

Lesson 39: Preschool Education

Hi! How are you today?

Today's lesson is about "**Preschool Education.**"

Have fun learning English!

Warm-up | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

- **Preschool education** - Education for children before they enter school.
- **Have a lot on one's plate** - To have a lot of work or problems, etc. to deal with.
- **Sort of** - A reply to what someone said, which you consider to be correct to some extent but in a way you cannot easily describe.
- **Oriented** - Added to nouns and adverbs to form adjectives which describe what someone or something is mainly interested in or concerned with.
- **Skillful** - Being good at doing something, especially something that needs a particular ability or special training.
- **Eye-opener** - An event, experience, etc. that is surprising and shows you something that you did not know before.
- **Come in handy** - To be useful when needed.
- **Keep it up!** - Used to tell somebody to continue doing something as good as they are doing it now.

Activity 1 | Dialogue

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Lisa and Janica are having an idle talk.

Lisa: Janica, you got married and now you're a mother.

Janica: Yeah, you're right.

Lisa: I'm just curious. What is it like to become a mother?

Janica: Before, I used to be a lazy person. I also had more time for myself. But it has become totally different. I have to manage my time well to take care of my kids and my husband. I **have a lot on my plate** every day.

Lisa: I can imagine it... How many children do you have?

Janica: I have one boy and a girl, they are still kids.

Lisa: It must be tough.

Janica: **Sort of.** Especially, since they just started **preschool education**. They are learning English in an online school. I want them to learn the basics of English before they enter elementary school.

Lisa: Wow, you're really education **oriented!** But I know that most teachers in online schools are foreigners. Isn't it hard?

Janica: Not really. I thought the same way as you at first, but in fact, although teachers are foreigners, they are **skillful** enough to teach English to kids. Actually I was amazed by their skills. It was kind of an **eye-opener** for me.

Lisa: I see.

Janica: Now what I'm thinking is to let them gain experience in talking with people from different countries as much as possible in their early age. I suppose it will **come in handy** in the future. And I believe this online school is the best place to do it.

Lisa: Keep it up!

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. How did Janica describe her change after she became a mother?
2. What surprised Janica about the online English school?
3. Why does Janica want her children to talk with foreigners early in their lives?

Activity 2 | Discussion

Directions: Discuss the contents of preschool education listed below with your teacher.

Contents of preschool education

- Discipline and social rules
- English
- Music
- Art
- Traditional play
- Right brain training

Activity 3 | Free Conversation

Directions: Take turns with your teacher in answering the questions.

1. Are you for or against preschool education? Why?
2. Did you go to preschool?
3. What do you think about the preschool education in your country?
4. Do you think that the earlier people start learning English, the faster they get acquainted with it?
5. Do you agree that it's never too late to learn something?