

WARM-UP:

3 CULTURAL OBJECTS

Course/level: UKR 211

Objectives:

- a) to review different types of modern Ukrainian professions and
- b) to prepare for further activities in Ukrainian.

Materials and equipment:

- 3 cultural objects from Ukraine (e.g. a metal cup, a copybook, a box of matches)

Process:

- 1) The instructor briefly explains the rules in Ukrainian:

Кожна група отримає по одному предмету. Ваше завдання — назвати як умога більше сучасних українських професій (мінімум п'ять), які використовують або могли б використовувати ці предмети. Перемагає та група, яка назве більше професій і те, що люди цих професій можуть робити з цим предметом. Час обмежений — п'ять хвилин.

- 2) The instructor shows an example.
- 3) The group is divided into smaller groups of 3-4 people.
- 4) Each group chooses an object randomly.
- 5) It is necessary to mention at least five professions and how people in these professions use or could use this object. In order to win a team will have to name more professions than any other team.

Adaptation:

- This activity can be adapted for learners of any age + mixed-age groups.
- This activity can be used on more advanced levels if more complex vocabulary is introduced.

Conclusion:

This is a warm-up activity which I prepared for my UKR 211 class. It helped to practice different language skills (speaking, listening, and writing) and was entertaining at the same time. The students liked it and coped with the task successfully. While the students were preparing to present their five or more professions, I was around the room to make sure that the task is work is going in the right direction and that all the students were participating. The objects used for this activity were authentic which contributed to students' interest. Although this was not an

objective for this activity, the students also reviewed important action verbs which were necessary in order to describe what people of different professions could do with a particular objects. Overall, the activity was successful in that it met the objectives and was greatly enjoyed by the students.