6ÈME CLASS
SYLLABUS
REVISED EDITION

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NOTE TO THE TEACHER

From what has been observed during class visits and inspections, most English teachers in Burkina Faso teach grammar and reading basically. This may be largely due to the way the contents of *English for first Year* and *English for second Year* are organised. Yet teaching involves more than these two language aspects.

To help teachers enrich, update and vary their current teaching practices, the syllabuses of 6e, 5e, 4e and 3e classes have been revised. The lay-out of the framework for revising the 6e and 5e syllabuses displays the following items: *Units, Lessons, Aims, Objectives, Functions, Structures/lexis, and Skills*. This note to the teacher includes suggestions about how to better use the present syllabuses.

1 - *English for first Year* and *English for second Year*

Teaching a lesson requires setting aims and objectives. However, the aims and objectives as they appear on the framework are suggestions the teacher may adapt depending on the teaching environment (levels, materials, etc.)

“SKILLS” on the framework refers not only to the four skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing), but also to any other subskills (vocabulary, pronunciation ...). It is up to the teacher to lay emphasis on the skills or subskills he / she thinks appropriate for the lesson to be taught.

The “STRUCTURES / LEXIS” column is to help the teacher determine which grammar and/or vocabulary items are relevant when teaching a given lesson. There is not a strict selection of one lesson-one structure or lexis because while teaching a specific lesson the teacher may resort to structures or lexis already taught. This explains the repetition of items that can be noticed in different lessons. In addition, the structures and/or lexis proposed for each lesson are not to be taught necessarily in a one-hour lesson.

“FUNCTIONS” refers to the use of language taught to achieve situational communication tasks. It can involve interaction between at least two people. The following are examples of functions: suggesting, promising, apologizing, greeting…. Then it remains important to bear in mind that grammar should be taught communicatively taking into account the function(s) for which the language is used and not just limiting it to the mere teaching of structures.

2 - *Go for English 4e* and *Go for English 3e*

Texts dealing with current themes have been supplemented to *Go for English 4e* and *Go for English 3e* textbooks, in accordance with the same framework used for 6e and 5e syllabuses. Thus, the suggestions and the remarks made above about the 6e and 5e classes are also valid for 4e and 3e. The teacher may adapt the texts proposed by simplifying the vocabulary and structures, providing vocabulary, studying texts in chunks ... according to his teaching context.
OUTCOMES 6e

At the end of 6e, the learners will be able to communicate in speech and writing through simple language dealing with different situations of their daily lives.
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*NB:  - STI= Sexually Transmitted Infections  - HIV / AIDS= Human Immunodeficiency Virus / Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
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- identify a few common travel documents  
- name means of transportation  
- use vocabulary related to a given means of transportation | - Identifying  
- Giving information  
- Asking for information | - Wh-questions  
- Yes / no questions  
- Can  
- Simple future | - Listening  
- Speaking  
- Reading  
- Writing |
|      | 02      | Places and their locations. | To familiarise the pupils with finding their way | The pupils will be able to:  
- locate places.  
- ask for directions.  
- give directions | - Locating places.  
- Asking for directions.  
- Giving directions | - Wh-questions  
- Yes / no questions  
- Imperatives (go straight, turn left …)  
- Prepositions of place | - Listening  
- Speaking  
- Reading  
- Writing |
|      | 03      | Entertainment in town. | To help the pupils acquire vocabulary and expressions of entertainment in town. | The pupils will be able to:  
- Name a few types of entertainment.  
- invite somebody to a given entertainment.  
- accept invitations  
- decline invitations. | - Naming  
- Inviting  
- Accepting invitations  
- Declining invitations. | - Would you like to …  
- Can I invite you to …  
- Future (going to + infinitive) [When is the game going to be / start? Who is going to play?] | - Listening  
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<td>To develop the pupils' awareness of other road users</td>
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<td>- Expressing quantities and prices - Inquiring about quantities and prices - Naming</td>
<td>- Wh-questions (How much, How many ...) - Yes / no questions - quantifiers (much, many, a lot of, a few, a little) - Too + adjective - Adjective + enough - Any, some</td>
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<td>The pupils will be able to: - distinguish varieties of tomatoes - describe process of growing tomatoes - share views about growing tomatoes</td>
<td>- Describing - Differentiating - Reporting information - Agreeing - Disagreeing</td>
<td>- I think..., I don't think..., I agree / don't agree ... - Sequence adverbs (first, then, next, after that, finally)</td>
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<td>- Can, must - Imperatives - Sequence adverbs (first, then, next, after that, finally)</td>
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APPENDICES
LESSON PLANNING

I. DEFINITION

The effectiveness of a lesson presented in class is mostly influenced by its preparation. As stated by Harmer (1998:256): "The best teachers are those who think carefully about what they are going to do in their classes, and who plan how they are going to organise the teaching and learning."

It follows that lesson planning is a process during which the teacher thinks about WHAT to teach, HOW he is going to teach the lesson and WHICH aids could help him make learning take place.

That is to say the teacher carefully plans every sequence of the lesson in advance. This work is done before the lesson is presented in class.

II. THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE GOING INTO CLASS

Before going into class, the teacher’s preliminary work at home should consider the following elements:

- Date on which the lesson is to be taught (that is for the teacher’s own reference later on)
- Level of the class
- Size of the class
- Age of the students
- Gender of students
- Recent / Previous work: if the teacher remembers recent work, it can help him/her make reasonable decisions for the lesson being planned or even for the future.
- Duration of the lesson
- Topic of the lesson
- Aims and objectives of the lesson
- Prerequisites (refer to knowledge required as a condition for learning something else.)
- Stages of the lesson
- Activities
- Teaching aids (picture, chart, book, handout, map, video cassette recorder, etc.)
- Techniques (refer to teaching devices, to very specific types of learning activities.)
- Time management
- Class organization (whole class or lockstep, in groups, in pairs individually…)
- Assessment procedure
- Anticipated problems and their solutions: think about any problem which may interfere with the lesson and try to find solutions.

III. CONTENT OF THE LESSON

After the preliminary work has been done at home, the teacher has to implement the lesson in class. When going into the classroom, the teacher should have a lesson plan clearly written out. It should comprise the same elements as in the preliminary work (see I and II). But here, emphasis should be laid on the procedure. This consists of:
The stages of the lesson
The steps of the lesson
The activities to be carried out
The class organization
The timing of the activities
The teaching aids

IV. PRINCIPLES OF LESSON PLANNING

When planning a lesson:
- **Vary the activities**: select a wide range of materials and techniques. This will give you an interesting lesson;
- **Be flexible** i.e. do not be a slave of your lesson plan. In case some unexpected difficulties arise and necessitate immediate action, be ready to adapt the lesson;
- **Do not be a slave of the textbook**: although the textbook is a good resource which provides the teacher with interesting material and progression in the language items, the teacher should be able to omit, select, supplement or combine;
- **Have clearly defined aims and objectives**: a lesson is a progression of interrelated activities, which consolidate each other. Clearly defined aims and objectives will determine how well activities will be carried out to achieve these aims and objectives;
- **Make the activities congruent with the defined objectives** i.e. the activities to be carried out must tally with the objectives set by the teacher;
- **Do not be too ambitious**: do not plan too many things at the same time; plan what is feasible within the allotted duration of the lesson;
- **Do in class what cannot be done outside the class**:
  - Allow sufficient time for pupils to practise the language
  - Think out your homework carefully and give clear instructions, otherwise pupils might not be able to perform some tasks by themselves
  - Out-of-class activities (homework, projects) are destined to consolidate learning done in class, not to test it.

V. FACTORS WHICH CAN INFLUENCE THE LESSON

The teacher has to take into account some factors which can negatively influence the lesson. Some depend on the teacher, and others do not. These factors are:

- the choice of methods and techniques: choose the ones which are appropriate according to your context.
- the duration of the lesson: is it a session of one hour or two hours?
- the frequency of the course: once or twice a week?
- the time of the day.
- the class size: does it allow every pupil’s participation? Does it better allow pair work or group work?
- the nature of furniture: is it easy to move desks, make students go around the classroom? Can the teacher himself go between rows?

- availability of teaching aids: will you plan an activity which necessitates the use of a tape recorder while your school does not have electricity? Will you plan to use pictures you cannot find anywhere?

VI. A MODEL LESSON PLAN

The model adopted here is a three-stage plan that is easy to handle by beginning teachers, and can be used for all skills.

Let us see what can be done at each stage:

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<td>At the very first step of this stage, prepare the students either psychologically or physically for the day's lesson. Whether you call it motivation, ice-breaking, warm-up, filler, lead-in..., do something interesting and motivating. Then you announce the lesson and you introduce it. You may present the new language (structure, vocabulary, pronunciation, meaning, concept, context, etc.), help the students gather necessary vocabulary and organize ideas for a writing or a speaking session, arouse the students' interest in a text etc. Here, remove any obstacle which could make the following steps difficult to understand. Therefore, new words or structures should be explained.</td>
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<td>At this stage, set the students to work. They should be fully and actively involved in activities. Make the students use what they were presented at stage I to practise their English, but under your control and guidance. The types of activities could be gap filling, sentence completion, matching, answering questions, writing a paragraph, etc. This stage should help develop students' accuracy.</td>
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<td>This is the stage at which you should give your students the opportunity to produce their own language freely, using the elements of the first two previous stages and their background knowledge of the topic of the lesson or of the world. The activities should be devised so as to give the students the opportunity to use their English as much as possible and to encourage them to produce as naturally as possible. Possible activities could include debates, discussion, interviews. As a closing to the lesson, the teacher can sum up the main points. The students should then be given a follow-up activity (homework) clearly explained to them. The follow-up is to reinforce what has been taught in class, it is not a test. Allow the students some time for copying the lesson and then move on to procedural work i.e. checking the attendance and filling in the record book. If time permits, end on a relaxing activity (game, song, etc.). This removes the stress and concentration they have been under during the lesson, and may make them look forward to another class instead of resenting it.</td>
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I. DEFINITION

Warm-up / opening / ice breaking / warmer: important stage of a lesson to motivate students, to create a warm and friendly atmosphere during the lesson.

According to G. Rees it is “a short activity that demands an active involvement from the students. We use warmers at the beginning of lessons for a variety of reasons. Firstly and perhaps most importantly to get the students going at the beginning of the day or the beginning of the lesson, to warm them up just like an athlete would warm up before their big race. Also it gives the students a chance to switch on to using English, to get their brains ready to use a different language.”

II. PURPOSES

- To motivate / capture interest
- To warm up
- To enjoy (for fun)
- To introduce a lesson
- To frame the mind
- To loosen up the tongue
- To relax / put at ease
- To get to know each other
- To prepare students for the information and activities in the lesson
- Etc.

III. TYPES

- Reviewing a previous lesson
- Discussing the topic of the lesson
- Stating the aim of the lesson
- Linking previous lesson to the new one
- Getting to know each other
- Starting with music / a song
- Repeating a riddle
- Using proverbs or English idioms
- Raising a discussion of common interest

The list is far from being exhaustive; therefore, teachers could rely on their own creativity to find other types of warm-ups.
AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Definition of aims

An aim (objectif général) is a purpose, an intention. It should be defined in such a way that it answers the following question: “What skill(s) does the teacher want the students to acquire?”

Aims refer to competence (i.e. what the teacher wants the students to learn); they are latent, cognitive.

II. Definition of objectives

According to Robert F. Mager “An objective is a description of the performance you want learners to exhibit before you consider them competent. An objective describes an intended result of instruction rather than the process itself”.

The characteristics of a useful objective are:
1. Performance (what the learner is able to do)
2. Conditions (important conditions under which the performance is expected to occur)
3. Criterion (the quality or level of performance that will be considered acceptable).

Objectives deal with what students will be able to do as a result of the competence they acquire. They are expressed in verbs of action and are formulated as followed: “By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to…”

Examples of conditions:
- by the end of the course/lesson/term
- given a list...
- without a calculator...

Examples of behaviour or performance:
- identify from a list;
- recite;
- solve an equation...

Examples of acceptable standards or criteria:
- without error:
- with no more than two errors;
- in five minutes...

An objective is defined taking into account all the elements above: “By the end of the chapter on equations, the pupils [...] will be able to solve a first degree equation in five minutes without a calculator. No error is allowed”.

III. Examples of aims and objectives (of speaking and writing)

III.1 Speaking

Aim: The pupils will be taught the common fillers* and their use in a conversation.

Objective: By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to use 5 fillers in a free and fluent six-utterance dialogue.
III.2 Writing

Aim: To teach pupils how to write a business letter.
Objective: By the end of the lesson the pupils will be able to write a 100-word letter of complaint in 30 minutes without any mistake and without any document.

III. Advantages of instructional objectives:

Although some people question the usefulness of educational objectives, they are in our context, so far, the only medium by which to measure the instructional progression. Instructional objectives are valuable in that they enable the teacher to:

- evaluate/assess the effectiveness of his teaching
- identify students needing remedial work;
- develop adequate strategies to meet the needs of all students;
- in addition, they have one interpretation and can help to reduce the time spent in learning.

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