2014). On the other hand, speaking is related to the context in which this communicative process takes place, it is the sociolinguistic competence: when, why and in what way can and does language occur (Florez, 1999).

#### **Development of Writing through Speaking**

The relationship between speaking and writing focuses on the fact that both abilities are in charge of the production of the language and not in the reception of it. This relationship allows one skill to enhance the development of the other. In other words, a child's development to express the meaning and her/his oral interaction is enriched thanks to the writing processes prior to her/his intervention (Weissberg, 2006. p, 76). Additionally, according to Levelt (1989), this relationship between the two Productive Skills of the language was based on a cognitive vision of speech processing and writing, which is the role of speaking in the development of writing has focused on one's own or collaborative conversation of students of the foreign language and the influence of that process of speech on the writing ones.

Furthermore, Broughton et al (1980) note that the teaching of writing skills takes elements of spoken language that students have heard from their teacher or peers. This development of the structure can be guided by the teacher, in which students produce their compositions in a written way (sentences, paragraphs, texts, etc.) with the support of the teacher, who provides the communicative situation orally and reinforced by some worksheet. This is how the work and development of the Productive Skills of the language can be brought to the classroom simultaneously. According to Kantor and Rubin (1981), writing within language learning has been perceived as a more advanced code that develops from speech.

#### Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique

To define the concept of Storytelling, it is necessary to point out that it is described as a pedagogical teaching technique, which uses language as a central element of teaching, within a communicative field (Cruz, 2001, p, 7). Furthermore, the art of Storytelling is considered one of the oldest teaching techniques, which has stood the test of time (Chambers, 1970). Therefore, it is defined by Serrat (2010) as a vivid description of ideas, beliefs, personal experiences, and life lessons through stories or narratives that evoke powerful emotions and ideas, through the use of

language. As a result, the aforementioned description has the power to influence, evoke, or teach the listener by means of some event or problem exposed within the story that has been told.

According to Pederson (1995) and Ellis and Brewster (2014), teachers become storytellers and that narration is based on a pedagogical technique, which has as one of its objectives to maintain the interest and attention of the listener. Additionally, Hsu (2005) points out that learning stories play an important role in the language development of students since they work directly with two of the four language skills: listening and reading, which serve as input for the Productive Skills: writing and speaking. When students listen to stories, they can share their emotions, their depiction of humor, action and suspense, anticipation, and surprise from the story (Ellis & Brewster, 2014.p,). In addition, Storytelling as a pedagogical technique is considered as an interactive process of the language, which can be used as a tool to teach and improve the four skills, everything will depend on the implementation of the teacher (Dujmović, 2006. p, 5).

In addition, the use of Storytelling as a pedagogical technique in the classroom develops listening skills, improves verbal expression, increases comprehension, creates mental images, highlights verbal thinking, increases vocabulary and language patterns, and enhances writing (Cruz, 2001. p, 10). Its implementation in the classroom requires a careful search of the stories, considering the context, the age of the students, and the level of complexity of the language (Harmer, 2007. p, 99).

Furthermore, Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique to teach EFL creates opportunities to develop and strengthen language skills, at all levels (morphological, syntactic, pragmatic, semantic, and phonological). It represents one of the best ways to develop in students the use of creativity and personal experiences to understand how words are formed to express ideas, emotions, and opinions; how are they ordered to build sentences, to play with words and make sense of a story or reflection about the story (Cruz, 2001. p, 7). In the same way, the possibility of working with the four linguistic skills transforms the learning of the language into an integral and simultaneous way, despite the teaching process having a specific purpose Chambers (1970).

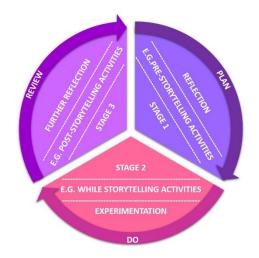


Figure 2. Storytelling Technique (Ellis & Brewster, 2014. p, 22).

Besides, Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique helps to increase students' listening and reading comprehension through teacher performance and their ability to carry out Storytelling. Likewise, in the discourse, it allows an improvement in fluency, constant learning of vocabulary, and the narrative structures of the language (Wellhousen, 1993). Additionally, these techniques (see Figure 2) allow the development of a process of connection between syntactic, morphological, and phonological language with semantic and non-verbal representations of stories. This process not only affects the understanding of oral language and its verbal expression, but also the understanding of the word, its structure, composition, and creation (Bell, 1991).

Finally, Isbell (2002) states that when the pedagogical techniques of Storytelling and receptive language skills are mixed, both help the development of imagination and creativity as inputs, thus generating the possibility that students themselves build their opinions based on what they heard to then use their Productive Skills to capture these reflections orally or in writing in order to communicate and express them.

# **Social Literacy**

First, Barton and Hamilton (1995) define Social Literacy as a set of social practices, which are understood from the existing relationship with the other and with society. Similarly, for the National Literacy Trust (2006), Social Literacy is viewed from a broad sense of the language, such as the ability to read, write, speak, and listen to society and its practices. According to these two definitions, Phillip (1998) argues that literacy is a skill that over time has a real and decisive impact on society. As a result, these social practices are measured through literacy events, which represent learning activities in which literacy has a role and a social impact.

Regarding literacy, Baynham (1995) defines it as a situated social practice that has four characteristics in which the learner has the opportunity to express thoughts, beliefs, and worldview; those characteristics are: First, literacy practices should be seen as a literacy event, which seeks to build or contribute to society from the transformation of social practices; Second, literacy events are considered social and interactive because they are held in community and with the aim of transforming that community; third, the role of the teacher in the literacy process is to facilitate and guide the learning and use of language skills in order to reflect and propose changes that can generate a social impact. Fourth, the tools used by the teacher must allow reciprocal exchanges for students to learn about social relationships.

Furthermore, the construction of Social Literacy goes beyond the ability to know how to read, speak and write, it requires a Reflective Process that makes it difficult to interact with the written text, the social context, reflections and opinions of oneself, and other people (Learner, 2001). This is how these social practices are connected to the possibility that each person has spaces for exchanges with others as an individual and with having a voice in society, considering the real context and social problems (Freire & Macedo, 1987. P, 234).

Moreover, Literacy is meaningful as its goal is to take advantage of the language to make students interact, and to contribute to their communities as social members. As well, teachers must recognize that Literacy is a practice that is developed in different contexts. Literacy is then a practice with a social purpose; an event that offers students the opportunity to learn, interpret, analyze, and make decisions that benefit their own and collective purposes.

Additionally, this research has a socially situated Literacy perspective because it is focused on the development of Productive Skills (writing and speaking) within a Reflective Process. For this process, it is important how students use their Productive Skills to reflect upon stories with topics related to their relations with the others and with the world in which they live. Finally, Literacy in this study goes beyond helping people learn how to listen to and speak in a foreign language; it holds a social perspective in which students reflect upon real situations and construct ideas in order to become free (Freire & Macedo, 1987. P, 206).

To conclude, studies that have been carried out at national and international level on the field that this research seeks to study are exposed, being an important contribution to it. Likewise, this chapter developed the theoretical concepts on which the present study is based, from the theoretical contribution that several authors have made in this field.

#### **Chapter III**

# **Methodological Design**

This chapter presents the study design used in this research. It shows a brief description of the type of research, the research paradigm, and the explanation of the methodology for data analysis/ Additionally, the data collection procedures and instruments, the table of categories, and indicators, the participants, and the ethical considerations followed by this study are presented. These elements mentioned above are focused on achieving validity and reliability of data triangulation and analysis.

# Type of study

This research is based on the Qualitative Research paradigm, since it arises from the problem observed in the classroom, what was crucial to determine Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique in the promotion of Productive Skills within a Reflective Process in an EFL classroom. This paradigm responds to a type of research that is proposed from and for the population, which means that the first observation is essential to identify the needs and the potential problem. In addition, the information provided by the implementation of this type of research allows finding and establishing a solution to this problem (Parkinson & Drislane, 2011).

Furthermore, Sandoval (2002) argues that some of the concerns of this paradigm have to do not only with the construction of objective knowledge, but also with subjective and knowledge. In this sense, this type of research has a dialogical character, in which its elements of analysis are directly related to the participants, their context, and their personal experience. As a result, this type of study uses narrative and descriptive approaches to know the participants, their needs, strengths, and weaknesses by the implementation of participant observation or case study (Mills, 2013).

Additionally, it is important to point out that qualitative research requires data collection through the use of instruments such as field notes, artifacts, interviews, life stories, recordings, and conversations. The data obtained by the field notes are not analyzed by using quantities but descriptions, reflections, and interpretations that are supported by theories that are focused on those specific events. However, data collection is not the only necessary process to do an analysis, this activity requires a reflective and interpretative process of the collected data, which allows the researcher to know the participants, their needs, experiences and above all, to make visible the impacts and limitations that may arise during the research (Creswell, 2007).

Regarding what was mentioned previously, qualitative research focuses on the experiences that someone has and how those experiences affect their life, modify their practices and interpretations of a problem (Delgado & Chapetón, 2015). The current study sought to recollect student's information about their experiences in an English class, their needs, and their participation when Storytelling Techniques are used to foster Productive Skills within a Reflective Process in an EFL classroom. To conclude, the qualitative paradigm of this study is connected and works together with the action-research type of study.

#### **Research method**

This study belongs to an Action Research modality, which is defined in the field of education as a paradigm to study a social reality or an educational practice, in order to generate an educational change. In this way, researchers undergo a process of research, reflection, and constant transformation. As a result of the process mentioned before, the researcher presents a proposal that makes this change effective (Colmenares & Piñero, 2008, p. 104).

Patricia Cross (1987) defines Action Research in the educational field as a self-directed process in the improvement of the teaching practice, since it is designed, directed, and used by

the teachers themselves to reflect on their own practice and its possible impact. That is why action research is defined as the study, research, and solution of a specific situation within the classroom. In the same way, it is important to mention that the results obtained from the research process in the classroom have great importance for the research professor since it provides tools that can be implemented to improve the teaching practice achieving an impact for the students' learning process.

This current study is based on the Action Research paradigm defined by Mills (2007. p, 20) as "any systematic research carried out by teacher researchers, principals, school counselors or other interested parties in the teaching-learning environment to gather information about how their private school operates, how they teach and how well their students learn. " This means that this research paradigm is focused on the development of a research study done for other teachers since it considers not only in the teaching process and its affectation.

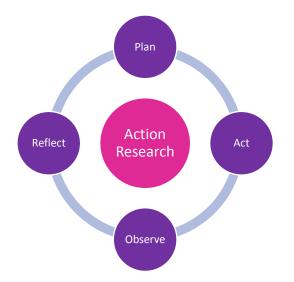


Figure 3. Action Research Stages (Ferrance. 2000. p,9).

In addition, Action Research arises from a specific problem as mentioned above. This model presents a cyclical structure that follows the following stages: planning, which refers to

identification, information, and analysis; action, which is about testing, collecting and questioning; observation, in which analysis, reports, and sharing take place: finally, the last stage is reflection, in which the evaluation, implementation, and reflection appear

(Ferrance.2000. p,9).

# **Data Collection Procedures**

To collect data, it is important to have specific instruments that provide validity and reliability during the triangulation process and subsequent analysis of the data. In addition, those elements for collecting information are designed considering the most important and pertinent elements to answer the research question of the current study. Based on that, the instruments that are proposed and used in this study to analyze the results are field notes, audio recordings, artifacts, and transcriptions.

Instruments	Description
Field Notes	Field notes are an important source of data collection because this instrument has descriptions
	and reflections on events that take place in the real context of the investigation. These notes
	have two moments; the first is an objective narration about what the researcher observes; the
	second is a subjective reflection that the researcher makes keeping in mind the observed
	evidence. According to Maxwell (2012), a definition of field notes refers to one of the most
	important ways to gather reliable information (p.94). The field notes are an important
	contribution since they allow the teacher researcher to reflect on the practices that are being
	developed during their teaching practice.
Audio	According to Kember (2000), audio or video recordings are a useful strategy for teachers'
Recordings	researchers to teach and to observe at the same time what is happening in the classroom.
	Furthermore, audio recording is a way of collecting complete, accurate, and detailed
	information about discussions in class, conversations, interactions, interviews, and
	arguments. This data collection instrument brings valid, clear, and reliable information about
	students speaking skills.
Artifacts	"Artifacts are physical evidence of writing comprehensions such as notebooks, workshops,
	handouts, etc. Its main objective is to analyze work and the process that the students will have

	had in implementing the study" (Carr & Kalmbach, 2006, p. 77). It provides individual
	student's information about feelings, reflections, points of views, and beliefs.
Transcriptions	As Kember (2000) points out, it is necessary to make a detailed analysis of the data collected
	from recordings on audio and video tapes. To analyze the transcription implies a translation
	Slembrouck (2007) or transformation of sound-image of recordings into text Duranti (2007).
	Additionally, this process is selective, and it requires a study of what is analyzed. As a
	consequence, only certain phenomena or characteristics of the recording are relevant for the
	analysis. The data and the transcription of each recording are important and provide evidence
	about what is analyzed. Lapadat et al. (1998) define transcriptions as an integral process in
	the qualitative analysis of language data, which is widely used in research studies and
	professional practices.

 Table 2. Instruments description

#### **Data Analysis Approach**

The approach chosen for this research is the grounded approach methodology. This methodology is described by Strauss (1967) as a systematic analysis procedure of categories established by the analysis of the field notes, artifacts, audio recordings, video recordings, and transcriptions that involve a continuous process of coding and comparing the data to construct a theory. To conclude, the Grounded Approach provides a clear framework to understand the phenomenon that is the central point of the investigation (Strauss, 1967). As a result, the grounded theory is an inductive process derived from the analysis in which the theory is developed based on what the researcher had previously gathered by the implementation of the current research.

The triangulation process is considered as a trustworthy method to avoid biases. Additionally, triangulation is defined as the use of multiple methods of data collection sources in qualitative research to develop a comprehensive understanding of phenomena (Patton, 1999). Triangulation also has been viewed as a qualitative research strategy to test validity through the convergence of information from different sources and theory to support inferences and analyses (Denzin, 1978).

## **Table of Categories**

In order to analyze the data collected and the implementation of Storytelling Techniques to foster Productive Skills within a Reflective Process in third-grade students, it is important to define the categories of analysis and indicators for each one of them. As a result, it makes possible to know the impact that the research has, as well as the development of the study objectives, in order to answer the research question. The following table shows the categories and their indicators:

Unit of analysis	Categories	Indicators
	Productive Skills as a language	• Students speak about their written reflections by using
	vehicle in a Reflective Process	short sentences.
		• Students produce written and spoken simple sentences
		related to the main topic of short stories.
		• Students propose solutions by writing to specific
		problems presented in short stories reading
	Storytelling as a Pedagogical	• Students use new vocabulary from the short stories
	Technique in an educational	reading in writing and oral exercises
	environment	• Students use in oral activities the pronunciation
		learned during the Storytelling time
Productive Skills	Social Literacy as a Reflective	• Students reflect orally and in writing their context
	Process within the classroom	through the study of short stories
		• Students write about how they can apply the
		reflections made about short stories

Table 3. Unit of analysis, categories, and indicators.

# **Participants**

The sample of this research was made up of 15 third grade students from the Liceo

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and who completed 90% of the activities developed and implemented in this study. This selection is made to analyze the student's process in terms of the use of Storytelling Techniques to foster students' Productive Skills within a Reflective Process. In addition, the sample was made considering the entire group of students since in the second semester of implementation the group was divided by a disposition of the school's coordination.

#### **Ethical Considerations**

Finally, to talk about the ethical considerations, Burns (2010) argued that "ethical considerations are an important part of any research enterprise. Questions relating to the conduct of research are issues inevitably confronted by teachers early in the research process" (p.71). According to that, this research study asked for parents' permission with an informed consent that allowed the development of this research, avoiding any problem during the investigation (see Annex E).

Moreover, Burns (2010) adds that "simple information and consent form can be useful in setting out clearly for learners what the participation will involve and how the results of the process will be used" (p. 74). For that reason, it is necessary to guarantee the students anonymity by changing students' names and keeping their personal information confidential. At the same time, all the video recordings were edited to hide their faces.

#### **CHAPTER IV**

#### **Pedagogical Intervention**

This chapter portrays the vision of language, the vision of learning and the classroom, as well as the instructional design of this study, in which are developed the three cycles of the implementation of Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique to foster Productive Skills within a Reflective Process. In addition, a timetable of the cycles mentioned above is presented. These cycles are connected with the theoretical framework of the study, showing consistency with the current study as a pedagogical technique to foster Productive Skills within a Reflective Process.

## Vision of language

The present research covers two visions of language that are functional and selfexpression. According to Tudor (cited in Vera, Chapetón, and Buitrago, 2018), this study follows the functional vision of the language because of the use of language with a specific communicative purpose. That assumption is about the learner's use of the language in order to transmit or communicate a message. As a result, in the pedagogical intervention of this study, this vision is reflected because all the activities follow a specific use of the language to communicate and transmit students' reflections.

The second vision covered by this research is self-expression. Tudor (cited in Vera, Chapetón and Buitrago, 2018) argues that this vision allows people to express their emotions, aspirations, ideas, points of view, and explore their interests or opinions about a specific topic. According to that, the current study uses Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique to give students a specific topic related to a short story on which they can produce their own reflections and opinions through the use of Productive Skills.

#### Vision of learning

To talk about the vision of learning it is important to mention that this research embraces two visions of learning: Experiential learning and the role of effect. Tudor (cited in Vera, Chapetón and Buitrago, 2017) states hat Experiential Learning is considered in a naturalistic way; for that reason it is related to the natural approach in which the language needs to be learned within a real use of the language, generating a real interaction with the language.

According to Tudor (cited in Vera, Chapetón, and Buitrago, 2017), the experiential learning requires a direct experience with the language. Thus, this learning implies two factors: the first one is related to "Experiential exposure to substantial amounts of input in the target language" (p, 85): this research exposes children to the English through the input of reading stories with social topics in order to give them a real context. The second factor is "communicative purpose", in which students are able to learn the target language and use it to communicate their ideas, opinions, and points of view about a real social situation.

Furthermore, the second vision of learning is the role of affect. According to Tudor (2001), this vision has three important factors in the students learning process: cognitive, psychological, and experiential (p. 67). In that sense, these factors generate an affective interaction with the students learning process, and as a result of that interaction, students are able to process an effective and mindful learning. This is reflected in the design of the activities proposed in each cycle of this research, in which the social context of the students and the topics in which they are interested are considered. Those elements allow an effective interaction with the target language learning process.

#### **Pedagogical Approach**

This section presents the Communicative Approach as the pedagogical approach in which the current intervention is based. According to Richards and Rodgers (1999), language is considered as communication. It means that a language must attempt to develop communicative competence. Hymes (1972) points out that communicative competence is what a speaker needs to know in order to be communicatively competent in a speech community. In that sense, the Communicative Approach aims to make communicate competence the goal of language teaching (Richards & Rodgers, 1999).

This pedagogical approach allowed the current research to foster student's communication through the use of the Productive Skills within a Reflective Process in which takes place student's experiences, opinions, interventions, and reflections. In that sense, this approach is based on the idea that "learning language successfully comes through having to communicate real meaning. When learners are involved in real communication, their natural strategies for language acquisition will be used, and this will allow them to learn to use the language" (Berns, 1984, p. 5).

Additionally, this approach helps students to communicate their oral and written productions, increasing their fluency and vocabulary acquisition in the target language. In addition, the Communicative Approach allows students to have more confidence when they interact in writing and oral ways with other people. This approach also leads to gains in the areas of grammar, patterns, vocabulary, and sociolinguistic discourse through communication (Pokorna, 2013). Finally, Larsen-Freeman (1986) states that the most obvious attribute of the Communicative Approach is that "almost everything that is done is done with a communicative intention" (p.58). This is how, in this approach, content is of primary importance for the Reflective Process that students are expected to develop. This communicative interaction is a result of the opportunity to communicate through written and oral expression.

#### **Instructional Design**

The pedagogical intervention of this study is designed considering the student's problem and likes in terms of the target language. Thus, the process is divided into three cycles which aimed to foster Productive Skills within a Reflective Process by Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique in an EFL classroom. Each cycle of the current study was designed in three units divided into an introduction, a development of the central theme, and a closing activity. These units were designed to allow students to produce their reflections orally or written about the short stories

The design of the activities of each cycle were done considering all the important strategies to tell a story that are part of Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique. Those strategies were the use of different voices, the alternation between soft and loud speech, the use of pauses to build up suspense, and the use of visual support: drawings, pictures, puppets, and flashcards (Ellis & Girard, 1992). Therefore, all the units have a storybook that is related to the theme of the cycle. Those short stories are the central element taken as <del>an</del> input that gives <del>to</del> the students the possibility to reflect and show those reflections through the use of Productive Skills.

Additionally, each activity has four stages connected with the research question and the objectives of the study (see Annex E). According to Kern (2003), there are some curricular components that can show the process in which students use their writing and oral skills to reflect, these components can be understood from situated practice, instruction, critical formulation and transformed practice. In this sense, the use of Storytelling deals with a situated practice in which students interact and use the target language in a real context.

The cycles of this study aimed to foster student's language production, interaction, and communication, in order to accomplish the dispositions released by the Ministerio de Educación Nacional, in terms of the communicative competence, which concerns oral and written production for third-grade students in Colombia. To develop each one of the cycles, this study is focused on the fosterage of the Productive Skills within a Reflective Process, as explained below.

**Cycle I: World Citizens.** During the first Cycle of the study application, the purpose was to make the students familiar with the Storytelling Techniques, through the use of Productive Skills to show what they thought about a social problem related to their context. In addition, in this part of the intervention design, students had their first experience with the Reflective Process in a target language and with the process of building their reflections in order to stand a point or an opinion about a problem from the story. Furthermore, the main objective of this first cycle was that students learned not only about using Productive Skills to show their Reflective Process about short stories, but also about the importance of helping others and how they could express ways of doing it through the use of the target language.

In addition, this cycle was Called *World Citizens* because students are expected to be aware that they are able to reflect by using Productive Skills to produce short sentences in written and oral form, using key vocabulary related to the short story. As a result, students identify the importance to act as World Citizens in order to help others (see Annex E: Lesson plan n°1). During the application of this cycle, data collection instruments such as recordings, field notes, and students' worksheets are implemented.

Cycle I: World Citizens. August to October 2019			
Stage Objectives Activities Indicator			Indicator
Unit 1.	To promote students'	The teacher shows a picture related to the short story,	1.1
Help if you can.	Productive Skills to	says the word, and students repeat.	1,2

			1.2
	create a solution for	The teacher reads the short story while she asks	1,3
"The lion and the	a real situation.	questions about the reading and the vocabulary	2,1
mouse" by Jerry	To use their	learned before.	3,2
Pinkney	Productive Skills to	Students answer WH questions about the story.	
	answer W questions	Students connect the previous knowledge with the	
August – September	about the short story.	short story to establish what was the moral was inside	
2019	To reflect on how	the story.	
	people can help	Students develop a worksheet in which they have to	
	others.	write their opinions and reflections.	
		Students work on their reflections, using formulaic	
		language, in which they memorize their opinions and	
		reflections.	
		Students speak and tell their reflections about the	
		short story.	
Unit 2.	To enhance student's	The teacher shows a picture related to the short story,	1.1
You must respect	Productive Skills	says the word, and students repeat.	1,2
others.	when they report	The teacher reads the story while she asks questions	2,2
	what they	about the reading.	3.1
"Be Kind" by Pat	understood.	The teacher asks yes/no questions according to the	3.2
Zietlow.	To reflect on why it	different situations shown in the short story.	
September – October	is important to be	Students read per turns some sentences of the short	
2019	kind to the people	story as a second time,	
	that are around them.	Each student says a sentence to answer the following	
	To identify How can	question: When you are kind?	
	they be kind even if	All the students use their writing skills to think and	
	they are girls?	express in a sentence how they can be kind at school.	
		Students present orally to their classmates a way to be	
		kind at school.	
Data Collection: Field notes – Audio recording - Worksheets			

 Table 4: Cycle I of the intervention.

**Cycle II: Save the Earth**. During the second cycle, students begin to take a voice to express their reflections about taking care of the earth, which is the central theme of this cycle. Through the use of Productive Skills, students express how they can help the earth by considering the story told during Storytelling time. The reflections made by the students begin

from the written production, to give way to oral language in which they have a first approach to the enunciation of their reflections through memorization, a process that allows them the first approach to oral communication.

The activities are guided by the teacher to allow students to use the Productive Skills as a process in which they are learning how to express their reflections. it means, that the speaking activity is made as a result of the written activity. As a complementary activity, students draw and write how they can apply what they read into real practices (see Annex E: Lesson plan n°2). n this way, trough the Storytelling time students learn structures and vocabulary that then they use to write and communicate orally their reflections. During the application of this cycle, data collection instruments such as recordings, field notes, and students' worksheets are implemented.

Cycle II: Save the Earth. October 2019 to February 2020			
Stage	Objectives	Activities	Indicator
Unit 3.	To use their	The teacher presents the key vocabulary of the	1,1
You can make a big	Productive Skills to	short story, emphasizing the pronunciation and the	1.2
difference.	talk about real	relation with the short story.	2.1
"The Earth Book" by	situations around	The teacher reads the story while she asks	2.2
Todd Parr.	them.	questions about the reading.	3.1
October – November	To communicate in a	Students talk about alternatives or proposals to	
2019	written and oral way,	take care of the earth according to the short story.	
	their points of view	Students learn and sing a song about taking care	
	about a problematic.	of the earth.	
	To reflect on How	Students write in a worksheet about their	
	can they do Big	proposals to take care of the earth.	
	changes to help the	Students make a mural in which they write their	
	earth?	ideas and then they present their draws and speak	
		about their reflections.	
		Students identify and express in an oral way:	
		which practices affect the Earth.	
		Students write a poster about which practices help	
		the earth.	

Unit 4.	To motivate them to	The teacher presents the key vocabulary of the	1.1
You have not to	use Productive Skills	short story, emphasizing the pronunciation and the	1.3
litter.	to promote changes	relation with the short story.	2,1
"A cloud of trash" by	in their community.	The teacher reads the story while she asks	2,2
Karanjeet Kowr.	To identify words	questions about the reading.	3.1
November 2019 –	and/or phrases	Students discuss in pairs why it is bad to litter trash.	
February 2020	related to the short	Each group tells In front of the class their	
	story topic.	reflection.	
	To make a reflection	All the class thinks about how they can teach others	
	about how they can	to use the garbage.	
	motivate an impact	Students write their reflections.	
	on others.	Students present orally what they wrote as a	
		reflection about how they can teach other to use the	
		garbage.	
Data Collection: Field notes – Audio recording- Worksheets			

Table 5: Cycle II of the intervention.

**Cycle III: Discovering Myself**. Finally, the third cycle of the current research seeks to increase students' participation by using Productive Skills to express and communicate their reflections on short stories. The activities proposed in this cycle seek to make students aware of the use of productive skills to express their opinions, their points of view, and ideas. For this reason, students are expected to participate in class activities by answering W questions, interacting in oral and written assignments, and reflecting on the importance of discovering themselves, accepting their physical and thinking differences (see Annex E: Lesson plan n°3).

For the development of this cycle, it is important to use the vocabulary and structures worked on throughout the pedagogical intervention. Such vocabulary and structures provide students with the necessary tools to produce and interact in the foreign language. During the application of this cycle, data collection instruments such as recordings, field notes, and students' worksheets are implemented.

	Cycle III: Disc	overing Myself. February to April 2020	
Stage	Objectives	Activities	Indicator
Unit 5	To develop	The teacher presents the key vocabulary to	1.1
Discovering myself.	Productive Skills by	make students familiar with the key expressions	1.2
"My inside weather"	answering questions	of the short story.	2.2
by Jen Thorpe Lara	To establish	The teacher reads the story while she asks	3.2
Berge Emma Becket.	inferences and	questions about the reading.	
February to March	connections relying	Students read some parts of the short story per	
2020	on the context and	turns.	
	the vocabulary	Students answer short questions about their	
	presented at the	feelings and how they are feeling at the	
	beginning of the	moment.	
	Storytelling time.	The teacher asks students to write in a post it	
	To reflect and	what is the weather side of them and according	
	express their ideas	to that: how are they feeling at the moment.	
	about feelings, what	Students talk about their reflections and tell why	
	they feel, and what	it is normal to feel that.	
	they need	Students paste their post it in a wall mural.	
		Students write what they need at the moment,	
		according to the weather inside of them.	
		Students paste their reflection on the wall mural.	
		Students express what they need when they are	
		feeling a specific emotion	
		The teacher ends the session making a reflection	
		about the feelings and how we can face those	
		emotions and solve our needs.	
Unit 6	To use their	The teacher presents the key vocabulary to	1,1
Claim your	Productive Skills to	make students familiar with the key expressions	1.3
differences.	talk about	of the short story.	2.2
"Same Differences" by	themselves.	The teacher reads the story while she asks	3.2
Calida Rawles.	To use productive	questions about the reading.	3.3
March to April 2020	skills to	Each student has a mask and a mirror. First,	
	communicate their	they wear the mask and the practitioner asks if	
	opinions.	they are different or just the same. Second, the	
	To reflect in a critical	practitioner asks the students to take off the	
	way about their role	mask and look at themselves in the mirror. The	
	as girls.	practitioner asks: Are you different?	

To build a critical	Each student thinks about three things that make	
point of view about	them different from other girls and they write it	
what can they do and	in their masks.	
their value as	Students share what they wrote and how they	
women.	feel about it (Happy, shy, sad, uncomfortable,	
	etc.)	
	Finally, all the class does a reflection to talk	
	about how even if we are different, we have the	
	same rights, possibilities to do big changes,	
	opportunities to change the world, and help	
	someone else that looks different from us.	
Data Collection: Field notes – Audio recording – Worksheets – Class video		

Table 6: Cycle III of the pedagogical Intervention

# Lesson Plan Model

The following table presents the model Lesson Plan used for each of the sessions of the pedagogical intervention. Each one of them has a first moment, called warm-up, followed by the pre-reading moment, in which the vocabulary and short story are introduced; later, the Storytime takes place, in which the time to tell the story is given through the use of Storytelling Techniques; Finally, a post-reading moment is developed, in which the activities are focused on the use of Productive Skills to make students produce and communicate their reflections on the short story read previously.

Teacher's name: Daniela Herrera Rubiano.		Date: Agosto 20 – 27/ 2019.
Grade: Third Grade.		Lesson Length: 1 hour/8:15 – 9:15
Topic: Animals, Adjectives – Verbs.		Constructions: I can
		Helping, offering to, respecting
Prescribed Learning	SW name and describe differer	nt ways to help.
Outcomes:	W learn the correct pronunciati	on of the new vocabulary.
	SW get familiar with helping v	ocabulary and with speaking and writing skills.
	SWBAT recognize some speci	fic ways to help in a community.
	SWBAT reflect on the moral o	f the fable creating short sentences.
	SWBAT Reflect and transfer the	ne moral into the real world

	SWBAT represent the w	whole idea of the fable in a phrase
Stages and Estimated	Specific objectives	Description/Procedures.
time		
Warm-up	• SW follow	T paste some animals tracks that have specific colors and Ss
10 min	commands	have to <i>follow</i> some commands to arrive at the animal track.
	• SWBA to	Ss have to listen to the command and follow it to arrive to the
	Identify colors	specific color (animal track).
Development of the	• SW has a new	Delivery of the masks.
class	role related to be	Ss receive a mask related to a lion and a mouse. Half of the
Post-reading	a lion or a	course is going to receive a lion mask and the other one a
Storytime	mouse	mouse mask. Then all together are going to Identify the main
Post-reading		characters of the fable.
45 min	• SW describe the	It is
	physical	The lion is/The mouse is
	characteristics	Ss are going to be divided into two groups: the lion's group and
	and behavior of	the mouse's group. Those who are in the lion's group are going
	the lion and the	to describe the lion and those who are in the mouse's group are
	mouse.	going to describe the mouse.
	• SW listen to the	The practitioner is going to read the fable, showing the Ss the
	fable and	storybook, and telling them the story taking advantage of the
	identify animals	intonation and sounds to highlight the new vocabulary.
	and the principal	Let's play the fable!
	idea of the fable	Ss listen and watch the fable because each one has their own
	"The lion and	copy of it. Ss are going to discover and practice new vocabulary
	the mouse".	that was inside the fable using flashcards with images and
	• SW recognize,	sentences with that vocabulary.
	understand, and	Ss practice pronunciation through the new vocabulary
	comprehend the	They are going to have a magic box with some adjectives and
	main idea of the	images. Ss will decide which ones are according to their animal.
	fable.	
	• SW learn and	
	clarify new	
	vocabulary	

throu	igh the	
fable	-	
	complete	
the h	andout	Listening comprehension - Let's do the handout
abou	t the short	Ss will develop the handout considering the previous reading
story	7	and vocabulary presentation.
• SW a	answer	Ss will answer some questions about the fable.
ques	tions about	What did the lion/mouse do?
elem	ents that	Was the lion in a hurry?
were	in the fable	What do you see?
		What is the lion/mouse's color? I can see a
• SW1	listen and	How is the lion/mouse big/small (adjective)?
read	again the	Storytelling the fable together.
fable		Ss read and listen to other students - teacher reading the fable.
• SW a	answer	Ss answer questions related to the fable.
ques	tions about	Do you like it? Why?
the n	nain idea of	What is your opinion?
the f	able.	Was the lion kind or rude to the mouse?
		Was the mouse kind with the lion?
• SW1	reflect on	How was the mouse?
the n	noral of the	Are we all important?
fable	. SW makes	Should we respect others?
a dra	w showing	Each S is going to write what they think is the most important
their	reflection.	message they could learn through the fable (How can I help
		others at school?).
		S present their own reflections orally; they memorize their
		sentences and then they communicated them in front of their
		classmates

Table 7 : Lesson Plan Model.

#### **CHAPTER V**

#### **Data Analysis**

In this chapter, the findings and analysis of the data collected during the pedagogical intervention are presented. Those findings include the achievements and limitations of the study. In addition, data analysis procedures are included, related to the approach and perspective applied to the current study. Likewise, the categories of analysis and their respective indicators are presented, on which the results obtained in this study are based. Finally, the elements shown throughout this chapter are evidence of the reliability, validity, and triangulation process of the study.

#### **Data Management**

The pedagogical intervention of the current research was focused on teaching Productive Skills of the EFL as a means of expression and development for reflective and critical students, through the implementation of Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique. Consequently, the categories of analysis emerged during the pedagogical intervention in the classroom as a result of the application of various activities that sought to develop processes of reflection through the use of the Productive Skills of language: writing and speaking.

Moreover, it is necessary to mention that there were some limitations that affected the development of the pedagogical purpose. The first limitation was the hourly intensity that the school assigns for the English subject, being this one-hour (60 minutes) weekly for primary. The fact that affected the development of the classes, since the time was limited, and it stopped with continuity processes. In addition, the period of intervention in the classroom was affected by the Colombian context and its problems, since during the last semester of the year 2019, a strike in the teaching sector took place, which generated that students did not have the class for two

weeks in a row. As a consequence of this limitation, the activities had to be reconsidered, modified, and postponed.

Besides, the second limitation that took place during the practice period is the current state of health emergency that the country is going through as a consequence of the COVID - 19 pandemic. This health problem led the country to enter in a mandatory quarantine, in order to decrease the contagion rate. All the above affected the development of the last cycle of the investigation, which could not be applied since the schools were closed in order to protect the educational community. As a result, the scope of the current research was less than initially expected in terms of the number of activities, these were reduced and only those corresponding to cycles 1 and 2 could be applied. As a consequence, the analysis indicators were reduced in two of the categories, considering the applied activities. The progress made during the application of cycles one and two of this research is analyzed and evidenced.

Further, students advanced since before the practice students did not produce any type of interaction or communication through the use of English, they only repeated some sets of words. Additionally, an important advance was made in the confidence and empowerment of the students to reproduce their reflections, in which they understood that the most important is not to say them structurally perfect, but to understand the process, improve the production in the foreign language and above all, give a voice to your thoughts and opinions.

#### **Data Analysis**

The triangulation process is considered a reliable method to avoid bias and is the one carried out during the present analysis. Triangulation is defined as the use of multiple methods or sources of data collection in qualitative research. This in order to develop an analysis and understanding of the phenomena that occurred during the implementation of the investigation

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(Patton, 1999). Finally, triangulation has been seen as a qualitative research strategy to test validity through the convergence of information from different sources and theory to support analysis (Denzin, 1978).

#### Category 1: Productive Skills as a language vehicle in a Reflective Process

Productive Skills are defined as the transmission and expression of information, thoughts, and reflections in oral or written form. (Golkova and Hubackova, 2014, p.2). These skills allow students to produce and communicate ideas, opinions, reflections, and a desire to do something, both textually and orally, using the verbal and written system, to transmit language (McDonough and Shaw 2003, p.133-134.) In this sense, productive language skills become a vehicle that allows students to communicate and externalize what they have built as a result of the learning process, of their life experiences, world configurations, and contexts. As a result, Productive Skills arose in response to the application of Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique. The research focuses on the use of these skills, in order to achieve communication and expression of the Reflective Processes of the students in EFL.

#### Indicator 1.1. Students speak about their written reflections by using short sentences.

The purpose of this indicator is to demonstrate how through the use of Productive Skills in response to the application of Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique, students began to produce and communicate their reflections in the form of short sentences. This activity that was carried out during the pedagogical intervention had the objective of promoting the use of Productive Skills, in which the students wrote their reflections on the themes exposed in the short stories, to then express them orally in the foreign language (see Annex G).

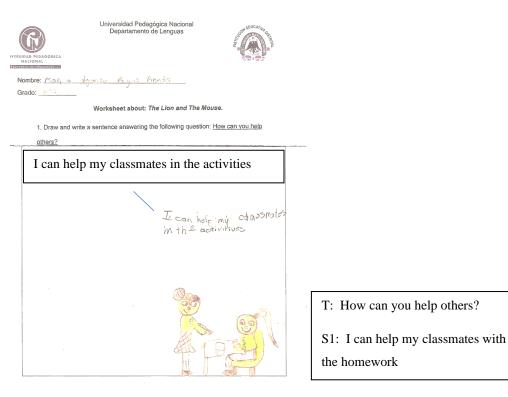


Figure 4: Worksheet: The Lion and The Mouse.

How can you help? August 29th.

- 41. In the next activity, the teacher gave
- 42. each student a worksheet, in which
- 43. students had to write their sentences
- 44. in English (...)
- 58. (...) Finally, Ss and teacher practiced
- 59. pronunciation and the teacher told
- 60. them that one part of the homework
- 61. was to learn the sentence because
- 62. the next class they had to present
- 63. their sentences to their partners.

*Transcription 1. The Lion and The Mouse How can you help? September 1<sup>st.</sup>* 

Field Note 1: August 29th, 2019. Annex L.

As an example of this, in the previous activity, Productive Skills were developed within a Reflective Process. The students wrote their reflections on the short story called The Lion and the Mouse (see Annex F) on a worksheet. Those reflections arose in response to the question

How can you help others? Following this, the students answered the same question orally, relying on the short sentences they had previously written. This activity was significant for the students since it allowed them to write and talk about their reflections, which they did after reading stories. These reflections sought to give students a voice on the topic covered during the Storytelling exercise.

As presented above, writing is often used within foreign language teaching to develop other skills such as language practice, acting, or speaking. Furthermore, writing is known as a productive skill that allows students to write about what they want to refer to orally (Harmer, 2004. p, 33). As a result, the indicator shows that the students not only produced short sentences, expressed their reflections in writing, but also used orality to communicate these reflections, in which they condensed the central theme of the story (even a small mouse, can help a great lion) and his opinions on how he could help others, regardless of whether they were children.

Also, when analyzing this indicator, it was found that thanks to the activity, the students managed to express orally what they had written, this allowed them to use writing as the main source of orality, as support and as the initial springboard to interact in a spoken way within the communication processes in the classroom. Discovering that both writing, and orality were the vehicle that allowed them to express what they proposed as a reflection in response to the question: how can you help others? Through the use of Productive Skills, students were aware that their reflections on the short story deserved to be communicated, that they could use those skills to express their voices and opinions on how they could help others. According to Freire and Macedo (1987), students constantly reflect on what they read and analyze that content compared to their existing experiential knowledge bases.

As Ellis and Brewster (2014) point out that the formulaic language consists of routines, written patterns, written sentences, and written expressions that children memorize, and that enables them to communicate with a minimum of language competence. From the pedagogical implementation, students began to use Productive Skills together, understanding that one could support the production process of the other. Additionally, they found that the ability to speak is a process that can start from the use of formulaic language, in which the use of memory allowed them to communicate and express orally the reflections that they had written in short sentences.

In conclusion, the results gathered for this indicator showed that, by implementing these activities, students not only began to use Productive Skills to communicate their reflections but also they started to communicate their reflections regarding a problem and by the use of the foreign language.

*Indicator 1.2:* Students produce written and spoken sentences related to the main topic of short stories.

This indicator aimed to show how students used Productive Skills to express sentences related to the short story's topic, told by the teacher during the Storytelling time. To accomplish this, students made sentences in written and oral form. The activities that respond to this indicator seek to promote the use of the Productive Skills of the language by abstracting the main topic of the stories to produce sentences related to it (see Annex I). During this process, students expressed their own constructions on the short story problem orally and in writing, based on their central theme.

Moreover, the examples presented below correspond to the activities carried out during the intervention, these were about the short story called The Earth Book (See Annex H). These activities were implemented as an exercise after reading the stories, in which the oral and written expression process was mediated by two questions: Do you help to take care of the Earth? and How can you make the Earth a better place? These questions sought to promote in the students an analysis on the central theme of the short story, which corresponded to: Take care of the Earth to make it a better place. These activities consisted of worksheets, in which students answered a specific question by writing. Likewise, they answered orally a short question asked by the teacher.

T: Do you help to take care of the earth? S: Yes, Recycling the trash

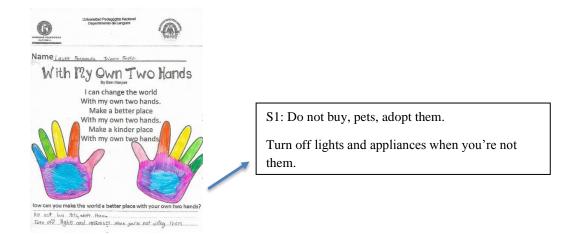
**Transcription 2.** October 29<sup>th</sup> The Earth Book. T: Do you help to take care of the earth? S: Yes, I turn off the lights.

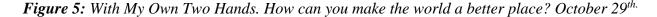
**Transcription 3**. October 29<sup>th</sup> Story Story The Earth Book.

Firstly, it is important to note that Productive Skills are the practical application of receptive skills, which allow students to put into practice the knowledge received as contributions to the implementation of listening and reading skills (Bashrin, 2013, p. 10). Evidence revealed that students were able to produce sentences related to the central theme of the short story thanks to the previous reading of the same one. This previous approach helped students accomplished the use of the vocabulary and patterns needed to enunciate the sentences in response to the posed question. Additionally, the written and oral excerpts were communicated by the students as a result of their understanding and internalization of the short story.

Furthermore, knowledge such as listening and reading represents not only an entry, but also a springboard for the active implementation of grammatical structures, passive vocabulary lists and sounds that are heard and repeated from a foreign language in order to communicate (Riggenbach & Lazaraton, 1991, p.129). As the evidence shows, students produced short sentences orally, and in writing, using the vocabulary that appeared in the short story, they appropriated it and made their own constructions related to the questions in light of the short stories.

What is more, this shows how students managed to take elements presented as inputs by reading the short story, to express their answers. These patterns and vocabulary allowed them to appropriate the central theme of the story, the expressions that reflected it, and the examples shown in the story. Later, the students included those elements mentioned above in their oral and written constructions, to answer the questions inside the activities.





To conclude, Hossain (2015) affirms that these skills allow the student to produce language, with a communicative purpose, establishing a dialogue between language and its use through interaction with other cultures, points of view, opinions, and reflections. These activities allowed students to use Productive Skills and produce language orally and in writing, with the purpose to answer questions about the topic worked on in the story. In addition, they managed to establish a dialogue between the topic worked on in the story and different ways to apply this theme to their real and daily practices. As a result, students not only wrote and enunciated orally sentences that were connected with the topic: Take care of the Earth to make it a better place, but also they construct sentences related to real applications of that topic: Turn off lights (See Figure 4. With my own two hands).

*Indicator 1.3:* Students propose solutions by writing to specific problems presented in short stories reading.

The last indicator in this category aimed to show the use of the productive skill to write solutions to the problems of the stories. These solutions had the purpose of showing the real proposals of the students about practices that could contribute or improve the problem raised in the short story. In addition, following the study objective of the use of Productive Skills within a Reflective Process, the activity proposed, sought that students represent by writing their reflections on how they could help or solve the exposed problem.

Taking into account the above, the activity implemented during the intervention, had the objective of making students write sentences giving a solution to the problem exposed in the short story called The Earth Book (see Annex H) this problem was: The importance to take care of the Earth. Furthermore, the activity was proposed as a post-reading one, in which students had to complete the premise: Our great ideas to take care of the Earth, with their own ideas and solutions. This activity was related to the problem within the story because students reflected on this, and then proposed a written solution. Finally, this activity was developed in a group poster, in which each student individually wrote their solution.

Ox	Great Ideas to	
-	take cave of the Earth suffer the part the part th	/
FILL	The factor of the formation of the factor of	
TO A	and rise MY bickebscause will	

S1: I turn off the faucets while I brush my teeth.

S2: I ride my bike because I want the oceans to stay blue.

S3: I turn off the lights

S4: I recycle glass, aluminum, paper, and plastic because I want us to be happy and healthy

Figure 6: Our great ideas to take care of the Earth. November 5<sup>th</sup>

In addition, they wrote the solutions, taking into account the different ways to take care of the Earth that had been presented during the reading of the short story, thus, showing that they achieved an appropriation of the central idea of the story, of what the possible solutions presented in the story meant, as well as the importance of the practices that each one of them wrote, in order to respond and provide a solution to the problem worked: Take care of the Earth. This allowed students to have the necessary input to pass their solutions to written words, achieving progress in their process of writing in the foreign language and improving their written representations, thanks to the grammatical patterns learned as a result of reading story.

According to Salima and Zahira (2015) and Grossmann (2009), writing allows students to represent their opinions, ideas, reflections, and notions in clear and well-organized words, in order to communicate a message. Through the implementation of this activity, students represented, through short sentences and in written form, their reflections on what solutions they proposed to help to take care of the Earth.

Besides, during the activities exemplified above, students were able to clearly understand the main idea of the short story, as well as its problems, which they connected with their daily practices by writing the solutions. As a result, students used writing, productive skill, with the aim to communicate what they considered relevant and necessary to take care of the Earth, through the written word and the use of the signs of the foreign language. As a consequence, students began to use written language to communicate and voice their opinions. Brown (1995. p, 340) points out that writing is a process in which students develop their own ideas, offer their own critical analysis, and find their own voice to compose and express themselves.

In conclusion, students managed to produce written solutions in short sentences, related to the problem worked during the time of the Storytelling. As a result of the implemented activity, it was possible to point out how students connected what they had understood of the short story, with their written productions. This process allowed students not only to practice the writing process, but also to find that their reflections and opinions could be expressed by the words, in order to promote changes in social practices. Likewise, the activities presented throughout the analysis of this category and its indicators allowed showing how students used Productive Skills throughout the intervention, as a vehicle for the expression and communication of their constructions within a constant Reflective Process.

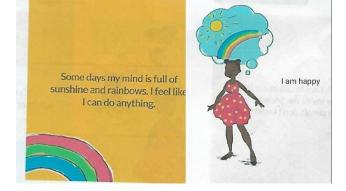
#### **Category 2: Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique in an educational environment**

The main objective of this category is to show how Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique allows students to develop and acquire some elements of the foreign language within an educational environment. Therefore, by implementing this pedagogical technique, students improve their acquisition and expansion of vocabulary, as well as their pronunciation of the target language within a learning process. According to Cruz (2001), this pedagogical technique in an educational environment allows students to develop listening skills, which improve verbal expression and increase comprehension, in order to improve language skills. In addition, it encourages oral and writing processes, by acquiring new vocabulary. Finally, it allows practicing and improving the pronunciation of the foreign language

*Indicator 2.1:* Students use new vocabulary from the short stories reading in writing and oral exercises.

This indicator intended to evaluate how students use the new vocabulary from the short stories they read in writing and oral exercises. Likewise, this indicator seeks to demonstrate learning, acquisition, and use through Productive Skills of the vocabulary learned through short stories, evidencing an expansion of the vocabulary they had about the foreign language. To achieve this, two instruments are considered: a worksheet, which shows the written productions and a video that shows the oral productions made by the students, in which they used the vocabulary learned from the reading stories. These stories, which allowed the presentation of the vocabulary and which became an input for carrying out the exercises are: My Inside Weather (see Figure 6) and Be Kind (see Figure 8).

- T: Tell me, how are you?
- S2: I am happy
- T: And, What is the name of the <u>emotion</u>?
- S2: Happiness
- T: How is the <u>weather</u> inside of you?
- S2: Sunshine



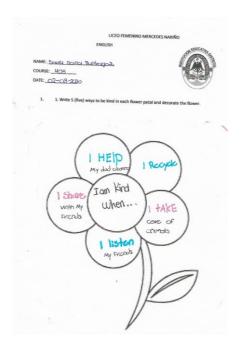
# **Transcription 4.** March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Story:

Figure 7: Story Book: My Inside Weather.

My inside weather. How are you?

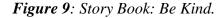
In addition, the vocabulary that students learned and used to communicate orally and in writing represented keywords that were related to the theme of each story. This is how in the oral

activity (see Transcription 4), students used words that appeared in the short story (see Figure 6) and represented a direct relationship with the story to answer questions that the teacher asked them regarding the topic of the story: My emotions. Students learned, appropriated, and were able to use the key vocabulary to write and speak.





*Figure 8:* October 22<sup>nd</sup>.Worksheet about The story: Be Kind. I can be Kind when



The evidence presented above shows the results obtained in the student's production, regarding the use of the vocabulary learned from the stories, in oral and written exercises. Uchiyama (2011) in his research points out that Storytelling contributes to increasing the range of vocabulary since students can acquire new vocabulary by listening to stories. Following this, during the intervention, the short stories were sources of presentation of the vocabulary to the students, who managed to develop the written and oral exercises using the vocabulary they had learned while reading the short stories. The evidence presented above shows the results obtained

in the student's production, regarding the use of the vocabulary learned from the stories, in oral and written exercises. Uchiyama (2011)

Through stories, students put vocabulary in context and have the possibility to connect words with units of meaning that allow them to establish synonyms and relationships between them. This process makes it possible to enrich production processes through the use of language. (Richards, 1976. p, 88). This indicator and its effectiveness are demonstrated by the development of the worksheet (see Figure 7) by the students, in which they wrote short sentences in each petal, to respond to the premise I can be kind when.

Moreover, these sentences evidenced how the students managed to make meaningful connections between the vocabulary used inside the short story (see Figure 8), in order to write their sentences. Likewise, the vocabulary used by the students was directly related to the central theme of the short story: Be Kind. Consequently, students managed to connect the central theme of the story, establish connections between vocabulary and possible ways of Being Kind. Finally, they produced these sentences in written form that evidenced the knowledge in the form of keywords that they learned and extracted from the short stories.

In conclusion, it is evident that through reading the short stories, students expanded their vocabulary, considering that at the beginning of the study they were not able to make short sentences orally and in writing form, and their vocabulary was limited to animals, colors, fruits, and body parts (see Annex A and D). The short stories allowed students to take ownership of the vocabulary and to produce their written and oral sentences related to the specific topic worked on in each activity.

# *Indicator 2.2: Students use in oral activities the pronunciation learned during the Storytelling time.*

This indicator was established to demonstrate how through the use of Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique, students improved their pronunciation of the foreign language. Thanks to the exposure to auditory inputs, through reading the stories. Students began to improve their pronunciation, in terms of oral fluency and student's accuracy.

Moreover, the achievement of this goal was reflected in students' oral productions, corresponding in turn to two activities: the out-loud reading of the short story: My inside Weather and a short-answered question related to the story: The Earth Book. According to Ellis and Brewster (2014), the strengthening of speech skills in children, such as pronunciation, is a process that can be carried out significantly, taking into account that children are good imitators as long as they have a good language model presentation (p, 37). This process of promoting pronunciation sought to provide students with the linguistic and sound elements through orality in the foreign language, as a result of the reading.

T: Do you love the Earth?

S1: Yes, because I live here.

T: How Can you help to take care of the Earth

S2: Recycling the trash

Transcription 5: October 1<sup>st</sup>. Transcription 6: August 27<sup>th</sup>. Story The Lion and The Mouse. T: Who wants to help me to read?

S1: And sometimes it feels like it is raining inside me. It can be a drizzle making me feel sad, or a storm making me feel angry.

T: Very Good!

Story "\Be Kind.

First, Ellis and Brewster (2014), point out that the teaching of pronunciation should not focus on the production of isolated sounds, but should aim at their execution within sentences. Related to that, the activities taken in this indicator, allowed students to learn the pronunciation of words by exposing sentences that were presented in the reading of the short story. This allowed them to pronounce their own sentences that answered the short questions that the teacher asked them (see Transcription 5), in a fluid and precise way. In terms of the naturalness and precision with which they pronounced most of the words that were part of their answers, there was a markable improvement from students' pronunciation in oral production. Likewise, students stated their answers using the increasing or decreasing intonation, corresponding to the words they spoke and the intention inside their oral responses.

Additionally, Housen and Kuiken (2009) affirm that the fluency and precision of the proclamation within speech are not independent of each other, but complement each other in a contextualized way (the repetition of key-words in a listening passage) or meaningful (choosing the correct word in a sentence or passage reading aloud). As a result, the activities show that the reading of the short stories promoted students listening skill since in their oral responses, the pronunciation was natural, fluent and contained the phonological reproduction of the keywords that appeared within the stories that were read by the teacher. These sentences pronounced correctly by the students made up of words and expressions that the teacher emphasized in their pronunciation, during the reading. As well, students transfer the pronunciation of the short story keywords and expressions into their own pronunciation process.

Besides, the reading aloud process allowed students to improve their reading. This was evidenced in the reading aloud of the fragment of the short story My inside Weather, in which students achieved recognition of words pronunciation while reading the short story. Additionally, they were able to read fluently, correctly pronouncing the words and sentences in the foreign language, emphasizing the intonation of the sentences according to the intention of the fragment of the short story that they were reading.

In conclusion, this category and its indicators showed how through the application of the pedagogical technique of Storytelling, students improved their oral and written production.

Likewise, they applied their vocabulary range and the pronunciation of words and sentences adequately and fluently. The above within an educational environment that enriched their EFL learning process.

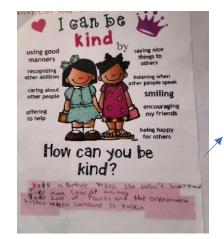
#### **Category 3: Social Literacy as a Reflective Process within the classroom**

Social Literacy allowed a connection between reading and productive language skills within the social structures in which they were embedded (Barton and Hamilton, 1998. p, 7). Even when Literacy is traditionally understood as the relationship between reading and writing, there are those who believe that speaking skills are part of this relationship, as an important source of construction between what is configured as a Literacy process between the individual and the written language, allowing them to effectively communicate what they think, reflect and think (National Literacy Trust, 2012). To carry out this process during the pedagogical intervention, it was important how students used the Productive Skills to reflect orally and in writing form on short stories topic and problem after the Storytelling time in the classroom.

*Indicator 3.1:* Students express in writing and orally how they can apply the reflections made about short stories.

This indicator seeks to show how students began to produce and communicate their reflections in the written and oral form within a Social Literacy practice. To achieve this, the activity had the objective of promoting the Reflective Process of the students on the main problem that was shown during the reading of the short story: Be Kind. This Reflective Process carried out by the students was guided by a question: How can you be kind? This with the aim to leads students to give possible applications of their reflections on a short story, by using the Productive Skills of the foreign language. As well, students wrote on a worksheet their reflections on the problems exposed in the short story, then, using oral skills, students established

a verbal interaction, in which they told to their classmates their own reflections with possible application in their social contexts (See Annex J).



*Figure 10*: Worksheet about the story *1<sup>st.</sup>* Be Kind I can be Kind/I can help.

Help a partner when she doesn't understand.

- Take more care of animals.
- Take care of plants and the environment.
- Listen to when someone is talking
- T: How can you be kind?
- S1: Sharing food with people.
- T: How can you be kind?

S2: Helping a classmate who is ill.

# *Transcription 7.* October Story Be Kind.

Students expressed in writing and orally how they could apply the reflections they had made about the short stories in their contexts. In addition, students exposed the punctual way in which they might apply these reflections on how to be kind to others and nature. This allowed them to take a critical position on the problem exposed in the Be Kind story, in order to propose a change from the application of their own reflections. The prayers made by the students showed an advancement and improvement of the Productive Skills

Waxler and Hall (2011) argue that Literacy skills have had a real and decisive impact on society over time. This is evidenced in the reflections made by the students about the short story. In these reflections, students were able to express, through the use of Productive Skills, their proposals on how they could be kind. In addition, they wrote and enunciated through speech and writing, short sentences in a clear way, in which the analysis of the problem they carried out in order to solve the problem of the short story was evident. Thus, students were able to reflect and

communicate these reflections through sentences that dealt with practices that they considered as ways of being kind in everyday life.

To conclude, according to Barton and Hamilton (1998), Social Literacy is considered a social practice, which allows a connection between reading and productive language skills within the social structures in which students are embedded. This indicator and the instruments presented to show how the students answered the questions orally and in writing, considering the idea of the short story. However, the students had grammatical errors in the written sentences, since the story did not present an exact pattern related to the question they had to answer, which required a more conscious and autonomous writing process, in which the students abstracted the notion of being kind, to then represent it through practical reflections related to different contexts of society (nature, school, family and friends).

## Indicator 3.2: Students reflect in writing their context through the study of short stories.

The objective of this indicator was to show how students reflect on their context in writing through the study of short stories. The objective of the activity presented was for the students to establish a connection between short stories, their themes, and social practices within their own context. According to Barton and Hamilton (1998), the process of recognizing students' own realities allows them to reflect on the practices that take place in their environments. The short stories read to the students and which served as input for the students' written reflections were: Be Kind and My Inside Weather. These two short stories showed two daily problems for the students, which were: Being kind to others and my emotions. These activities were developed thanks to the implementation of worksheets and short reflections written in a reflective post-it (See Annex K).



**Figure 11: Reflective Post it about the story:** story My inside Weather To be-I need. March 6<sup>th.</sup>

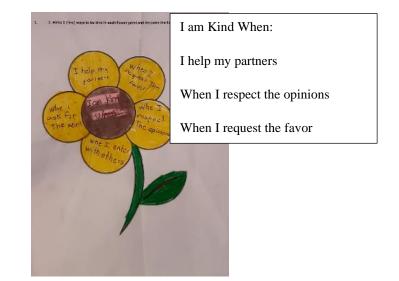


Figure 12: Figure 9: Worksheet about the Be Kind I can be Kind/I can help

According to Freire and Macedo (1987), The Reflective Process carried out within Social Literacy allows students to communicate and analyze their contexts from a critical perspective. Likewise, it allows reflection on their social practices, visions, and opinions with the aim of being free. Students recognized sentences in which they talked about how they could be kind in their own context. In addition, they wrote the short sentences after contrasting the practices that they could put into practice, with what the short story presented about being kind (See Figure 11). Through the use of writing, students communicated and put into words their reflections, which were framed as social practices that could transform their relationships with others within the contexts in which they lived. It is important to highlight how students passed their reflections from the oral and subjective plane to sentences with direct and objective practices, through writing.

The second activity previously presented (See Figure 10), showed how the students took the central theme of the story: my emotions, to carry out a Reflective Process about themselves, their needs, and how they could meet those needs. As a result, they wrote a short sentence expressing their reflections on what they needed to feel in a specific way. These sentences showed how the students managed to connect the emotions presented during the reading of the short story, with specific social practices that could influence how they felt or wanted to feel.

Therefore, through reflection, they managed to internalize the problem presented, establish an opinion and a point of view that they represented through the written word: "I have a hug to be happy" and "I am kind when I help my partners". This process of writing allowed them to assume a reflective stance in front of what they felt, in order to communicate it, to give it the power to be expressed, to be visible through the use of the signs of the foreign language. Social Literacy allows the composition and production of reflections on social practices, which constitutes a dynamic and open process for the construction of a broad meaning, ranging from concepts to opinions and worldviews (Bernárdez, 1995. p, 78).

To conclude, the data analysis developed during this chapter showed how through the use of Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique, students fostered and developed their Productive Skills within a Reflective Process. In addition, the pieces of evidence and instruments that support the results and advances obtained by the students in relation to the categories and indicators of analysis were presented (see table 3).

### **CHAPTER VI**

# **Summary of the Results**

This research aimed to determine how third-grade students of the Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño foster their Productive Skills within a Reflective Process using Storytelling Techniques in an EFL classroom. During the observation process and before the pedagogical implementation it was observed that pupils had difficulties in terms of using English as a Foreign Language, more specifically with the use of Productive Skills to communicate through sentences and short interactions. Likewise, they showed problems with the use of English as a foreign language to express their own ideas, reflections, and thoughts. As a consequence, students only repeated words and sentences that made it seem like a routine in the class.

Taking into account the aforementioned problems and after the process of pedagogical intervention in the classroom, students showed a notable improvement when Storytelling is implemented as a Pedagogical Technique to improve the Productive Skills of Students within a Reflective Process, in which pupils reflected on the short stories, their central themes, possible solutions to the problems, and finally, they reflected on their own contexts, taking into account these central themes.

Further, Storytelling as a Pedagogical Technique, encouraged and strengthened students during the process of developing their Productive Skills, in order to defend their point of view, to have a voice to express and communicate their own ideas, opinions, and reflections. That process showed them that their opinions and reflections were important and that even as children, they could have an opinion that deserves to be told, a voice that deserves to be heard regardless of language. As a result of the current research, students began to use Productive Skills to build short sentences and begin to participate in communicative situations, using the vocabulary and structures learned through short stories during Storytelling time. All of the above was done using EFL. Likewise, the work of activities that sought the development of Productive Skills, allowed students to begin to be aware of the use of writing and speech as skills that can help enhance each other and that said relationship allows them to communicate, express and above all take a voice to tell what they think, believe, think, and reflect on everyday issues, which are part of their contexts, which were presented and worked through the use of Storytelling.

As evidenced, students' oral production had an improvement in terms of fluency, pronunciation, and the interaction given between the teacher and the students, when they answered questions using the foreign language. Additionally, short stories as a means of presenting the language, allowed students to have significant learning processes, enhanced social Literacy, through which students carried out Reflective Processes within Literacy events (Activities). By producing thoughtful short sentences, students created a medium that allowed them to communicate using speaking and writing skills.

Taking up the writing skill, the students began to produce short sentences, following patterns taken from the short stories, they began to incorporate the new words into their productions. Furthermore, students achieved the necessary structures to be able to produce in writing the reflections on social problems, presented in the stories. Writing was a process presented as such, in which students produced their sentences after planning, writing, and correcting them. This process allows them to recognize their mistakes and understand that writing is a process that requires several attempts to obtain the final version of what you want to communicate through it. Moreover, regarding oral skills and their development during the pedagogical intervention, the students improved considerably, in terms of confidence to use the target language to communicate their opinions, ideas, strengths, and reflections. Additionally, students began to produce communicative interactions by understanding that they could strengthen this skill through the use of writing, thanks to repetition and memorization as part of their initial process. Finally, the students discovered that by using oral skills they could express their reflections.

In addition, the activities applied during the intervention had a great impact on the development of Productive Skills within a Reflective Process. These skills were developed as a mediation between the language and the Reflective Processes carried out by the Students, allowing them to express it in oral and in writing form. As a result, students made the worksheets and then talked about those reflections to communicate it to their classmates, using the knowledge learned during short stories, making it evident in their productions. All these processes through which students used the Productive Skills, allowed them to approach these reflections on the themes of short stories, to their own contexts, proposing solutions that positively affect their behaviors and social practices.

### **CHAPTER VII**

# Conclusions

This chapter develops and highlights the conclusions of the current study, which arise as a result of the analysis of data collected during the pedagogical intervention. Additionally, these conclusions are presented in light of the research objectives proposed at the beginning of the study.

Considering the general objective of this research: to determine the effects of implementing Storytelling Techniques, within a Refelctive Process, on the development of the Productive Skills of a group of third EFL graders at Liceo Femenino Mercedes nariño School.

, it is possible to conclude that students developed their Productive Skills within a Reflective Process, thanks to the implementation of Storytelling Techniques and the subsequent development of guided activities that led them to express through writing and orally the reflections they made on these stories.

In that sense, students found that through Productive Skills they could communicate and express what they reflected on. This changed their perception of the language, their learning process, and the use of the language as a vehicle of communication. This perception that they acquired about English allowed them to communicate and to use Productive Skills as a means to give voice to what they had to say.

Regarding the analysis of the development of the Productive Skills of the student within a Reflective Process, it was possible to determine that students initially wrote sentences copying what they saw in the short stories and stated it orally by memorizing the written sentences they had made. previously. However, as the process progressed, they built their own oral and written sentences to express their reflections. In addition, the oral interactions they carried out increased their naturalness, in which the students answered questions about their reflections without having subsequently carried out memorization exercises.

Moreover, it was possible to conclude that exposure to the reading of short stories through the implementation of Storytelling Techniques, allowed students to enrich their vocabulary, acquire structures and patterns of the language, improve their pronunciation and understanding of English. This allowed them to include the knowledge acquired in their written sentences and oral interventions, thus, showing an improvement in their productions and their understanding of the stories, their central topic, their problems, and possible solutions.

Besides, the development of the student's Reflective Process using Storytelling Techniques, to promote interaction, it was possible to conclude that the use of Storytelling Techniques allowed students to reflect on social problems they saw in their contexts, and which were presented in the short stories reading. This is how these problems became the input for their reflections, which they not only carried out to complete a post-reading task, but also became the excuse to promote interaction within the classroom, where they socialized their reflections and they could discover that his voice had a place within the classroom and that that voice was a valuable part of the process of learning the foreign language.

Further, students interacted using the Productive Skills of the language, in order to communicate and express their constructions. In addition, the development of reflective thinking through the use of Storytelling Techniques, allowed students to make connections between language and social practices that recognized in short stories, which enriched their interaction process, turning reflections into possible solutions. that could be applied to their own contexts.

Additionally, the use of activities through the application of Storytelling Techniques contributed to the development of Productive Skills within a Reflective Process. The implementation of Storytelling Techniques promotes and allow the development of specific activities, in which students take the input in the form of the presentation and reading of the short stories, to make outputs as processes of production and communication of their own voices orally and in writing, through the use of the foreign language. The presentation and reading of short stories with social themes allow students to propose solutions or changes in their own practices, and this process of Social Literacy promotes the use of language skills as a tool for externalization, empowerment, communication, and interaction.

To conclude, providing students with the necessary tools to empower themselves and assume their thoughts, criticisms, reflections, ideas, and opinions as an indispensable part of society and the educational environment, gives them the power to think of themselves as active agents of change inside the society. Likewise, the practices mentioned above redefine the educational process as a complete process, that seeks to educate students as citizens who can contribute to their communities. This is how the teaching-learning process of the foreign language change and stop being the end, to be the mediation that transforms the thoughts and practices of the students.

## **CHAPTER VIII**

# **General Recommendations**

Research in the educative field is an extremely important practice for the teachinglearning process, which allows teachers to carry out processes of analysis and reflection of their pedagogical and disciplinary practices inside the classroom. This investigative process allows the language teacher to draw a line that links the theory with praxis, in order to be in a constant seeking and reflections that can be applied to the teaching of foreign languages within specific educational and social contexts.

Additionally, it is important to continue investigating the use of Storytelling Techniques within the scope of teaching English as a foreign language in children. Also, on the use of Productive Skills as a determining agent in the processes of Social Literacy carried out in the classroom. Although multiple investigations have been carried out in the use of Storytelling Techniques, it is important to strengthen the theoretical and practical field of this study.

Regarding the educational institution, a suggestion is made to extend the hours set aside for the English class. This is because learning a foreign language is a process that requires constant practice and continuity. As a consequence, it breaks with the continuity of the process, and it is exposed to the fact that students can last more than a week without class since as it is a weekly meeting it can intersect with other activities that cause the class to be canceled. However, the possibility that the institution opens for students to have these language learning spaces and for teachers in training to implement their research, offers students different ways of meeting the foreign language. At the same time, for research teachers, it enriches their study and their teaching reflection and process.

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# Annexed

Annex A. Survey (April 2919).

Annexes Annex A. Survey (Excel document) Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Departamento de Lenguas Maestro en formación: Nombre: Seudónimo: 000104 Grado: Querida estudiante en esta oportunidad quiero conocer un poco de de en dónde vive xperiencias en el colegio, al igual que tus gustos y habilidades en el inglés. Responde cada pregunta de manera clara ¿Cuántos años tienes? ¿En qué ciudad de Colombia naciste? ¿En qué barrio vives? 3. ¿A qué se dedican tus padres? ¿Vives con tus padres? a. Si. b. No. Si tu respuestas es no, por favor escribe con quien vives ¿Con cuántas personas vives? 6 ¿Qué actividades de entrenamiento re gusta realizar? 8. ¿ Cuáles son tus pasatiempos? 9 ¿Prácticas algún deporte? 10. ¿Te gusta leer?¿Qué te gusta leer? 11. Te gusta ver películas?/ Oué películas?

12. ¿Te gusta ir al colegio?

a. Si.

Annex B. Interviews. April 2019. Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño.

#### TEACHER OSCAR FUENTES.

Bueno profe, la primera pregunta es:

¿Qué papel tiene la enseñanza del inglés como lengua extranjera según el PEI, la misión y la visión del colegio?

Es importante empezar diciendo que el PEI de la institución es un PEI que está todavía en construcción, en el cual se han avanzado a pasos agigantados los últimos años, pero debido al contexto y a las diferentes situaciones de las políticas públicas educativas del país se sigue definiendo.

En el marco de la enseñanza de la lengua extranjera, el colegio la contempla dentro del PEI como una parte fundamental, de hecho, es uno de los dos énfasis de la institución y se trabaja desde preescolar hasta grado 11 y en la medida fortalecida. Se trabaja, pues, aún más en los grados decimo y once.

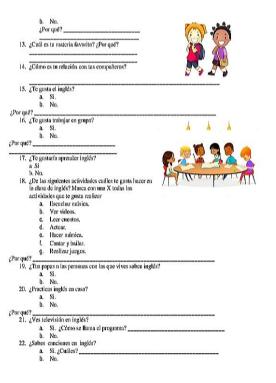
La segunda es:

¿Tienen en cuenta los estándares básicos de competencias de lengua extranjera inglés para la enseñanza? y si es así ¿Cómo se ve reflejado en la maya curricular?

Bueno hace un par de años estuvimos trabajando con la Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, quien asesoro el proceso de la lengua extranjera en la parte teórica para organizar este plan de estudios y desde allí se tiene en cuenta los estándares que son relativamente recientes, pero digamos que el colegio si los contempla y está dentro de su plan de estudios. Dentro del área de humanidades también juegan un papel importante porque es una de las directrices con las cuales se trabaja en la institución.

¿Cuál es el contexto escolar de las niñas del grado 305? hablando un poco de esa relación entre docente-estudiante, entre ellas mismas y su entorno. Como tal el contexto escolar.

Este es un grupo de 36 estudiantes, que la mayoría viene desde preescolares juntas. Conmigo están desde el año pasado la gran mayoría, es un grupo que tiene unas dificultades en la parte convivencial, pero que se han venido superando. El hecho de que el colegio sea femenino pues tiene sus pros y sus contras, pero una gran ventaja es que las relaciones entre las niñas crean lazos de amistad bastante fuertes. En el salón siempre procuramos hacerlo todo de la



manera más amena, yo les digo a ellas que somos una familia, la familia de este año de 305, entonces tratamos de respetar las normas. Creo que de mi parte es una relación muy amena, muy cercana para ellas, de brindarles lo que yo sé, mi apoyo, mis conocimientos, de compartir con ellas también en el juego. Yo trato de dedicarle tiempo a las niñas que tienen dificultades, lo que hace que el ambiente en el aula sea ameno. No es un salón donde los profesores digan no puedo hacer clase o que las actividades que realizan o que tengan propuestas son difíciles de realizar porque las niñas no dejan. El ambiente es bueno, la mayoría de los papás son comprometidos con las niñas, pues, aunque no falta, por ejemplo, esos casos donde se ve el abandono o que les prestan poca atención a sus niños en sus actividades académicas.

Bueno esa respuesta va asociada con la siguiente pregunta y es: ¿Cuál es el contexto familiar de las niñas?

A grandes rasgos, tienen contemplado que, por ejemplo, este grupo la mayoría son familias compuestas por papá y mamá, más o menos el 80% y el restante, familias monoparentales que viven solo con su papá o mamá. Muy pocas niñas tienen hermanas en otros grados. Los papás muestran un alto nivel de compromiso que es extraño, ya que la tendencia es que según van aumentando de grado escolar los padres van dejando de ser tan comprometidos. Pero en mi caso, este año los padres son bastante comprometidos con material, acompañamiento o citaciones a una reunión o para un caso específico, siempre están ahí acompañando y en ese orden de ideas los papás muestran un buen nivel de acompañamiento.

#### PRACTITIONER UNIVERSIDAD DE "LA SALLE".

¿Cuál es el enfoque metodología y las estrategias que utiliza para enseñar inglés como lengua extranjera?

Como son niñas pequeñas, me enfoco mucho como en escucha, en traer como audios, pues básicamente utilizar el método actual, pero mucho el audio lingual porque ellas son muy auditivas, entre más escuchen más aprenden, digamos que uno les muestra una canción y ellas la recuerdan, en cambio si uno utiliza otro método, pues es más difícil que memoricen.

¿Cuál es la actitud de las niñas frente a esas técnicas o estrategias utilizadas en el proceso de enseñanza - aprendizaje del inglés como lengua extranjera?

Bueno, la actitud frente a esas técnicas, pues digamos, como al principio notaba que no era positivo usar otros métodos, entonces empecé a implementar estás y ha sido muy positivo. La actitud de las niñas me gusta mucho, es como "profe vamos a cantar la canción", "profe tal cosa". Ha mejorado mucho su actitud frente a la clase.

¿Cómo es el comportamiento de las niñas durante las clases de inglés?

Pues el comportamiento de las niñas, hay casos: unas son terribles, otras muy juiciosas durante la clase y también es que a veces uno tiene cierta empatía en la clase de inglés, entonces creo eso también influve.

¿Cuál es el beneficio de las estrategias y técnicas que usted utiliza para la enseñanza del inglés de las niñas del grado 305?

El beneficio es que, si las estrategias que yo utilizo son, si las niñas tienen una actitud positiva pues ellas van a aprender, adquirir el idioma y van a aprender los conceptos, van a poder usarlo en el contexto

¿Cuáles son las metas que usted tiene en términos del proceso de enseñanza del inglés a las niñas del grado 305?

Mi meta en términos de proceso de enseñanza es no tanto que ellas aprendan, sino más bien como yo quiero que ellas sean. Por ejemplo, la meta es que yo llegue a la clase y no digan cómo no cuando yo les pido que guarden el cuaderno de otra materia, hay unas que dicen como no, entonces no sé si de pronto no les gusta la clase de inglés o la. Metodología que utilizo.

¿Y en cuanto al aprendizaje?

Pues digamos, nosotros tenemos una maya y la idea es que ellas adquieran ese vocabulario y lo puedan utilizar en un contexto. saben cómo se escucha el número y así lo escriben, por ejemplo "ONE" y escriben tal cual suena.

¿Y en cuanto a la comunicación entre ellas, muy difícil aún?

Pues como son tantas uno no puede cómo decirles dialoguen entre ustedes las 2 porque no lo van a hacer, y uno no puede cómo estar pendiente de ellas o de las otras entonces es muy difícil.

Annex C. Field note N°1 and N°3. Observation-Liceo Femenino

Mercedes Nariño.

¿El colegio les da esa Maya?

Si

¿Tiene usted en cuentas los estándares básicos de competencias en lenguas extrajeras – inglés en la planeación de las clases?

Si, el colegio nos da esas mayas basadas en las que tiene el ministerio.

¿En su planeación de clase tiene en cuenta eso que deben saber las niñas de primero a tercero según los estándares?

Si y también está en la página del ministerio de educación, hay unas guías que uno utiliza que dicen: para tercero trabaja esto, una se llama "Bony Bonita"

Y ¿Te ha funcionado cuando utilizas esas estrategias que el ministerio plantea?

Pues la verdad no es que haya utilizado muchas porque yo entro y no las encuentro, y digamos a veces para el tiempo de las clases me parece que es mucho para una hora es mucho lo que da el ministerio. Entonces yo sí tengo, por ejemplo, para los lugares de la ciudad, yo sí me fije que las que yo viera estuvieran ahí, pero no todas porque el tiempo de la clase no da.

¿Te guías más por la maya?

Si.

Respecto a la producción del inglés ¿Qué habilidades han desarrollado las estudiantes del grado 305? Escritura.

Lenguaje oral.

Digamos que con este curso se han desarrollado escritura y lenguaje oral. Pues porque digamos que con las canciones ellas las cantan y pues está bien para la edad que tienen. Y digamos, con ellas, escriben los números, son capaces de escribirlos porque les hice una evaluación y lo hicieron. Yo tengo otro curso que no, ellas no saben bien cómo se escribe,

Respecto a la comprensión del inglés ¿Qué habilidades han desarrollado las estudiantes del grado 305?

Escucha Lectura

Ellas comprenden, no una oración completa, pero si como palabras estratégicas o cosas del vocabulario con respecto a la compre

Sate/Hour	Observation	Opinions/Comments
	The English teacher came to the classroom. She is a student from La Salle University, and she is doing her practice in English.	Ss met the teacher before so they knew that she was coming to teach them English. Ss recognized her as a teacher and not as a practitioner.
		She asked them to write the date on their notebooks, but they did not use their notebooks.
	Girls were sitting in their places, and the teacher greeted them in English. Then she asked them to take out their notebooks and write the date. Students began to take out their notebooks. They were talking and playing around the classroom. However, the teacher asked them to be silent, and they started to sit down and wrote the date.	did not use their notebooks. Ss were bored and had a non-concentrated attitude. They were not paying attention to the teacher and those who did the activity were doing that because they had to. They were not motivated about the English class or the repetition activity. Ss were disinterested.
	The teacher said: "let's repeat date, the second of April". Some of the Ss repeated, but other Ss said that the activity was boring. After that the practitioner put a poster on the board, it	Ss are not interested about the activities. Moreover, their attitude was to ignore the teacher even when she was explaining a topic. They knew that she is the teacher, but they did not care if she was in the classroom doing an activity.
02 /03/19 – 8:15/9:15	was about the alphabet and the teacher asked them to repeat the pronunciation of each letter. A S was speaking with a partner about a movie and she was out of her place. In addition, it happened during the teacher's explanation.	When the activity was more focalized, they did the activity because the teacher was looking at them. But the other rows of Ss were not paying attention, they took advantage of this to play, speak, and do other kind of activities.

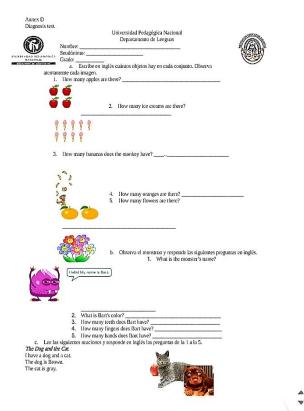
The third activity that the girls had to do was related to the repetition of the alphabet by rows. Most of the Ss did the activity, but others were talking.	There was not any kind of interaction in English between Ss and the teacher. They did not use English to communicate or to refer to something related to the class. English was used only to repeat. Ss were not able to speak or comprehend sentences in English because they did not use it.
The class was developed in Spanish, but they used English during the repetition activities or in the pronunciation explanation. Moreover, class instructions and commands were given in Spanish all the time.	Ss showed interest in the activity when the teacher showed them the images. It was easier for them because they connected the image with the word. Also, when they started to repeat again, some of the Ss were bored and unmotivated for the class. However, when they had to develop the activity alone, they were interested in participating, they were raising their hands to have the chance to participate. The activity was too long for them, so a group of Ss began to
The next activity was about professions and occupations. The teacher had some images related to a profession or occupation, then she told them the profession and the Ss had to repeat. The first time that they repeated they did the activity with the teacher, the second time they had to do it alone, identifying the correct profession. Ss were focused on the activity because of the images, and they completed the activity with an interested attitude.	do other activities. Also, the allocation of shifts to carry out the activity did not make it easy for the girls to remain interested in participating, because the teacher allowed only girls who were sitting in front of the classroom to participate. They preferred to play on a cellphone and the teacher did not involve them in the activity. The use of the grades to control their behavior was not successful; they showed with their attitudes that receiving a bad grade was not something important to them.
After 8 minutes doing that activity a Ss started to play with her cellphone, some of her classmates were looking at her and talking about the cellphone. The teacher was doing the activity with some Ss and when she noticed that some of them were with a cellphone, she started to give them bad points.	English class was boring for them and it was not important. Their attitude and behavior were related to looking for a different activity to not be bored. They did not care about the consequences of their own behavior.
Then she did the same activity, repetition by rows. Each row had to repeat the profession or occupation considering the image. After that the practitioner started to ask some Ss to name the profession or occupation related to the image that she was showing them. A girl that was sitting at the back of the classroom wanted to participate but the teacher did not consider her. As a result, the S started to talk and play with her classmate.	Ss attitude was rude to the teacher and most of the time they were saying and demonstrating that English class was truly boring for them. Is English class not the place to sing? Why? Ss who were far from the teacher did different activities from the English class.
The teacher explained to her Ss the correct pronunciation of "B" and the differences between the "B" sound and" the V" sound. In that moment two Ss began to throw papers and the teacher told them that they had negative points because of their behavior. She asked to those Ss their names and she wrote negative points on her class list.	English class was not only boring for them; it was demanding and boring because they were doing the same kind of activity during the whole class. Every moment that they had without the teacher's attention, they were playing, moving their bodies, having fun in their own way.
While the teacher did that, a Ss started to sing out loud in Spanish and the teacher told her that English class is not the space to sing. She asked them "why are you undisciplined?" "You are going to lose more points", "You, what is your name? you have to change your place and sit-down here".	Ss did the activity quickly because they wanted to leave the classroom to go to break time.
Teacher gave them some paper activities about profusions that they did the last class. The activity consisted of matching words with images. At that moment, some Ss said that they were bored, and tired, other girls were pushing others and screaming.	
Finally, the practitioner asked them to sit down and she told them that if they wanted to go to the recess time, they should spell their own names. Ss made a line in front of the classroom door and the teacher was there asking them to spell their own name. Ss were going out the classroom and the class finished.	

Field note #3 – Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño.		
Date/Hour	Observation	Opinions/Comments

09/03/19 - 7:15/8:15	Students arrived from the sports class and they were organizing their places to receive their refreshments. Teacher left the classroom, giving them some minutes to eat. Ss were eating, talking, and sharing time with their classmates. They were going outside and inside the classroom freely. Teacher returned to the classroom, he asked them to sit- down. Ss that had "bad behavior" were sat in front of the board, near to the teacher. Ss started to organize and clean their places. They threw away their garbage.	Ss arrived at the classroom very active and they needed some minutes to organize themselves and their stuff. They received their refreshments and that was a strategy to make them more relaxed. Ss liked to talk with their classmates, they enjoyed free time. They did not have any restriction to go outside the classroom without teacher's permission. Ss were organized because of their behavior. Ss were more relaxed and focused on the teacher's instruction. Ss followed teacher's instructions. They were organizing their places to continue with the classes. Ss were peaceful and had a receptive attitude. Ss respected the teacher, they were receiving the books
	Teacher gave them Spanish textbooks and he asked them to open it on page 48. Ss were sit-down asking for the page number and they were waiting for instructions. He told them that they were going to work on reading comprehension. First, they made a review about what they did in their last class. Some Ss were speaking and the teacher decided to stop the class and he asked them to be quiet.	and their attitude was very interested about what they had to do. Girls were in their places, orderly. Ss connected their ideas with the knowledge that they learned in previous classes. Some Ss were very interested to talk about what they had learned the previous class; they participated several times. Other Ss were not interested to talk about previous classes. However, the teacher involved them, he asked them to be quiet to develop the activity.
	A Ss asked the teacher if those books were his books and he answered "No, those books are of all and these must be taken care of by everyone. "	Ss were comfortable to ask the teacher whatever they imagined. Teacher listened. Ss did not care if the question was or was not related to the activity. Ss had participation in the class and the teacher gave them that space to think and be free to express themselves.
	Teacher asked a Ss to read the first part of the text and he opened the discussion about the different texts that exist to be read. Ss were participating and answering, "we can read tales", "newspapers", "books". Teacher told them that those examples were true, and he began to read a short story. He asked them to read first the tittle to do a "prediction" about what would be the topic of the story. Ss were participating and very interested about the activity. Teacher opened to his Ss the possibility to express what they inferred from the title of the story.	Ss opinions were used as an important device to the class. The teacher encouraged them to participate giving their opinions based on the knowledge that they learned before. To connect those opinions, he explained to them that there are a lot of things to read. Considering their ages, they are in a high level in terms of reading comprehension because they made some inferences about the text and those inferences were connected to the information that the title gave them.
	of the text. Ss were participating, raising their hands to tell their opinions. After that, they started to read the text in turns. When they finished the reading the teacher asked them "what is the main idea of the text?", Ss started to build the main idea among themselves. All of them read again the first paragraph of the story to clarify what was the main idea. Ss were sitting listening and paying attention to the reading that was made by a classmate. Girls were very motivated, and they were screaming "me" to be chosen to read. A S made a mistake during the reading and all of her classmates corrected her.	All the steps of the activity were made by the Ss, in that sense, the teacher was a facilitator. Ss worked as a team to construct their opinions and to identify the main idea of the text. The reading part of the activity was not difficult for them and was not a boring activity. All of them were paying attention and participating. They did not have any problem to read aloud. Ss respected their classmates when they were reading. Reading was a pleasant activity for them, they enjoyed the activity. Reading was not a stressful activity, they made mistakes but all the Ss corrected that mistake in order to learn.
	10 minutes later some students began to talk aloud, and that interrupted the activity because listening to the reader was difficult. Therefore, teacher told them that they had to be quiet and listen to their classmates in order to be respectful. After that, the teacher asked them if they liked to read and all the Ss answered "yes"	When Ss had to do a long activity or during a long period of time they started to be bored and their interest changed to be focused on a new activity. The teacher told the importance of listening to others to be respectful. It was a good strategy because Girls started to be quiet and listening again to their classmates. They liked to read stories and to read it aloud. Reading process was not only related to reading a story, this process was connected to some questions in

To conclude the class, they answered some questions that	order to know if Ss had understood the story. It is
were in the book and the teacher told them the importance	important that at the end of the reading the Teacher
of reading and connecting those readings with the reality and	showed them the importance of connecting those
other contexts.	readings with the reality as a way to understand other
Mr. Fuentes told them that they had to return the books and	realities, cultures, and societies. Students enjoyed the
took out their English notebooks, while he took attendance.	riddles activity. All of them showed their interest to
After that moment, Ss asked him to do the riddles activity.	participate telling the riddle and discovering the
They made that activity while they were waiting on the	answer.
English teacher. All the Ss wanted to participate.	

#### Annex D. Diagnosis test (May 2019).



My dog's name is "brownie. My cot's name is Minino. Mi dog has blue eyes. My cat has a red apple. What is the color of my cat's apple? ... What is the dog's color?... What is the cat's color? ... What is the cog's name? What is the cat's name? .... 1. 2. 3. 4 5 What is your favorite color?
 I like ....... Yes, 6. What is your favorite color? 1 like purple. 7. Da you like red? No, but 1 like arange. 8. Da you like gray? Yes, I da. 9. What is your favorite color? 1 like yellow. What is your favorit
 Hike yellow.
 10. Do you like black?
 No, but I like brown. 7. What is your favorite color? What is your favorite color?
 Like .......
 B. Do you like red?
 No, but 1 like ......
 Jo you like groy?
 Lob you like groy?
 Lob you like black?
 No, but 1 like ......
 Lob you like black?
 No, but 1 like .....
 Colors .....
 Lob you like black?
 No, but 1 like .....
 Lob you like black?
 No, but 1 like ....
 Lob you like blac?
 No, but 1 like black.
 S. Is green?
 No, but 1 like black.
 S. Is green your favorite color?

They understar and their likes.	nd and answer questions ab	out them, their parents		
Present simple.				
Complete sento	ences.			
Short sentences				
Wards				
QI	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
Q6	07	Q8	Q9	Q10

Hello, What is your name? How ner you? What is your name? How old are you? What is your fuder's name? What is your fuder's name? What is your fuvorite fault? What is your fuvorite animal? Annex E

Skills	Question	Correct	Incorrect	Correct percentage	Incorrect
Vocabulary	1	27	7	79.4	20.6
	2	26	8	76.4	23.6
	3	19	15	55.8	44.2
	4	30	4	88.3	11.7
_	5	28	6	82.4	17.6
Grammar	1	28	6	82.4	17.6
-	2	11	23	32.4	67.6
	3	25	9	73.6	26.4
	4	7	27	20.6	79.4
	5	18	16	53.3	46.7
Writing	1	15	19	44.2	55.8
1.1	2	18	16	52.9	471
	3	20	14	58.9	41.1
	4	18	16	52.9	47.1
	5	19	15	55.9	44.1
Reading	1	16	18	47.1	52.9
	2	20	14	58.9	41.1
	3	10	24	29.5	70.5
	4	9	25	26.5	73.5
	5	11	23	32.4	57.6
Listening	1	20	12	62.5	37.5
	2	22	10	68 7	313

	3	15	17	46.8	53.2
	4	16	16	50	50
	5	21	11	65.6	34.4
	6	19	13	59.3	40.7
	7	24	8	75	25
	8	15	17	46.8	53.2
	9	10	22	31.3	68.7
	10	23	9	71.8	28.2
Speaking	1	29	5	85 3	14.7
	2	25	9	70	30
	3	20	14	58	42
	4	15	19	44.2	55.8
	5	17	17	50	50
	6	19	15	53.8	46.2
	7	16	18	48	52
	8	14	20	42.2	58.8
	9	18	16	52.9	47.1

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<ul> <li>The teacher will introduce the new topic of the unit by the use of a song called with my own two hands. Teacher will administer a copy of the chorus of the song to each student.</li> </ul>
Students will listen to the song
The teacher and students will sing the song together
Teacher will introduce the new vocabulary related to the earth and the Eco practices by using body language and images
• The teacher will make some questions about the new vocabulary: What is? Is it ok for the earth? Is it a good or a bad
practice?
CENTRAL ACTIVITY: Storytelling
• The teacher will read the story "The Earth Book"; she will use body language and intonation to help students to construct meaning and to
help students to understand the story.
<ul> <li>Students will listen carefully and see what the teacher does while she reads the story.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Students can follow the reading and read in their own copy of the short story.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Also, they will participate in the reading process during the second reading.</li> </ul>
• Students can show what they understood by answering teacher questions about how they can help to take care of the earth.
<ul> <li>Students will participate in the last reading in which they can connect the new vocabulary and their own opinions with the short story.</li> </ul>
POST-ACTIVITY: It is the moment to reflect
Once teacher has finished the Storytelling and reading process, students will discuss what are the most important ways to help the
earth
Students will do a poster in which they can draw or paint their own way in which they can help to take care of the earth
<ul> <li>Students will write a sentence in which they describe what they draw or what they paint</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Students will present to their partners their draws or paints and their sentence</li> </ul>
CLOSURE: Real ways to help the earth
• The teacher will present to the students a poster in which are going to be four ideas related to recycle, reuse, plant trees and go green
The teacher asks students about what they think are real ways to help the earth
• The teacher asks students to think ways in which they can help the earth even when they are children
Students will participate expressing their opinions and reflections
• Students will write in a poster their own ideas about how they can help to take care of the earth. The object of this poster to show other

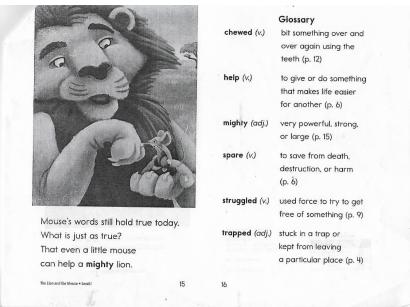
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Students will write in a poster their own ideas about how they can help to take care of the earth. The object of this poster to show other
partner that help to take care of the earth is not a difficult task,

COURSE: 405	DATE: February: 15 – 25. March: 03
	LESSON PLAN Nº: 4
TEACHER: Ivonne Daniela Herrera Rubiano	NAME OF THE UNIT:
	BE KIND - REMEMBERING
OBJECTIVE	
To refresh the topic of the unit KIDNESS	
• Students will reflect on the importance of be kind	
Students will remember the main vocabulary	
<ul> <li>Students will reflect about different ways to be kin</li> </ul>	nd
Students will use their Productive Skills to show t	heir own reflections
SEQUENCING	
PRE-ACTIVITY: Warm up.	
The teacher will introduce the previous topic of the second	he unit by the use of a song called Kindness.
• The teacher will write the chorus of the song on t	he board and paste kay images related to the lyric song
Students will listen to the song	
• The teacher and students will sing the song toget	her
Teacher will introduce the previous vocabulary re	elated to kindness and the kind practices by using body language, intonation,
and images	
• The teacher will make some questions about the	previous vocabulary: What is? Is it kind or not? Is it a good or a bad
manner? How can you be kind with your partners	??
CENTRAL ACTIVITY: Storytelling	
<ul> <li>The teacher will divide the group into five groups</li> </ul>	
• The teacher will give them a memory game to match an imag	e with the correct word
Students will do the activity carefully and match the correct in	mage with the word
Students have to use the previous vocabulary activity to reme	mber and match
POST-ACTIVITY: It is the moment to reflect	
	will deliver a copy with a flower in which students have to write 5 ways to be
kind	
Students will write five words or expressions related to be kin	nd
• Students will complete the copy and decorate the flower	
• Students will give the flower to a partner as compromise of be	e kind

- Students will explain their five ways to be kind to their partner
- CLOSURE: Real ways to help the earth
- The teacher will give to the students a post it in which they have to write a word that represents the way in which they can be kind at home
- Students will write their word
- Students will read their word
- Students will paste their post it on the wall
- The teacher finishes the class with a reflection about the importance to be kind all the time and in all the places,

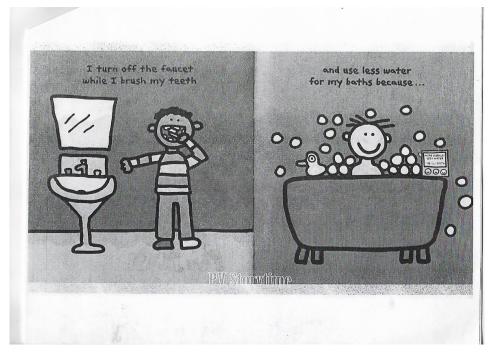
Annex F: Story Book: The Lion and the Mouse.



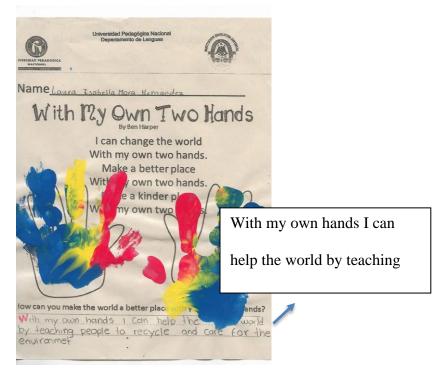
Annex G. Worksheet: The Lion and The Mouse. How can you help? August 29th

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Worksheet about: The Lion and The Mouse.	TOUGHT
1. Draw and write a sentence answering the following question: How can you help others?	
i can help My instruct class t= to study school	'ma qf

Annex H. Story Book: The Earth Book.



Annex I. With My Own Two Hands. How can you make the world a better place? October 29th



Annex J. Worksheet about the Story: Be Kind. I can be Kind/I can help. October 1st.



Annex K. Worksheet (Reflective Process) about the Story: Be Kind. I can be Kind/I can help. October 1st.



Annex L. Field Notes pedagogical Intervention.

Field note #2 - Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño.

Date		Observation	Opinions/Comments
27/08/19 -	-	<ol> <li>The session started on time and</li> </ol>	1. Ss arrived at the classroom very
8:15/9:15		2. students were arriving in the	2. Active and they needed some
		<ol><li>classroom because they were</li></ol>	<ol><li>minutes to get organized and to</li></ol>
		4. receiving their refreshments.	4. organize their own stuff. They
		5. English teacher asked them to sit	5. we're eating their refreshment and

down and to be quiet to start the expecting for the teacher's 6. 6. 7. class. Ss were in a receptive 7. explanation. Their attitude about 8. attitude and some of them 8. the class started to be better and 9. expressed their emotions because 9. more receptive. 10. of the class. 10 Instructions were more 11. English teacher told the students 11 understandable in this session what activities they were going to and Ss were more focused on 12. 12. 13. do that session. Then, the teacher 13. identifying and understanding 14. asked the students to go out of the what they were supposed to do. 14. 15 classroom to do a warm-up 15. Nonetheless, when the teacher 16. activity. Ss were excited, they explained the warm-up activity, 16. 17. started to scream and run in the 17. they started to run, associating 18. classroom. 18 that being outside was As a consequence, the teacher synonymous with a break or free 19 19 20. had to ask them to be quiet and to 20. time. As a consequence, it was 21 remember that their behavior was 21. necessary to clarify the purpose 22 very important to develop all the 22 of the activity. 23. It is necessary to establish a activities. 23. 24. Ss went out of the classroom and 24. rewarding system as a tool to deal 25 the teacher asked them to do a 25 with Ss behavior and as a 26. circle. 26. motivation for them. As well, it is 27 Moreover, the activity was called 27 important to do more activities in 28. "Follow, follow", Teacher different spaces to give them the 28. 29 organized some animal tracks and 29 elements to understand that the Ss had to follow instructions about classroom is not the only place to 30. 30. 31. directions and colors. Once all the 31. learn. girls passed, Ss returned to the All the activities that are a game 32. 32. 33. classroom. In this warm-up, Ss are very interesting for Ss. even if 33 34. were motivated and participating in the purpose of the activity is to 34. 35. a good attitude. 35. learn. Ss are not conscious about Ss returned to the classroom and the teaching and learning process 36. 36. 37. they were sitting on their desks. 37 that is why they are more open to 38. The teacher delivered to each 38. it and they enjoy it more than 39. 39. student a copy of the fable. Before other activities in which the 40. reading the text for a second time, 40. learning purpose is clear for them. 41. teacher and Ss practice the new To deliver a copy of the text to 41 42. vocabulary, associating the word each student was better than only 42. 43. 43. presenting the slides to them. and an image. 44 Ss were saying the word to 44 They were looking at the words, 45. practice pronunciation and the images and they felt the reading 45. 46. Teacher showed them those 46. process more personal. The fact 47 words using the images and 47 that changed their attitude and 48. mimic. Students were participating 48. their interest in the activity. It was 49 and raising their hands to say a 49 a good strategy to work with the 50. word or even to show the mimic 50. new vocabulary because they 51. while they were pronouncing the 51. connected the image of the word 52. word 52 and the event that was on the 53. After the new vocabulary activity, 53 fable in order to associate 54. the teacher told them that they 54. meanings and establish concept 55. we're going to read per turns. 55 connections. 56 Some Ss were excited to read but The possibility to connect the 56 57. other was scared and shy. Girls 57. knowledge with their bodies was 58. 58. started to speak and to be a very interesting activity for them. 59 distracted, the reason why the 59 It was a way to express those 60 teacher had to ask them to sit 60. things that they do not know how to say in English. Moreover, it was 61. down and quiet to listen to them 61. classmates 62. 62. an activity that showed them that Ss started to read and the teacher even with our body we can 63. 63. corrected them and them 64 64 communicate. pronunciation. At the end of the Giving them the possibility to have 65. 65. 66. reading, the teacher asked some a role in the activity generates a 66. questions to make students reflect good attitude and catches 67. 67. 68. on the morale of the fable. The 68 students' attention. It was evident teacher asked them "As a young when they were reading per turns, 69. 69. girl, how can you help your 70. 70 that they were concentrated and 71. classmates at school? focused to know which part was 71. This question activity was difficult 72. 72. their part. However, some girls 73. for them because they had an 73. started to be distracted, they were answer, but they did not know how 74 74 speaking about how to color the

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to say that in English. As a result,

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story.

76. the Teacher had to tell them that it	76. Pronunciation is considered as
77. did not matter the language and	77. one of the elements that are
78. that the most important of the	78. important and had an effect,
79. activity were those answers that	79. impact, and relation with the oral
80. they were thinking and building. Ss	<ol> <li>communicative process. Because</li> </ol>
<ol><li>started to participate in Spanish</li></ol>	81. of that, it is an element that is
82. and then all the students build the	<ol><li>present and that is developed in</li></ol>
83. sentence in English.	83. the class. They are learning the
84. When they finished the reading	<ol><li>correct way to pronounce</li></ol>
85. activity, the teacher collected	85. something.
86. student's homework and some Ss	86. The first stimulus that the student
87. told the teacher that they had	87. received to reflect on the fable is
88. forgotten the homework, so the	88. short and yes-no questions that
89. teacher decided to give them one	89. conduct Ss to think, reflect and
90. more class.	90. establish a clear point of view.
91. To conclude, the teacher gave	91. Those questions start to model
92. them the homework that was an	92. students' reflections in order to
93. image and an adjective (friendly	93. give them elements to create them
94. and unfriendly) with a space in	94. own answers.
95. which they had to draw which	95. The use of Spanish to express
96. character would be described by	96. their ideas are a beginning to make
97. that adjective	97. them familiar with the English
	98. language. The idea is to take
	99. Spanish as an initial point to
	100. learn a foreign language.
	101. All the activities that are
	102. going to assess reading
	103. comprehension is going
	104. to be homework and it is
	105. the way in which it is
	106. possible to know if they
	100. possible to know if they 107. are really understanding
	107. are rearry understanding 108. the texts and how there
	109. are using that knowledge
	110. This homework is an
	111. important activity in which
	112. students are going to
	113. connect new knowledge
	114. with the fable_ in order to translate.

Field note #5 - Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño.

Date	Observation	Opinions/Comments
1/10/19 -	- 1. The session started one hour after in	1. The video activity was proposed
7:15/9:15	2. order to have the time to record the	2. to conclude the first cycle of the
	3. video. Ss were waiting for the class	3. research in which Ss had the first
	4. and some of them said that they were	4. experience with storytelling and
	5. very excited because of the video.	5. the Reflective Process.
	6. The class started and the teacher	6. Furthermore, it was a strategy to
	7. asked the Ss for their homework and	7. motivate students and to show
	8. they give the teacher their folders.	8. them that English has a lot of
	9. Only one Ss told to the teacher that	9. ways to be learned.
	10. she had not done the homework and	10. Ss are in an active and
	11. the teacher gives her the opportunity to	<ol><li>participative attitude even when</li></ol>
	12. do it and the Teacher helped the	12. they have to do homework. This
	13. student to understand what she had	<ol><li>homework is being chosen as a</li></ol>
	14. to do.	14. complement of the class and is
	15. Each S had all the activities	15. selected to be data that could be
	16. organized in their folders and the	16. analyzed as par if the research. In
	17. teacher remember them that them	17. that way, it is important to
	<ol><li>responsibility and organization could</li></ol>	18. consider all the student's
	19. have a grade	19. processes and help them to
	20. The teacher asked Ss to take off the	20. complete the tasks on their own
	21. bags their worksheets in which they	21. but with meaningful guidance.
	22. had their English phrases. The	22. This course (305) is one that
	23. teacher asked them if any student	23. needs external motivation all the
	24. had pronunciation doubts in order to	24. time and for the teacher, one of

25. help them. Some Ss asked the 25. the most effective is to give rem 26. teacher and others were practicing in 26. positive and negative points. 27. groups. 27. Nonetheless, it is important to 28. Moreover, some Ss were playing the 28. mention that the Teacher can use 29. a better rewarding system. 29 reason why the teacher had to 30. intervene and asked them to be on 30. This exercise is a begging part of 31. their desks. At that moment, Camila 31. the Ss process in which they are 32. that is the student with special needs 32. having the first relation with 33. asked the teacher if she had the 33. English. As a consequence, they 34. possibility to be in the video and some 34. are working with both languages 35. classmates answered "yes Camila, 35. in 50 - 50 percent in order to give 36. you are part of the grade" and the 36. them the confidence to try and 37. teacher told her that she had to 37. learn. It is important to mention appear because she was port of them 38. 38. that this process is going to be 39. and Camila started to practice the 39. increasing and they are going to 40. 40 colors to tell it in the video. use less Spanish and more 41 The teacher asked the Ss to help her 41. English. When the teacher is working one 42. to paste in the board some letters and 42. 43. images to start the recovering. Four 43. by one it is difficult to manage Ss 44 44 Ss helped the teacher to do it and behavior and it is necessary to 45. when they had finished the teacher 45. use a method to catch them told the Ss the rules that each student 46. 46. attention again. must consider during the video The process with the Ss that has 47. 47. 48. recording. Those rules were: respect 48 special needs are a different 49. partners turn, be quiet during the 49. process in which she is working 50. recording, and clap their hands at the 50. vocabulary. Nonetheless, the end of each phrase recording. teacher Is using this specific 51. 51. The teacher started to record the 52 situation to show students that 52. videos and each S said the phrase. they can put into practice what the 53. 53. 54. The teacher was helping students to 54. learn with the short stories. They pronounce in an appropriate way the can be kind, help their classmate 55. 55. 56. and understand that all of them 56 sentences. Ss were paying attention 57. and helping their classmates to 57. are different and those practice their phrases. 58. 58. differences make them special 59. When one Ss finished the other Ss 59. and an important part of the 60. society. 60 clap their hands saying, "Good job". After that, when 61. It was necessary to establish 61. 62. all students were recorded, they 62. clear rules for the students to 63 wrote some new words on them 63 make them conscious about what 64. notebooks and at that moment some 64. was necessary to record the 65. Ss asked what the new story and 65. video. Furthermore, talk in public 66. what kind of activities we would be? 66. is not a way task and because of? 67. would do. To conclude, the teacher 67. that, the Teacher told them to clap 68. and the Ss went outside the 68. their hands in order to recognized 69. classroom and they share snacks 69. and highlight Ss effort. The 70. together to conclude the first cycle. 70 teacher decides to use this 71. activity to make them confident 72. and empowered about them speaking process even when this 73. 74. starting point is only related to 75 repetition and memory, they are 76. breaking their fears to talk in 77. public. 78 The activity of record a video was 79 an interesting activity for the 80. students in which they were 81. participating in an active attitude, focus to show what they did and 82. 83. learned before. Moreover, they discover that even if they are 84. 85. saying a phrase that was written before they can speak English 86. 87. and they can show them 88. reflections and opinions. The activity related to close the 89 90. cycle was a way to show them 91. that English is more than a 92. subject, it is a space in which we 93. are learning together as human

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#### Field note #6 - Liceo Femenino Mercedes Nariño.

Date	Observati	on	Opinions/Con	Opinions/Comments	
08/10/19 -	1.	The class started with the assistance	1.	It is important to talk with the	
7:15/9:15	2.	control and after that, the Teacher	2.	students about the activities that	
1.10/9.10	3.	told them about the new story's topic	3.	are going to take place in the	
	4.	that was abbot to take care of the	4.	classroom, in order to make them	
	5.	earth. Moreover, the Teacher taught	5.	conscious about the class, to	
	6.	them a song named "With my own	6.	motivate them and to involve	
	7.	two hands". After that, Ss were	7.	them as an important part of the	
	8.	interested to practice the song and	8.	class. The use of a warm-up	
	9.	they were motivated to sing the song	9.	connected and related to the	
	10.	following the music, this activity was	10.	1 65	
	11.	a challenge for them. As well, Ss were		involve them in the topic and to	
	12.	asking all the time about the right	12.	1	
	13.	pronunciation of some words to sing	13.		
	14.	the sang in a proper way.	14.	8	
			15. 16.	8	
			10.		
	15.	The Teacher was singing with them	17.	about the class.	
	15.		18.	Students' interests and questions	
	10.			most are answered by the teacher	
	18.	words. That explanation of the new	20.	-	
	19.	vocabulary was made with mimics	21.		
	20.	and some synonyms that they	22.	questions are important. It is	
	21.	learned before by the reading and	23.		
	22.	development of the previous short	24.	vocabulary in different interesting	
	23.		25.	ways. Moreover, it is important to	
	24.	The teacher gave them a copy of the	26.	1	
	25.	E I	27.		
	26.	which they had to write how they	28.	1 · · ·	
	27.	thought they could help to take care	29.	6 6	
	28.	of the earth with their own two hands.	30.	5 1	
	29. 30.	Furthermore, the Teacher told them	31. 32.	that word by the reading and the listening.	
	30.	that they had the option to color or paint two hands that were printed in		It is useful to work with some	
	32.	the copy. Ss wrote phrases	33.		
	33.	considering the song's message.	35.		
	34.	Nonetheless, they asked the teacher	36.	they are going to be familiar with	
	35.	about how to say in English some	37.	the patterns without the	
	36.	words. When they finished them	38.		
	37.	phrases, they started to paint and	39.		
	38.		40.	When the teacher gives them the	
	39.	students decided to paint and color	41.	possibility to use different	
	40.	their copies according to the main	42.		
	41.	topic, they use color green and blue	43.	· 1	
	42.	to color and paint the earth		Students were in an active way	
	43.	After that activity, Ss were sitting on	45.	assuming that they can create,	
	44.	their desks finishing the activity and	46.	explore, and decide how and what	
	45.	asking about the next activity. They	47.	<b>2</b> 1	
	46.	were motivated and focused on class	48.	Students writing process showed	
	47. 48.	development and topic. As a consequence, they were paying	49. 50.	that even when they do not know how to express something they	
	48.	attention and interested in the activities.	50.	are thinking and reflecting on the	
	4). 50.	The second activity was related to the	52.	topic and they are wondering	
	50.	new vocabulary presentation and	53.	about how they can express them	
	52.	explanation, to do it, the Teacher had	54.	opinions in English.	
	53.	some images about keywords and	55.	The usage of different activities	
	54.	some expressions that were inside of	56.	motivates them and makes them	
	55.	the short new story named "The Earth	57.	feel interested in the next	
	56.	Book". The teacher used mimic and	58.	surprise about what and how they	
	57.	corporal expressions to communicate	59.	1 2	
	58.	and be understandable. Ss were	60.	necessary to develop different	
	59.	asking about the meaning of some	61.	activities related to the main topic,	
	60.	words. At the same time, Ss were	62.	in order to catch student's	

participating when the teacher was 61. giving synonyms and making 62. questions related to the keywords. 63. 64. The third activity was the reading 65. process. At that time, the teacher 66. gave to each Ss a copy of the short story and they were very interested 67. 68. because of the images of the book and the draws. The teacher divided 69. 70. the storytelling activity into three moments and students were in a 71. 72. receptive attitude. Nonetheless, some of them were speaking and not 73 74 paying attention to the reason why 75. the teacher had to be quiet. 76. The first part of the reading was 77 focused on the new vocabulary and 78. how it appears inside of the short 79. story. In that sense, Ss had to be 80 concentrated in the reading to 81. discover the new vocabulary and how 82. it was used in the story. This reading 83. was made by the teacher and 84 followed by the students in their own books. Furthermore, this activity 85. started to be a competition and Ss 86. were excited to discover the word and 87. how that was connected with the 88 89. story 90. The second reading was made by the 91. Ss and the teacher was focused on 92 the pronunciation/ Ss were nervous 93. and raising their hands to read. 94. Nevertheless, some of them were not 95. comfortable to participate and they 96. express that saying phrases as "I am 97. nervous" or "I cannot". Moreover, 98. some of those Ss that were not 99 comfortable to read started to raise 100. their hands and participate 101. because they saw them 102. classmates doing the reading 103. process. 104. During the second activity of 105. reading the teacher was 106. focused on the pronunciation, 107. to correct them and to showed 108. them that they were able to 109. read, learn, and use the 110. vocabulary learned before. 111. The last reading was made by the teacher using mimic, body language and intonation. It is important to say, that this reading was developed by the use of some questions, in order to know if Ss understood the story. Questions were: "what do you have to do to take care of the water?" "Do you think that it's important to turn off the lights?" 112. Finally, those questions were the last part of the class. Moreover, two Ss tried to answer it in English using the vocabulary learned at the beginning of the class, Nonetheless, all of them reflected on the reading and what the book told them.

attention and motivation. 63. 64. The explanation of the new vocabulary that is inside of the 65. short story is an important activity 66. to give to the students an input 67. that they will use in a spoken or 68. written way to express the 69. 70. reflections that they build about 71. the central topic. 72. To explain new vocabulary for 73. kids it is not enough the usage of 74. images, it is also necessary to 75 work with the kinesics language, 76. to take advantage of the 77. nonverbal language. As a result, 78. students have the possibility to 79 create a mental image about the 80. concept and to connect it with a 81. body expression. Students are having an 82. 83. improvement in terms of 84 comprehension, they receive the 85. stimulus in English and them 86 answer sometimes in English or in Spanish without the translation of 87. 88 the word, expression, or question made by the teacher. 89. 90. The use of a personal copy of the short story it's a good strategy to 91. 92. work with Student's motivation They can follow the reading and 93. 94. read each word identifying the 95. new vocabulary learned before 96. and learning in an implicit way the 97. patterns and structures of the 98. phrases. Moreover, they are more 99. concentrated in the reading 100. process and they can read 101. and participate in the 102. reading without any 103. interference or difficulty. 104. The use of short stories 105. with images and draws 106. catch their attention and 107. make them feel more 108. interested and familiar with 109. the reading processes. 110. Furthermore, they have 111. the possibility to build 112. meaning by establishing 113. connections between the 114. image and the word. It 115. develops a semantic 116. process in which they 117. connect a sing (the word) 118. with the image. 119. Students connect the 120. previous knowledge (new 121. vocabulary) with the new 122. one that appears inside the 123. short story by the reading 124. process. They build 125. connections between what 126. they learned and what they 127. are learning.

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- 129. reading process is not the 130. pronunciation but it is a
- 131. strategy to give students
- 132. the proper way to say a

133. word that they will use in
134. their spoken reflections. It
135. is good for them to connect
136. the visual stimulus of the
137. word bu the reading and
138. the listening one because
139. they are going to recognize
140. the word in both cases and
141. they are going to connect
142. the word with its audio
143. image. As a consequence,
144. they will now and have the
145. word as part of them
146. speaking process.
147. Students reading is
148. necessary to show them
149. that they can use their laud
150. reading in a foreign
151. language and that they are
152. learning by a process. In
153. addition, it is important to
154. foster students' confidence
155. in the learning of the
156. foreign language because
157. if they are comfortable, they
158. will be more familiar with
159. the language and the
160. learning process will be
161. natural and spontaneous.
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