English in Action: Using mobile phones in the classroom

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English in Action (EIA) project, Bangladesh:
What’s this about using mobile phones in the classroom?

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Warm up (1 Draw a river)

Implementer

Funder

By 2017
- About 51,000 teachers
- About 7.2 million students
Supporting English language teaching & learning
EIA materials in schools

Materials for Ts, HTs, TFs, EOs, MTs, TTs
School-based teacher professional development

1. Offline audio and video materials
   watch, listen, make notes

2. Try in the classroom:
   use classroom techniques
   Observe peer and be observed

3. Reflections
   record in writing experiences of try in the classroom
   Speak and share with peer/HT in school and during reflection meetings about experiences

4. Quarterly Meetings (SETMs)
   Attend 4 meetings
   Share reflections
   Record others' ideas

The “learning by doing” teacher
The mobile phone: SD Card - practice

1. Teachers materials (Bangla & English)
   + Videos to learn techniques, watch teacher reflecting
   + audio of classroom language
   + audio (30 units) improve your English

2. Classroom materials (English)
   - Audio-visual based
   - Textbook-based
   Stories, songs, rhymes, and posters
Classroom demonstrations to watch on the mobile phone (2)

2. Unit 22:
23:00-
25:55-
summary
active
classroom
Teachers try new techniques in their classroom
Peer teachers working in school together with HT support

Mobile learning together
Peer observations
Reflections
Planning together
Teacher Facilitators run the teachers’ meetings

3 video TF meeting
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The 5 key elements of EIA

• **Offline Audio-visual materials**
• **Linked to the National Curriculum**
• **Peer support (in school)**
• **Head Teacher support**
• **Follow-up support outside school and on-going monitoring**

(Westbrook et al. 2013)
Teachers at the heart of change

Teachers change classroom techniques

Teachers and Students use more English

Classroom changes

Students Learning outcomes change
Evaluation & research

English language competence

Perceptions

Classroom practice
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