

Young learners

5-7 year olds

- Can talk about what they are doing, have done, are going to do
- Sometimes don't distinguish what is fiction and what is fact
- The world for them is governed by rules
- What you say first happens first
- Physical world is dominant
- Understand the body language
- Play alone
- What they are doing is real work
- They rarely ask
- Concentration span is short

8-10 year olds

- Differentiate between the fact and fiction
- Ask questions all the time
- Start relying on spoken word
- Understand abstracts and symbols
- Generalize and systematize
- Make some decisions
- Cooperate with others
- Have developed sense of fairness

The teacher's approach

- Rely on senses!
- *„I hear and I forget. I see and I remember, I do and I understand.“*

Confucius

- Recognize the moment when the activity must be changed
- Be flexible and sensitive

- Use colourful ideas,
attractive activities

- Use routines

they bring the feeling of stability and security

- Make friendly atmosphere

more cooperation than competition

- Absorb language through games and activities

with minimum of grammar

- Highlight good points of their progress