

Approaches to transition

A list of ideas for supporting language learners moving from one level to another

1. You can use the following ideas, appropriate to your learners' needs, to support them in expanding their knowledge of vocabulary, developing their main language skills and extending their knowledge of grammar:

- advertisements
- brainstorming for vocabulary and ideas
- brochures, catalogues and leaflets
- diaries
- discussions and debates – choosing a celebrity to be a new world leader
- documents from businesses
- drama
- e-mails and faxes
- external speakers and visitors
- flow charts
- foreign language assistants
- graphs and statistics
- interviews
- interactive language laboratory
- interactive whiteboards
- letters and postcards – reading and writing
- making posters
- newspaper and magazine articles
- New Year resolutions – choices and reasons
- photographs
- presentations
- question and answer
- questionnaires and surveys
- quizzes
- radio recordings
- reports and evaluations
- role play cards – for situations and consequences
- self assessment checklists
- Soap opera scenarios – facing up to incidents and crises
- songs
- story telling – giving first or last line
- the Internet; and
- video clips – making and/or watching.

2. Make a note of which approaches work best for your groups and individual learners and give details of how you used them.

3. Add your own ideas and adaptations to the list.