

“I'm more interested in arousing enthusiasm in kids than in teaching the facts. The facts may change, but that enthusiasm for exploring the world will remain with them the rest of their lives.”

– *Seymour Simon*

Chapter 5: Coaching Logistics: How to host a coaching workshop

SIMPLE Directions for Beginning Hosts

I. How to Organize and Promote Your Own TPRS Coaching Workshop

STEP 1: Secure a location such as a school classroom, a church meeting room or your living room.

STEP 2: Send the information to the moretprs listserv (subscription info at the bottom of the page tprstories.com home page), your local tprs listserv if there is one, and to your state foreign language association listserv. Some people have also set up Evites or Facebook invitations.

STEP 3: Set up a structure for your schedule. A recommended schedule for a Saturday coaching workshop is included below.

STEP 4: Post posters around the room and download and copy a TPR Stories Peer-coaching Feedback Form. (This form is not intended to be use for evaluative purposes. It should be used by an observer familiar with TPRS®. The observer will need a watch or stopwatch. The teacher being observed should use the form to perform an informal self-evaluation of the content of the class). (These are not necessary, but help maintain a structure if you don't have a better idea for how to run it.)

Finding people to coach with

Go to www.TPRStorytelling.com and check Carol Gaab's TPRS® map.

Add yourself to it so others can find you. Post a message on the moreTPRS® listserv. Join www.moretprs.net. If you don't already have a regional

TPRS® yahoo group, create one. Or schedule a coaching session immediately following a workshop. Teachers attend a TPRS® workshop and then get together afterward to network, discuss or coach each other. Coaching workshops that are offered for free or for a minimal “cost covering” fee are often available.

Finding a location

If you are tagging on to a workshop, (adding more time to an already scheduled TPRS® workshop) investigate whether or not the room can be used for the remainder of the day for free. Otherwise, schools will often allow teachers to use their own classrooms in the evenings or on the weekends. Alternatively, many restaurants have meeting rooms where, for the price of lunch, you can gather.

Publicizing your coaching workshop

Send an email to karen@fluencyfast.com. I’m happy to share the information. Send an announcement to moretprs@yahoogroups.com. Advertise it to your state foreign language association.