

Lesson Six – Language – Oral and Written Communication

PREPARATION

Teachers should print up two or three of the interviews from the text.

A comfortable reading/listening area should be established.

Students should have pencils, crayons and paper at their desks.

INTRODUCTION

The teacher will introduce the lesson with the following “leading questions”:

Have you ever been somewhere where you didn’t know anyone?

How did it feel?

Have you ever felt shy or scared in a new place?

What would it be like to move to a new country?

LESSON

The teacher will read aloud the textual interviews with newcomers, pausing regularly to ask relevant questions that will maintain focus such as:

Where is this person from?

Why did they come here?

How did they feel about _____?

ACTIVITY

Students will be asked to write about the stories they have heard. They will be instructed to compare the experiences they have read about to their own. They will be asked to draw a picture of their experiences with new situations and explain the picture to the class.