

Face to Face with the World: Videoconferencing for the K-12 Classroom



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SIMPLE GUIDELINES FOR VIRTUAL INSTRUCTION

- Always build rapport
- Exaggerate enthusiasm
- Carefully plan entire lesson
- Develop & communicate clear performance objectives
- Focus only on 3-4 main points

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- Change activities every 5-10 minutes
- Actively involve the learners
- Triple the number of visuals
- Wear clothes of solid colors, not white or patterns

Adapted from: *Virtual Teaching: An Educator's Guide* (1997) Center for Occupational Research & Development, Waco, Texas

SIMPLE GUIDELINES FOR EFFECTIVE VISUALS FOR VIDEOCONFERENCING

- Use large, bold, simple fonts
- Use phrases with bullets
- Use landscape mode
- Use large margins
- Use pastel, colored paper
(never use white paper, as it creates static noise)
- Use graphics

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Tips: INTERNATIONAL PRESENTERS

- Focus on contemporary
- Use presenter strengths
- Use unique opportunity
- Don't replicate textbook
- Prepare students for thick accent
- Require respectful comments
- Prepare good questions

Tips: INTERNATIONAL CLASS CONNECTIONS

- Be respectful of their date, time/zone, holidays, safety, context, needs
- Share equally the connection time, for their benefit, as well as that of your students

Tip: Limit Range of Activities

After School Life 放課後	Class-授業 (What they study)	After school club activity ぶかつ	School Clothing 制服
Sports スポーツ	Family Issues 家族問題	Holidays 休日	Pop Music
Weekend Life ウィークエンド	Cram School 塾	Dating デート	Magazine 雑誌

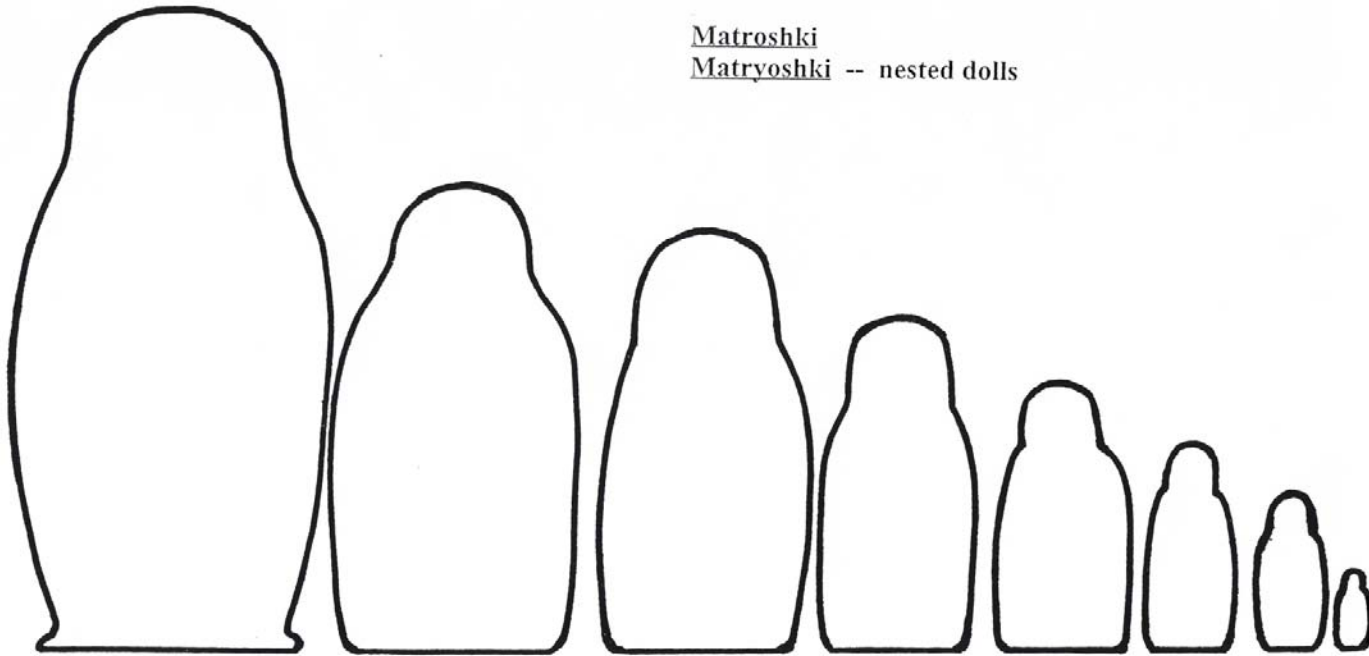
Tip: Plan Reinforcing Activities

Matroshka

Matryoshka -- one (1) single (nested) doll

Matroshki

Matryoshki -- nested dolls



EXAMPLES OF CREATIVE & CROSS-DISCIPLINARY INTERNATIONAL SINGLE PROGRAMS

- The Affects of the African Rainforest Biome on the Local Culture
- The Daily Culture of South Korea
- Living Under Apartheid in South Africa
- All About Paris
- Germany: Memories of WWII & the Holocaust
- Travel in Spain
- Mathematical Symmetry in Turkey
- Raising Children in Kenya & Russia
- Transitions: Communism to Capitalism

EXAMPLES OF CREATIVE & CROSS-DISCIPLINARY INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM SERIES

- Series: The Daily Cultures of Bulgaria, India, & Kenya
- Series: 3 w/ international presenters – the cultures of China, the Canadian Arctic, & the Amazon, and how each relates to their animal(s); 3 w/ zoo – Pandas, Arctic animals, & South American rainforest animals; plus 3 on-site art classes on the art form of each culture
- Series: What Do You Want to Know About Afghanistan? Iraq? Islam?