An Elementary Video Class

Film: *Chocolat* (adaptable for other films)

This is a good first video lesson for elementary students. This lesson uses the scene when mother and daughter first move into the old pastry shop. They have a conversation just before bedtime when the little girl asks her mother to read her a story. From “What a nice town this is.” To “Okay”.

**Stage One:** Pre-viewing Task Tell your students that they are going to watch a movie clip where a mother and daughter have a conversation just before bedtime. Ask your students to predict some of the words they think might appear in such a conversation. Write the words or phrases on the board.

**Stage Two:** Pre-viewing Task Students then put the cut-up conversation in a logical order (a cut-up version of the worksheet). There are several possibilities, it only has to make sense at this stage.

**Stage Three:** While-viewing Task Students then watch the scene paying close attention to the dialogue. (At this stage they shouldn’t be re-arranging the cut-up conversation but watching the movie)

**Stage Four:** Post-viewing Task Students now put the jumbled conversation into the correct order. You may have to re-play the scene a few times while they do this.

**Stage Five:** Cooler Watch the scene again. Elementary students enjoy this, it gives them lots of confidence to watch a real movie clip and understand it.

**Stage Six:** Role-play Preparation Ask students to work in pairs and write a short script between mother/ father and daughter/ son. This will give you time to help them with grammar and vocabulary.

**Stage Seven:** Role-play. Students act out the role-play in front of the class.
Daughter: What a nice town this is.

Daughter: Don’t you think so, Maman?

Mother: It’s a lovely town.

Daughter: Maman, Partoufle wants to know how long we can stay.

Mother: Oh, you tell Partoufle not to worry. Time for bed.

Mother: What story tonight?

Daughter: Partoufle wants to hear about Grandmère and Grandpère.

Mother: Not tonight, Anouchka.

Daughter: You always say that.

Daughter: Tell about Grandmère and Grandpère.

Mother: Not tonight.

Mother: How about the Princess and the Pirates?

Daughter: Okay.