Week 4: Task 3

Translanguaging in the classroom

Watch the following video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ObujvFnpztE

Then do the activity below:

Activity: Incorporating translanguaging in your classroom

Identify a forthcoming lesson in which you can introduce translanguaging into your classroom practice. Note down the parts of each activity in which use of the school language or the students' home language would be most appropriate. Consider how to pair or group your students. Take notice of who your students and their needs are.

Plan the lesson, revisiting and practising the instructional phrases that you are likely to use for each step. Identify the objectives of the course and justify the translanguaging practices you opted for.

Upload your lesson plan along with a brief text justifying your choices in the Assignment section.

If you are currently teaching, implement the lesson. Begin by explaining to your students what the benefits of translanguaging are to learning and why you wish to encourage them to do this. Give them clear instructions for each stage of the activity. Respond supportively to their use of their home language.



Pause for thought

- How did your students respond to their first experiences of translanguaging in the classroom?
- How was the experience different for you?

Note:

Once you introduce translanguaging into your teaching practice, it is important to incorporate it consistently in your lessons so that your students gain confidence in the acceptability of using their home language in their learning on a regular basis.