

Warm Up

We started class with [this Crossword puzzle](#) on the board; Viet words, English clues. True to form, we underestimated the class and they finished the puzzle inside of three minutes.

Lesson 1 - Tones and Pronunciation

As we had finished our "Ô" sounds, we did Review # 5, Difficult Pronunciations and the Reading Exercises. Then we started our "Ơ" sounds: Ơ / Ờ. [Pages 49-52](#) . And here is [its Audio](#)

Lesson 2 - Translation

How do most English speakers know grammar? Not so much by knowing the rules, but rather we know what sounds right and what doesn't sound right. How do we know what sounds right? By learning to read and write for many, many years since we were young. How do we get to a stage where Vietnamese grammar will sound right or not sound right? By learning to read and write hundreds of sentences as if we were young again. "Translation" is an excellent method to help us with this. The class was [given a handout](#) of the first story from the Bible Stories book. The story is on one side, and a table filled with all of the words that appear in that story is on the other side. In class, we translated the first and third sentence using the chart and writing down the English words underneath the Vietnamese ones. The more you do this, Vietnamese sentence structure will become more familiar, and you will recognise what "sounds" right. Here is [the Audio for that entire story](#) .

Lesson 3 - 800 Words

Vietnamese [Grocery Shopping and Vietnamese Recipes](#) . Each student received a recipe for a Vietnamese meal. Attached to it was a list of ingredients (in Vietnamese) the student would need to 'buy' to cook their meal. They then went to the 'market' set up and run by our lovely volunteers to 'purchase' the needed ingredients. This was an 'English off' lesson, with the students speaking only Vietnamese.

For homework, [download this general grocery shopping list](#) and start doing your shopping in Vietnamese. Refer to these everyday items in Vietnamese. We use these condiments and foodstuffs everyday; why not expand our Vietnamese vocabulary then, by using the Vietnamese words for these items from now on.

Tea Break

Lesson 4 - Tones and Pronunciation

We continued with our "Ơ" sounds. Ơ M / Ờ N / Ờ T / Ờ P. Then we did Review # 6, Difficult Pronunciations, and even all the "Ơ" Reading Exercises. That's right; started and finished an entire vowel sound in one lesson. [Pages 53-56](#) . And here is [its Audio](#) .

Lesson 5 - Juggling Practice

We did 5 minute juggling practice while reciting books of the bible.

Lesson 6 - Even More Language Structure

Class was given a [handout with Even More Language Structure](#) . We learnt adverbs, "isms", tenses, and Generalizing Compounds. To illustrate how easy Vietnamese tenses are, we briefly elaborated on the 13 different English verb forms and conjugation. With only three Vietnamese Tense words, and no Verb Conjugation, Vietnamese grammar is so easy! Here is [this handout's Audio](#)

Lesson 7 - Culture

Based on an interview of a young sister from Melbourne, [today's culture lesson](#) focused on the various challenges Vietnamese young ones face as they grow up with two cultures and languages. It's such a pleasure to study the bible with young ones; it is also helpful to know about the specific issues many Vietnamese young ones face. We are in a unique position to be able to help them.

Lesson 8 - Field Service

The class broke up into groups of 3-4 and, using Communicative Approach, we combined our Magazine presentation with our [recent Questions handout](#) , slotting in appropriate questions to our increasingly familiar presentations.

Homework

As per [Homework Sheet](#) . Also, here is [Week 10's Word of the Day List](#) . And here is the [Audio](#)