# Oral Communication クラスにおける授業観察

- 小型カメラ使用の可能性を探る-

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### 1 はじめに

勤務校である三木北高校は普通科全日制高校で、進学希望の生徒が8割をしめる。 英語の基礎力が不足している生徒が多く、学力差が大きくなってきている。このクラスは3年の 選択クラス。英語に興味のある生徒が集まってきているが、能力差はかなりある。クラスとして は良好な人間関係が築け、お互いに助け合いながら授業を進められるようになっている。

#### 2 課題の設定と研究計画

4月~夏休み 授業観察と方法の模索、研究会において小型カメラの使用の助言を受ける

9月~10月 ビデオ撮影、研究会でのビデオを使用した研修、助言

11月~12月 授業観察の継続

## 3 授業実践、授業の振り返りと考察

昨年度までの取り組みで教師と生徒の interaction の少なさが教師としての課題としてあがった。今年度は少人数で観察のしやすいこのクラスを授業観察の対象として選んだ。課題として1)話すことを活動の中心にする 2)話しやすい雰囲気作りに気を配る という2点を大きく設定し、2)のためにさらにいくつかの課題を設定した。以下の通りである。

- あ)授業中できるだけ生徒と個人的に会話をする。
- い) 教師の Small Talk を毎時間続け、個人的な話をすることでその後の生徒同士の会話でも自分のことを話しやすい環境を作る。
- う) グループ活動を取り入れ、協力して取り組むことで生徒同士の人間関係を良好にする。 これらの課題に取り組む際に、授業における生徒観察は重要である。サークルでは小型カメ ラを使用し、より近くフォーカスした画像、もしくは教師の目線を追った画像を使ってみたらど うかという助言を受けた。Lesson Plan は以下の通りである。

## **Lesson Plan**

Date: Thursday, September 22, 2005

Class: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, elective class (Oral Communication)

Number of Students: Boys: 3 Girls: 8 Total: 11

Textbook: We don't use a textbook in this lesson 
Lesson: Advertisement Project

Aim of this lesson: 1) To know the style of advertisement in English

- 2) To create the catch phrase and explanation of the product
- 3) To have an effective group discussion to complete the project

Allotted Class Periods for this lesson: 5

This class is 4<sup>th</sup> period of the allotted periods.

## Objectives as Teacher:

- 1) To talk to students individually as much as possible during a group activity
- 2) To let students speak in English during an individual talk with ALT and JTE

## Objectives for Students:

- 1) To listen to teachers' and other students' talking and make a question to continue the conversation
- 2) To have a talk with their classmates, ALT and JTE as much as possible in the activities.
- 3) To get used to writing in English through keeping journals on various topics.

Procedures:	Time	Assumptions	In-Class Observation
Small talk of teachers	3		JTE made a lot of mistakes in her talking.
Pair talking about their			
weekend	10		Students seemed to have some
Students have to ask a question		Students will be able	difficulties in keep talking.
about the partners' talk.		to improve their	
		listening	When they had a conversation with
Presentation of the speech		comprehension.	ALT or JTE, they could keep talking
(Title: If you had one million			and tried to speak a lot.
yen, what would you do?)	10	It is important to	
Students have to think a		make a question to	
question while they are		keep concentration on	
listening.		listening.	
Advertisement Project			

Finish their Advertisement			Making question was difficult. JTE
ALT and JTE are walking			had already known about their product
around and ask some questions	25	They seem to be	through preparation. So it seemed to
about their product.		difficult to keep	be ridiculous ask the same question
If students have some troubles,		speaking English in	again like, "What product are you
ALT and JTE give some		the group activity.	going to advertise?"
suggestions to them.			
		If ALT and JTE walk	
		around and ask some	ALT didn't have enough
		questions in English,	communication with students. Is it
		they have to speak in	difficult for her to talk to them?
		English at that time.	

#### Journal after the Lesson

I'm trying to have a conversation as much as possible individually with the students in this class. Most of them say that they want to be able to speak English fluently and that is the reason they chose this class. So I decided to begin every class with the small talk of teachers and conversation with the students. Through these activities, I hope they get used to listening and speaking their experiences. Of course, they had some difficulties especially in speaking. One student said," I have something to talk, but I don't know how." Though I could create the chance for them to talk, I couldn't give them the way to improve their speaking skills. Some students were easy to speak instead of finding English words they had already known. This is because of the lack of basic knowledge like, vocabulary, grammar and structure. I could create the chance to use English but I couldn't create the chance to improve. To do so, I have to create the curriculum more carefully.

I am going to have this kind of class next year, it is necessary for me to have the goal of the class more precisely. 1) To have the chance to use English especially, speak. 2)To activate the motivation for improving their basic ability of English. 3)To create the comfortable class room culture to improve their studying.

This year, I used a portable camera to record the students' activities and reactions. There are some difficulties to use it. 1) There is no monitor to record so it was hard to get the appropriate picture. 2) It uses some radio wave to record the picture in the hard disc. Sometimes it was hard to catch the voice because of the noise. 3) It is impossible to edit the movie using windows moviemaker. Maybe it is necessary to change the mode of recording. Good points are 1) It is very convenient to bring it to the classroom. 2) The camera is so small that students don't get so nervous in front of the camera.

To the conclusion, it is difficult to adopt the portable camera to classroom research directly. But to check the students' reaction objectively, using camera is effective. To use the camera easily and effectively is necessary for me.

Next year, I am going to keep the research on this oral communication class focusing on improving speaking skills by expressing themselves and creating comfortable classroom culture to facilitate students' learning. To collect enough material for researching, to use the ICT is important.

(小型カメラを使用する問題点について)

- 1) カメラにモニターがないため、適当な画像を撮るのが難しい
- 2) 音声がクリアに入らない、電波の関係で画像が乱れることも多い。
- 3) 画像の形式が AVI という形式で手軽に利用できる Windows Movie Maker で編集作業ができなかった。(おそらくこれは画像を変換することで解決できると思われる)

(利点について)

- 1) テープでなく、ハードディスクに直接記録するので便利である。
- 2) カメラ自体が小さく持ち運びしやすいので教室に持ち込みやすい。生徒に与える圧迫も少ないようだ。

## 4 まとめと今後の課題

学年末の生徒の感想で、"This class was very interesting for me. Everyone in this class is kind and great. I like everyone!" というものがあった。他の生徒の感想もお互いに思いやり、尊敬している様子が感じられた。これは教師にとっても大変うれしいものだった。"When we had a group discussion, other students were very kind and tried to listen what I said." などという意見もあった。高校ではどうしても講義式の授業が多くなるが、このような生徒同士の交流の多くなる活動も必要なのだと感じさせられた。多くの生徒が「話したかったけどうまく話せなかった。」というもどかしさを感じていたようだ。そのためには地道な語彙の取得や、文法に対する学習に向かって自主的に取り組めるようになればよいのだかそこまでの確認はできていない。

来年度に向けては話すことに重点をおきながら、生徒同士、教師生徒との interaction が活発になる授業を目指して引き続き実践を続けていきたい。特に生徒同士の関係に気を配り、どのような classroom culture が形成されていくのかを考えていきたいというのは今年度の実践から得た視点である。今年度の反省として授業のカリキュラムが場当たり的になっていたので目標に向けた活動を計画的に配置したものを作りたいと考えている。また、授業観察のための教師のジャーナルの充実と生徒による授業の振り返りを定期的に記録していこうと考えている。ビデオは客観的な資料として有効なので生徒の発表を記録すると共に授業の様子を記録し続けたい。またこのようなサークルで授業を共に研究することは大変有意義であると思うので継続できることを希望している。