Thoughts initiated from AIM teaching in Australian Primary schools

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AIM approach advantages AIM教学法的优势:

- Get started quickly
- Strong listening and speaking skills
- More confidence in language

Great feedback Inbox ×	$\hat{}$	Ð	Ø
Kristy Kendall <kristyk@toorakc.vic.edu.au> Wed, Apr 3, 2019, 7:40 PM to me, Melissa, Diane</kristyk@toorakc.vic.edu.au>	☆	•	:
Hi Demi,			
I bumped into a parent today at the swimming who spoke with tears in their eyes about how he and his wife watched their daughters speak to each other in Mandarin this week.			
He said they learnt French at their old school and hardly knew a word and he credited their interest and ability in Mandarin to their amazing teacheryou! They are so proud of their daughters and the gift you have given to them.			
What a way to end a term!			

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Student work samples:







Data from the national survey



STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Distribution of top 12 languages taught in Australian government schools

- Percentage in primary and secondary years per language
- NT data not included





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Respondent teachers' self-rated proficiency levels

- by language





Language study overseas

- Percentage of participants
- Duration
- Selected languages





Language Study Overseas duration

■>1 year ■1 year ■2 years ■3 years ■4 years ■4+ years

The issues we come across 需要注意的问题:

- ▶ 语言 language:
- How to build up stronger language skills
- Characters learning
- ▶ 文化 culture:
- How to build up more cultural awareness in primary schools

如何解决这些问题:

语言 language:

- ▶ Syntax learning 句法学习:
- Words building is important, but not enough 光学词汇不够
- To teach practical, communicative language that can be transited to the secondary school 教授 实用的、"接地气"的语言,和中学要接轨

e.g. 我(不)喜欢.....。我(不)要.....。我可以.....吗? 的,很,在,是,了,MW

Also refer to: <u>https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/foundation-</u> 10/resources/languages/chinese/assessmentresources/Pages/Indicative-progress.aspx

• Repetition power and auditory memory 相信"重复"的力量和注意"声音"记忆的建立

- 不同形式的重复: e.g. Simon says, oral & gesture review, 反义词, sentence drill, etc.

- 声音记忆: "whole phrases and even sentences at all levels of complexity can be repeated as single items ...Said with correct phrasing, rhythmic stress and intonation, learning whole chunks of utterances ... can build auditory memory ..., which will assist with retention and prompt their re-use in correct form." (*"Teaching Chinese as a Second Language"* by Jane Orton and Andrew Scrimgeour)

e.g. 掉进水里

语言 language:

▶ Character learning 风字学习:

先从基础汉字,如:日月山水等开始学起,用不同的方式reinforce学生的认字能力。然后在Year 5、
6引入component的概念,帮助顺利过渡到中学或以后的汉字学习。

e.g. 会 = 人 + 二 + 厶

" Chinese writing system is considerably more complex being comprised of more than 400 individual components, with a status equivalent to the letter graphemes of western alphabets."

" If the visual properties - the components - are not noted and recognised, there is no reading or writing ability."

"Once a sufficient grounding in components has been achieved, once learners are versed in using the strokes to create components and using components to create ("spell") characters, ..., teachers can begin to merge the oral and literacy strands and characters can become the unit of instruction.

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文化 Culture:

The Cultural Iceberg







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