

## Meeting 17 • 25 May 2010 • Tuesday

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## Today

(X) = anticipated time in minutes

(0001) etc.=item in document collection on CD-ROM

Key to notes added AFTER the class meets:

√ = topic / activity that was adequately dealt with during the class

+ = topic needs more attention &amp; will be resumed at next / subsequent meeting(s)

- = a topic / activity that was proposed but not carried out - will be taken up later

~~Struck through text like this~~ = a topic / activity that was proposed but ~~not included is not going to be taken up after all~~*Italic green text like this = comments after the meeting*

## Week 8: Team-Based Learning (TBL); Thinking toward project #2/#3

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|  | materials: from previous sessions  |
|  | (20') CBI in the news: Veterinarians need better Spanish skills; we'll outline a course for them.  |
|  | (30') More thoughts about Projects 2 & 3, using the handout "Lessons from Immersion" (0094) to loosen up our thinking  |
|  | (30') SpeakEasy maintenance: Maggie's curriculum plan (draft 5 May 2010, in handout for #12 06 May 2010); report about new FLL/WLL hire Steve Thorne meeting with Janda and Bostrom: doing CBI "on-line" (whatever that means!)    |
|  | (20') The summer 2010 "Humboldt" SINQ: Initial syllabus & activities; what I'm thinking about doing with two skills: arts/graphics; proportion (geometry, arithmetic); the "sextant project"; Mt Hood as replication of Chimborazo |

## Upcoming class meeting(s): #16 &amp; #17 &amp; beyond (20 &amp; 25 May &amp; beyond)

CBI, TBL and various subject areas / learner populations

- 1) Continue Stryker /Leaver (or Kasper)
- 2) Read about advanced points of CBI (0115 "Designing a Standards-Based thematic Unit"; 0176 Lear, "Spanish for Working Medical Professionals"; 0356 Bueno, "Creating Community...A Content-Based Approach"; 0436 Armengol, "Developing the Language of Mathematics"
- 3) Read about broader views of CBI: 0276 "Languages Across the Curriculum: A Postsecondary Initiative" and 0268 "The New Paradigm and International Education: Of Babies and Bathwater"
- 4) Read about wider issues in language education: a) college programs (0003, James, "Re-Shaping the 'College-Level' Curriculum"; 0104 Donato, "Literary Discussions"; 0281, Hoecherl-Alden, "Connecting Language to Content: Second Language Literature Instruction at the Intermediate Level"
- 5) Read about SpeakEasy-related issues: 0141, Cummins, "Preparing Students at All Levels for the World of Business in High School and College Language Classes"; 0368 Ulrich, "Putting Language before Business" (provided as photocopy)
- 6) Read some rather speculative ideas: 0101 "Sex, Lies and Video Games"
- 7) Regain handle on basics of language instruction with 0273 Met, Miriam, "Foreign Language"

(above listing goes only up to #0500)

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JACQUES VON LUNEN

PET TALK

## Veterinarians try to speak more Spanish

Being a veterinarian has its challenges: After all, the patients can't say what ails them. But what if the animal's owner can't tell the vet, either, or at least can't describe the symptoms in English?

This scenario plays out in Oregon veterinary clinics as the percentage of foreign-born residents increases in the state.

With 11 percent of Oregonians identifying themselves as Hispanic, up from 8 percent a decade ago, veterinarians increasingly need to be conversant in Spanish. One chain of clinics headquartered in Portland contributed to a possible solution and was promptly criticized.

One option for Spanish-speaking parents is to bring their children with them.

"Speaking to clients through children is pretty common," says Nancy Titus, a veterinarian at the Woodburn Veterinary Clinic. About 20 percent of the clinic's clientele is Latino, she says, and a little less than a quarter of those speak little to no English.

The inherent difficulties are obvious: a young child may not understand the financial, medical and ethical nuances of the interaction, or may not know the terminology for a complicated process, no matter the language.

One technician at the Woodburn clinic speaks Spanish. On that person's days off, Titus says, "we're at the mercy of the children." She's resorted to sign language and to laying English and Spanish brochures side by side to conduct consultations.

"I wish we were all trained in Spanish," she says.

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Knowledge of Spanish is an important factor in the hiring of vets and techs for Larry Peetz, owner of the Companion Pet Clinic in Northeast Portland. His clinic sees a lot of Latino clients, but he has every shift covered: two of his employees speak Spanish fluently and the office manager makes sure one of them is there at all times.

Both Peetz and Titus are quick to point out that, language aside, the concern for the animals is universal.

"These clients treat their animals as family members," Titus says. "Some borrow money to come in for treatment."

With the number of immigrants projected to increase, the number of Spanish-speaking veterinarians and technicians is not meeting the demand.

Nationwide, 3.3 percent of veterinary students in the class of 2008 identified themselves as Hispanic, according to the Association of American Veterinary Medical Colleges. For the class scheduled to finish in 2011, that number rises to 3.9 percent.

At Oregon State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, about two or three students per class are of Hispanic background, says Susan Tornquist, associate dean of the college. She knows that command of Spanish "would be a good thing for our students to have," she says, and adds that leadership of the school has "talked about an elective (course) for veterinarians in Spanish."

But budget constraints have prevented the school from offering a new course. Also, it's hard for students to "cram in more to the curriculum," Tornquist says.

Another option is bringing in professionals from Spanish-speaking countries.

The American Veterinary Medical Association offers a program that certifies foreign veterinarians for work in the United States. More than 200 from Latin America have gone through the program in the past 10 years.

That's not many, considering 55,000 veterinarians are employed in the U.S., according to the Bureau for Labor Statistics.

One problem is accreditation.

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## Pet talk: OSU weighs Spanish class at vet school

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The association's Council on Education has accredited schools in the Netherlands, France, Scotland and Australia, among others. And for the past 15 years, a veterinary school in Mexico has tried to get accreditation, too. The vet college at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM) has been turned down, primarily because its teaching hospital lagged behind its U.S. counterparts.

So in 2004, Banfield, The Pet Hospital, built a new teaching hospital for UNAM. The chief executive of the large chain of clinics, headquartered in Portland, said in the American Veterinary Medical Association journal that the low ratio of Hispanic veterinary students to Spanish-speaking clients in the U.S. played a role in that decision.

But the chain's vice president, Karen Johnson, downplayed that as a factor, saying instead, "We support

the veterinary profession wherever we can."

After Banfield built the hospital, U.S. veterinarians complained in online forums that the company was trying to bring in cheaper labor. The Mexican vet school charges minimal fees, which means its students don't graduate saddled with debt and could afford to work for less.

Some faulted the Council on Education for even considering UNAM's case, given its perceived impact on the job market for U.S. vets. But the council said it only can take into account academic standards, not political or economic consequences.

And even with accreditation, graduates would need to pass board certification for the state in which they plan to practice, and the panel's decision would have no impact on work-visa requirements.

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# Harris Elementary Travels the USA

A USA Geography Project

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Jane Krauss, 4th/5th grade  
Oregon Teacher

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# Global Challenge at Columbia High

A World Geography Project



*Peter Knowles, 9th grade  
Washington Teacher*

A video field trip to a classroom that works, using technology, from

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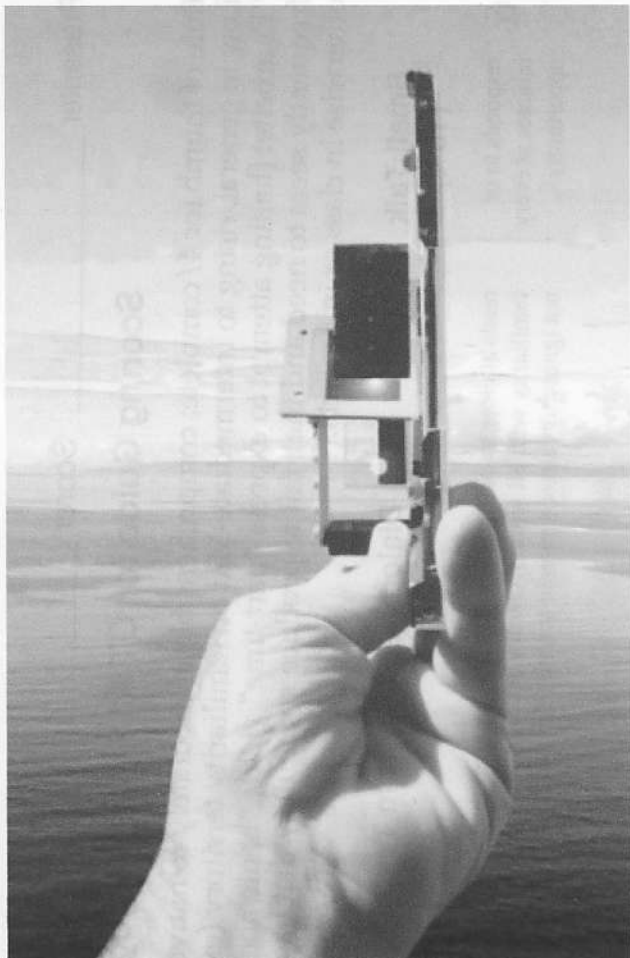
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Sun sight with the CD-Sextant

### Final touches

Bond a round 1x1 Lego piece to the CD surface, to use as a turning knob (the blue piece).

The CD may be hard to turn. In this case, rub the CD hole with a pencil. The graphite is a good lubricant, and will make turning the CD easier. This is important for fine adjustments.

I made 8 such sextants. I will be publishing test results here soon. Stay tuned.

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sextant scale using vector rendering, for best resolution. This is the same program used in the X-tant project.

### **XtantScalePrinter - version 1.1 - download here**

For Windows, 192.874 bytes - This program can be freely used for personal, noncommercial purposes, provided that the credit (name and URL) is not removed from the printed scales.

Mac and Linux users may print this high definition image (300 DPI) with similar results.

- 1) To print the CD-Sextant scale, run the program and check the CD-Sextant checkbox.
- 2) The CD-Sextant is a vernier sextant (see X-tant Project for more details on Verniers). In the case of the CD-Sextant, the small scale radius makes it impossible to divide the scale degrees into smaller ticks. Set the div/degree property to 1. This will give a scale with ticks only for full degrees and a 60' vernier.
- 3) Select your favorite font. Use size 7.
- 4) Press the [Print scale] button.
- 5) After printing, cut around the scale precisely. Don't cut the CD axis hole yet.

### **Sticking the scale**

Sticking the scale is a critical operation. If the scale is not perfectly centered when you stick, you will probably have to remove it in pieces and print a new one. I did this:

- 1) Lift an edge of the sticker paper backing, in the scale part.



- 2) Cut the paper backing edge, to expose a small area of the sticker surface.



- 3) Position the scale on the CD (use the data side), making sure the scale is perfectly centered. Look against a light source to check if scale is centered in the CD center hole. Hold the CD and printed scale with both hands, making sure the printed scale is not out of the CD in any side.

- 4) Once the scale is centered, press the exposed sticker surface against the CD to stick it. This will secure the scale to the CD in the correct