Student Learning Outcome (SLO) Assessment

Course Alpha and Number: ESL 3A
Course Title: Beginning Writing For Speakers Of Other Languages
Name(s) of Instructor(s): Julie Sagliano
Division: Language Arts
Date: 12/20/05

What Student Learning Outcome was assessed?

By completion of this course, at a minimum of 70% proficiency, students will be able to:

5. Recognize and use correctly the following elements of grammar and mechanics in beginning-level sentence-level and paragraph writing:
   Present time: present progressive

Phase 1
A. Describe the assessment tool (test, survey, rubric, etc.) used. Cut and paste your tool below if possible.

A pre-test and post-test in fall 2005 of the grammar SLOs was given to judge what knowledge of grammatical structures students possess on entry to the course and what progress was attained by the end of the course. Seven items on the test concerned the simple present tense. Sixteen students took both the pre-test and post-test.

The pre-test was given in August 2005. The post-test was given in December 2005.

B. Who was the data collected from? How many were collected?

Data was collected from 16 students in the only section of ESL 3A in the fall 2005 semester.

C. What were the results of the assessment?

On the pre-test, students scored 87.5% correct and 12.5% incorrect. On the post-test, students scored 96.8% correct and 4.2% incorrect. There was an 8.3 point average improvement in correct answers between the two tests.

D. What changes are needed based on your assessment?
In addition to the pre- and post-tests on the sentence level, the instructor could give pre- and post-paragraph writing assignments using a picture of people engaged in various activities. The students would write short paragraphs describing the actions using the present progressive tense at a minimum of 70% accuracy on the post-test.
A. Choose the best answer.

1. Dogs and horses ______.
   a. are animals  
   b. is an animal  
   c. isn’t animal

2. Mrs. Rice ______ a student. She’s a teacher.
   a. is  
   b. aren’t  
   c. isn’t

3. Carlos was ______ yesterday.
   a. in home  
   b. on home  
   c. at home

4. Are those ______ books?
   a. yours  
   b. you  
   c. your

5. Kate is wearing a suit. ______ suit is dark blue.
   a. Their  
   b. Her  
   c. Hers

6. A: Where’s your notebook?
   B: ______ in my bag.
   a. It’s  
   b. Its  
   c. Is

7. ______ watch is new.
   a. I  
   b. My  
   c. I have a

8. Mr. Rice ______ a small dog.
   a. have  
   b. is having  
   c. has

9. ______ to class on time.
   a. Always Sam come  
   b. Sam comes always  
   c. Sam always comes

10. My husband and I usually ______ dinner at 6:00 P.M.
    a. eats  
    b. are eating  
    c. eat

11. Albert ______ for dinner.
    a. is ever late  
    b. is never late  
    c. is late never

12. Yoko and Jack ______ their homework together every week.
    a. does  
    b. are doing  
    c. do

13. Pablo ______ to the gym every Sunday.
    a. go  
    b. is going  
    c. goes
14. Sue ____ like black coffee. She likes coffee with milk and sugar.
   a. don't  
   b. doesn't  
   c. isn't

15. A: ____ you usually get up in the morning?
   B: At 7:30.
   a. What time are  
   b. What time does  
   c. What time do

16. A: How's the weather today?
   B: ____ rainy.
   a. Its  
   b. It  
   c. It's

17. A: What are you wearing today?
   B: ____ a green dress.
   a. You're wearing  
   b. I'm wearing  
   c. I wear

18. A: What ____ doing?
   B: They're reading the newspaper.
   a. is he  
   b. do they  
   c. are they

19. A: Is Hiroko sleeping?
   B: ____
   a. Yes, I do  
   b. No, she doesn't  
   c. No, she isn't

20. I walk to work everyday. I ____ my car.
    a. am not taking  
    b. doesn't take  
    c. don't take

21. ____ the teacher's directions?
    a. Did you understand  
    b. Were you understanding

22. A: What are you doing right now?
    B: I'm ____ a concert on the radio.
    a. hearing  
    b. listen to  
    c. listening to

23. ____ something to drink?
    a. Would like  
    b. Would you like  
    c. Do you like

24. Alex ____ his rent is too expensive.
    a. thinks about  
    b. thinks that  
    c. thinks what

25. How ____ in this classroom?
    a. are many students  
    b. many students there are  
    c. many students are there

26. Pedro has a new car. He bought ____ last Friday.
    a. it's  
    b. its  
    c. it
27. Michael and Susan have two _______.
   a. child b. children c. children

28. Kyoung Sun called the school office for _______.
   a. informations b. some information c. an information

29. Can I have _______ apple?
   a. an b. a c. some

30. _______ book belongs to Roberto.
   a. Those b. This c. These

31. I don’t know _______ about that subject.
   a. nothing b. any c. anything

32. My parents live on your street. Do you know _______?
   a. they’re b. them c. their

33. Last night, Ellen _______ a delicious meal.
   a. was cook b. was cooked c. cooked

34. I’m so happy. It finally _______ raining.
   a. was stop b. stopped c. was stopped

35. After Yusniko _______ the letter, she sent it.
   a. writes b. wrote c. was wrote

36. Rita saw me _______.
   a. was two weeks b. before two weeks c. two weeks ago

37. Were you home _______?
   a. last night b. last morning c. last afternoon

38. Sam lives _______ the United States.
   a. on b. at c. in

39. Mr. Smith lives _______ 14 Brook Road.
   a. on b. in c. at

40. Does your uncle live _______ Main Street?
   a. in b. at c. on
41. If the weather _____ nice tomorrow, I will work outside in the garden.
   a. is going to be  b. will be  c. is

42. Gary wasn’t in class _____ morning. He was sick.
   a. last  b. tomorrow  c. yesterday

43. Mr. Johnson will see you _____.
   a. a few minutes ago  b. an hour ago  c. in a few minutes

44. Renaud’s Cafe will open _____.
   a. in two more weeks  b. two weeks ago  c. 10 more minutes

45. Ricardo and Maria _____ come to the party. They will decide tomorrow and call you.
   a. maybe  b. may  c. might be

46. What _____ going to wear to Frack’s wedding?
   a. will you  b. are you  c. you are

47. Before _____ to class, Ayumi usually buys a cup of coffee and a sandwich.
   a. she is coming  b. she’s coming  c. she comes

48. _____ I got dressed, I took a hot shower.
   a. Before  b. When  c. After

49. _____ going to be late again?
   a. Are they  b. Will they  c. They might

50. _____ at work tomorrow?
   a. Will be  b. Will you be  c. Were you
A. Complete the sentences with the best answer.

51. This door is locked. I don't _____ open it. Please help me.
   a. can       b. know how to    c. know to

52. Yoko and Mark _____ to attend class yesterday. They missed their train.
   a. weren't able  b. couldn't    c. can't

53. This desk is _____ for me to lift. Could you help me move it?
   a. too heavy    b. too heavy    c. heavy enough

54. A: _____ like some ice cream?
    B: Of course!

55. Robert _____ play the accordion beautifully when he was a child.
   a. knows how to  b. can    c. could

56. It's _____ to go to the beach. I'll get our bathing suits and suntan lotion.
    a. very warm  b. too warm    c. warm enough

57. A: Can I speak with you for a few minutes?
    B: Sure, _____
       a. please sit down  b. please to sit down    c. sitting down

58. James didn't _____ speak English at all before he came to the United States.
    a. know       b. knew       c. know how to

59. There are _____ people in this restaurant. Let's go to a quieter place.
    a. too much  b. very    c. too many

60. I'd like to stay home. I'm _____ to go out tonight.
    a. very tired  b. tired    c. too tired
Student Learning Outcome (SLO) Assessment

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Division: Language Arts
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By completion of this course, at a minimum of 70% proficiency, students will be able to:

5. Recognize and use correctly the following elements of grammar and mechanics in beginning-level sentence-level and paragraph writing:
   Present time: simple present

Phase 2

E. What changes were implemented as a result of your initial assessment?

The instructor gave more writing practice in the simple present. The students had to write a paragraph using the simple present about their daily activities.

A grammar pre-test and final exam in spring 2006 of the grammar SLOs were given again to judge what knowledge of grammatical structures students possess on entry to the course and what progress was attained by the end of the course. Eight items on the Grammar Pretest and the Grammar Final Exam concerned the Present Tense. Five students took both the Grammar Pretest and the Grammar Final Exam. The Pretest was given in January 2006. The Final was given in May 2006.

Copy of tests are attached.

F. What were the results of those changes?

On the pre-test, students scored 85% correct and 5% incorrect. On the final exam, students scored 97.5% correct and 2.5% incorrect. There was a 12.5 point improvement of correct answers between the two tests.

G. What will be done for the next assessment of this course?

In the future, the instructor could give pre- and post-paragraph writing assignments asking students to write about their morning routines. The students would write short paragraphs describing their morning activities using the simple present tense at a minimum of 70% accuracy on the post-test.
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