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**Winter - Spring 2011, Shaping Chile Networks  
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Action Plan Project for “Shaping the Way We Teach English”**

In this online course, we are focusing on new teaching techniques and resources. Choose one technique or classroom innovation that you would like to incorporate into your class, and develop an action plan (below) for accomplishing this. Please give as much detail as possible.

**Date Created: 6/5/11**

**Class: 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Name of Action Plan Creator: Evelyn Flores**

**Number of Students: 32**

**New teaching techniques or ideas I plan to use: authentic materials, creative/critical thinking.**

**Language Level: Beginning**

**My Class Now**

We are studying in the English Lab using the Internet They are working in groups (2 classmates) finding information about future PowerPoint presentations. They like it! The authentic resources they can use for this class come from the Internet, Real resources; Real TV news, authentic life. Of the different kind of news examples: sports, celebrity, bullying etc. I am monitoring all the time and giving individualized answers to the group.

**My Class in the Future (My Vision)**

They have to predict, deduce and express "news" and sometime personal opinions in English. About the PowerPoint, the topic is: News.

### **Additional Explanation from Action Plan Creator**

In “My Class in the Future (My Vision)” above, you described a change you would like to see happen in your class. Provide additional information for the following related items. Write as though you are informing a person who knows nothing about your educational setting.

**1. The benefits I predict from this change:** I predict that all the family is part of this project because it is something real and provides authentic cultural information. Parents watch TV, especially the news, and they help my students with input, and help to make a presentation because some of them finish the project at home.

**2. Challenges I expect:** I expect they will be more secure about speaking English; they will be more motivated in class. Using technology, they will be more active.

**3. How I will address those challenges:** Finding the best way to learn about their interests, music, movies, reading etc. asking them opinions about current events, especially looking for authentic materials for my class.

**4. Steps and timeline (schedule) for completing the change:** In this class, I have 3 pedagogical hours a week. In 2 of them we are preparing PowerPoint presentations for (3 consecutives weeks), then they have to present it.

They have to show me the project every class.

We will solve some problems.

**5. How I will assess the degree of success of the change:** In my school we have an evaluation calendar for all the year, and in this opportunity I can choose my evaluation and the class. This is the best opportunity to improve my abilities.