



# Early Years English for Teachers

## Learning Through Play ; Activities in the Classroom

The following insight into the type of content we include in a particular module is from the Learning Through Play module, as play is a large part of a child's life.

Based on the story of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle in the **Food** theme of the EYE curriculum, we introduce the concept of healthy and unhealthy foods. In the module we investigate different aspects of introducing a concept, establishing and practising target language and differentiation for ability or age.

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<p><b>Identifying materials:</b></p> <p><b>Aim;</b> To identify materials needed to present 'Healthy and Unhealthy Foods' to a group of 3-5 year olds.</p>
<p><b>Introducing a concept:</b></p> <p><b>Aim;</b> To discuss how the concept of healthy/unhealthy foods might be introduced to this age group and observe different methods of presentation</p>
<p><b>Choosing and Grading Presentation Language;</b></p> <p><b>Aim;</b> To identify the language to be used in the presentation stage, and how to grade for older, younger, more or less advanced students</p>
<p><b>Practising Target Language;</b></p> <p><b>Aim;</b> To identify age-appropriate expectations of target language and set up practice play opportunities</p>
<p><b>Incorporating Practice into Play;</b></p> <p><b>Aim;</b> Identifying and providing different play opportunities that allow sts to practice target language</p>
<p><b>Challenge; Extending the age range;</b></p> <p><b>Aim;</b> To identify how an activity can be differentiated or changed to suit a different age range</p>

Resources;

*The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle (eg World Publishing Company (US), Hamish Hamilton (UK) and others).

[https://www.twinkl.fr/resource/t-t-9218-the-very-hungry-caterpillar-topic-food-flash-cards?sign\\_in=1](https://www.twinkl.fr/resource/t-t-9218-the-very-hungry-caterpillar-topic-food-flash-cards?sign_in=1)

<https://www.twinkl.fr/resource/t-t-4021-the-very-hungry-caterpillar-healthy-eating-sorting-game>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>

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