

**New
approaches in
the English
classroom**

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What is a task?

1. A piece of classroom work which involves learners in comprehending, manipulating, producing, or interacting in the target language while their attention is principally focused on meaning rather than form. (Nunan 1989)
2. Tasks are activities where the target language is used by the learner for a communicative purpose (goal) in order to achieve an outcome. (Willis, 1996)
3. A task is an activity in which:
 - a. meaning is primary
 - b. learners are not given other people's meaning to regurgitate
 - c. there is some sort of relationship to comparable real world activities
 - d. task completion has some sort of priority
 - e. the assessment of the task is in terms of outcome (Skehan, 1998)
4. A language use task is an activity that involves individuals in using language for the purpose of achieving a particular goal or outcome in a particular situation (Bachman and Palmer, 1996)

How can we characterize a task?

Does the activity engage the learners' interest?

Is there a primary focus on meaning?

Is there an outcome?

Is success judged in terms of outcome?

Is completion a priority?

Does the activity relate to real world activities?

What does a flipped classroom look like?



Planning a task

Identifying a **topic**

Deciding on a target **task** or **sequence of tasks**

Deciding **how to prime learners** - how to introduce relevant vocabulary, focus learners' minds on the content of the task sequence, and explain or demonstrate what will be expected of them in the target task

Deciding how to **share results**

(Willis & Willis, 2007)

Remember to:

1. Think of the topic and objectives for the class.
2. Create “flipped materials” using one of the tools we’ve learned about (see links on worksheet).
3. Design a task that students can do to use what they’ve learned (see worksheet).
4. Create your own Edmodo class to share all your materials. We’ll join your class as students.
5. Prepare the final presentation you will explain to us all.