

Zooming in and zooming out: Teaching children in refugee camps through simple video conferencing tools

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Telling stories to children in Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan



Astrophysicist, John-David Bartoe, on leaving the earth in the Space shuttle in 1985

"As I looked down, I saw a large river meandering slowly along for miles, passing from one country to another without stopping. I also saw huge forests, extending along several borders. And I watched the extent of one ocean touch the shores of separate continents. Two words leaped to mind as I looked down on all this: commonality and interdependence. We are one world."

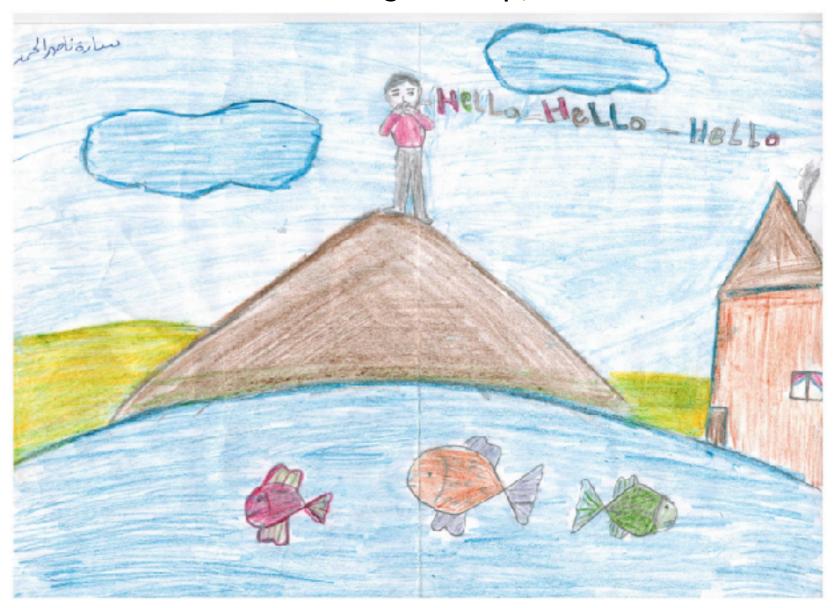
Zooming in or zooming out?





	Zooming in	Zooming out
Listening	Eavesdropping on a conversation in the target language on a bus, and trying to process what was said into individual words	Listening to the news on the radio and trying to understand what the stories are.
Reading	Identifying new words in a newspaper article, and looking them up in a dictionary.	Reading a short story for pleasure and getting lost in the 'secondary world' created by the author.
Speaking	Singing the words of a song which have been learnt off by heart.	Introducing yourself, and finding out about others at a party.
Writing	Writing down some new vocabulary to create some flash cards for self study.	Writing a quick email to a friend.

Picture drawn by Sarah Nasser Alhamid, Zaatari refugee camp, Jordan



- How many fish are in the river?
- Three (3)
- How many times does the man shout 'Hello!'
- Three (3)
- What colour is the mountain?
- Brown

Zooming in....

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Physical stories
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bieq0TdJzYE
How many words?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IAHuz3O97EQ
Guess five words
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZcRhYxSQfs
What's in the fridge?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZcRhYxSQfs
The inners and the outers of classroom language
https://handsupproject.org/2015/12/12/the-inner-
and-the-outer/
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Zooming out...

From Russia with love

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iophkubvxbM

Contextualised drilling

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lCZcXpVJmhY

Tense conversations

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrWjY-T3EdA

The story of sea glass soup

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06MMbBgqRTQ

The story of the lion and the mouse

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1fEhOp3Thc



https://handsup4.files.wordpress.com/2015/12/stories-alive-story-based-activities-for-young-learners.pdf



