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Método Híbrido: Un método para la enseñanza y el aprendizaje del inglés como lengua extranjera

The article is the result of a teaching experience conducted at Universidad Del Norte in the International Relations’ EFL program to maximize students’ learning and foster the development of competences.
Maximizing students’ learning, developing competencies, and giving them real opportunities for applying English in practical ways have become important goals in the International Relations’ English program of Universidad Del Norte, Barranquilla-Colombia. In order to achieve these goals, an integrated pedagogical method which involves teaching English and content together has been implemented. This method, called “Hybrid Method,” incorporates two well-known approaches to language teaching and learning: Content-Based Instruction (CBI) and Project-Based Instruction (PBI). The idea was conceived regarding students’ academic and professional needs; their interest on significant learning experiences; the characteristics and demands of the context, and the need for a method that not only contributes to the development of students’ English communicative competence, but also fosters the development of competences that help them perform adequately in both academic and occupational settings. This method takes advantage of the resources and technological facilities offered by the university and has become a positive contribution in the English learning process of the International Relations students with whom it has been applied.

KEYWORDS: EFL teaching; integrated learning; competences; pedagogical method; communicative competence; Hybrid Method; Content Based Instruction (CBI); Project-Based Instruction (PBI).
INTRODUCTION

In a globalized world in which technological, industrial, economic, and social advances bring countless opportunities for us, Colombians, in the educational and occupational fields, learning a foreign language, especially English, has become more than essential in order to have access to these opportunities for advancement and progress and become more competitive. These challenges fueled by globalization led to a rethinking of the Colombian educational system in order to adjust it to the new and future demands that our country would face.

In this context, the role of foreign languages was also redefined, regarding the need for Colombian citizens able to communicate and participate in the exchange of knowledge, goods and services in foreign countries. The National Ministry of education issued the National bilingualism program in order to give Colombian students the possibility of learning a second language and becoming more competent and competitive (Ministerio de Educación Nacional, MEN, 2006). Therefore, English as a second or foreign language (ESL/EFL) has become a must at schools and universities in Colombia; students are expected to reach higher levels of communicative competence that allows them to communicate better in international settings, understand other cultures, access and transmit knowledge, and play an important role in the development of the country (MEN, 2006).

Nevertheless, being communicatively competent by itself will not ensure Colombian citizens’ success in foreign countries. A number of other basic competences, along with the communicative one, need to be developed in order to have the capacity to act appropriately and create diverse and suitable solutions to problems in a determined context (Salas, 2005). Thus, English language courses, especially at university levels, should aim at the development of suitable competences that allow students not only to learn and use the language, but also to acquire skills for acting appropriately in different settings and solve problems they will normally face in real life.

However, implementing this kind of approach implies becoming more responsive to students’ needs and interests and adjusting the program to these and the characteristics of the context where it is going to be applied. “Transmissionist” practices must be replaced by learner and learning-centered experiences in which the students are guided to make sense of what they are learning and are given opportunities to acquire life-long skills. In other words, such an approach needs to give students a more active role than simply observers, listeners, or receivers of information, taking them to a state of “knowing what to do and how to act in context” (Marín, 2002 in Salas, 2006, p.6) through the development of necessary skills.

Considering the above, with the aim of maximizing students’ learning and fostering life-long competencies, English professors from the Language Department of Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla, Colombia have implemented an integrated pedagogical method for teaching English as a foreign language to undergraduate students of the International Relations Program, an eight level content-oriented program in which students are taught English through the content of their specialty. The idea was conceived regarding students’ future needs as specialists in International Relations, their interest on significant learning experiences, their characteristics as young adults who will soon face real life experiences, and the need to respond to the University’s curricular modernization plan, which is targeted toward the integral formation of the students, with special
attention to the development of competences that make them more reflective, critical, and able to face the challenges of a changing world (Vicerrectoria Académica Uninorte, 2008). We intended to come up with a method that both contributed to the development of students’ English communicative competence and fostered the development of life-long competences that help them perform adequately in both academic and occupational settings.

This method, called “Hybrid Method” because of its integrated nature, follows a constructivist approach that fosters learning by doing. It is based on two well-known constructivist approaches to language teaching and learning: Content-Based Instruction (CBI) and Project Based Instruction (PBI); these approaches, although different, possess characteristics that can complement each other very well to achieve the proposed goals in our English courses: Developing communicative competence, as well as other basic competences through the specific content of the students’ specialty, in this case, International Relations. In this Hybrid Method, language is learned in context through active interaction among teachers and learners; therefore, it involves teaching English and content together in a problem-solving atmosphere.

Before providing a more detailed description of the method, a brief description of its basic underlying principles will be provided.

**CONSTRUCTIVIST APPROACH**

According to the Constructivist approach, learning is a process by which new knowledge is constructed from learner’s previous experiences (Piaget, 1950). This approach conceives learners as active beings who are able to participate actively in their learning process and solve problems. In other words, learners are able to learn by doing. However, according to Jonassen (1997), this kind of learning is possible when “well structured learning environments with appropriate scaffolding are provided.” Thus, teachers should adopt a coaching role. Rather than doers, they are supporters of the students’ knowledge construction, which means teachers should provide the conditions for students to learn. Savery (1996) supports this idea stating that a facilitator should guide students to achieve objectives, but at the same time, provide learning experiences that are open and free enough to allow learners to discover, enjoy, interact, and make up their own ideas of the reality. Learning then is the result of learners’ work in the interaction with meaningful learning experiences that awaken their imagination, critical thinking and interest for learning.

Regarding the above, constructivism allows for the implementation of active learning environments in which critical thinking and life-long skills can be fostered. Therefore, a constructivist approach to language teaching might match quite well an EFL teaching and learning program where the development of competences is nurtured.

**CONTENT-BASED INSTRUCTION (CBI)**

Content Based Instruction (CBI) is the term given to the integration of language and content in language teaching. Since its appearance in the 1980s, this approach has marked a difference in ESL and EFL pedagogy because of its multiple advantages which make it different from other approaches to language teaching and learning.

One of the advantages attributed to CBI that applies to teaching EFL at university levels is its appropriateness for the development of independent learning skills, highly needed at this stage. On the other hand, according to Kasper (2000), it...
“enables college English students to develop and refine necessary linguistic and critical thinking skills that allow them to access, understand, articulate, and critically analyze conceptual relations” (p. 3). Besides, it provides students with the basis for developing higher order thinking skills, such as critical thinking, and helps them develop the ability to communicate with others and articulate needs in the language (Kasper, 2000). Similarly, Peachey (2003) highlights the following advantages of CBI:

- Language is used to fulfill a real purpose, thus language learning becomes more interesting and motivating.

- Students’ self-confidence and independence are fostered.

- Students can develop a much wider knowledge of the world, which can feed into improving and supporting their general educational needs.

- It is a great alternative in EAP (English for Academic Purposes) as it helps students to develop valuable study skills such as note taking, summarizing and extracting key information from texts.

- Taking information from different sources, re-evaluating and restructuring that information can help students to develop very valuable thinking skills that can then be transferred to other subjects.

- The inclusion of a group work element can also help students to develop their collaborative skills, which can have great social value.

These distinctive characteristics make of CBI a suitable approach for teaching English across the curriculum and provide the conditions for teaching EFL at university levels through the specific subject matter of students’ careers. Thus, students will acquire both language and content knowledge and a series of skills that will enhance their academic performance.

PROJECT-BASED INSTRUCTION (PBI)

Project Based Instruction aims at providing students opportunities to apply known language and skills in natural contexts. It is considered by Stoller (1997, in Beckett & Miller, 2006) as a “versatile vehicle for fully integrated language and content learning (p. 4),” so it harmonizes very well with Content Based Learning. Besides, it promotes the implementation of activities through which learners’ different cultures, abilities, interests, and learning styles can be addressed. Railsback (2002, p. 9-10) gathered from different practitioners of PBI a set of advantages that we considered would suit the needs of our university students:

- Preparing learners for the workplace: Learners are exposed to a wide range of skills and competences such as collaboration, project planning, decision making, and time management (Blank, 1997; Dickinson et al., 1998).

- Increasing motivation: Teachers often note improvement in attendance, more class participation, and greater willingness to do homework (Bottoms & Webb, 1998; Moursund, Bielefeldt, & Underwood, 1997).

- Connecting learning with reality: Students retain more knowledge and skills when they are engaged in stimulating projects. With projects, learners use higher order thinking skills rather than memorizing facts in an isolated context without a connection to how and where they are used in the real world (Blank, 1997; Bottoms & Webb, 1998; Reyes, 1998).

- Providing collaborative opportunities to cons-
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struct knowledge: Collaborative learning allows students to bounce ideas off each other, voice their own opinions, and negotiate solutions, all skills that will be necessary in the workplace (Bryson, 1994; Reyes, 1998).

- Increasing problem-solving skills (Moursund, Bielefeldt, & Underwood, 1997).

Other advantages of PBI highlighted by Kraft (2000) are:

- Allows for a variety of learning styles.
- Provides for in-depth understanding.
- Utilizes various modes of communication.
- Students are responsible for their own learning. Student self-assessment of learning is encouraged
- The learning process is valued as well as the learning project.
- Multidisciplinary in nature.

Another important aspect to be considered is PBI’s capacity to keep students interested and motivated while they are learning due to its context-driven nature, versatility, and practicality. These conditions are necessary ingredients for success in EFL and ESL teaching and learning processes.

THE POST-METHOD ERA

Throughout the history of language teaching, finding “the best way of teaching and learning a second or foreign language (EFL)” has constituted one of the major concerns on the field. The need of helping learners become proficient users of a language brought as result the proliferation of different approaches and methods whose underlying philosophies determined how languages should be taught in order to ensure learning. In this way, methods such as the Grammar Translation Method, Audiolingual Method, Communicative Language Teaching, Natural Approach, Direct Method, Task-Based Language Teaching, among others began to be adopted worldwide as the “panacea” for the language teaching and learning problem. Thus, a “method-based era” framed ESL and EFL teaching around the world in which teaching and learning processes were grounded upon “one set of teaching aims and objectives realizable through one set of teaching principles and procedures” (Kumaravadivelu, 2006, p.171). This is illustrated by Richards & Rodgers (2001) as follows:

The commonest solution to the language teaching problem was seen to lie in the adoption of a new teaching approach or method. One result of this trend was the era of so-called designer or brand-name methods, that is, packaged solutions that can be described and marketed for use anywhere in the world (p. 244).

However, as students’ needs and contextual factors became important and determinant in decision making in the language class, the functionality of these methods began to be questioned. EFL/ESL teachers realized that not always the underlying views of language, teaching and learning of these adopted methods were applicable in their own contexts, so transformation and adaptation of one or more methods to make them fit specific needs of students and contexts became a common practice. This resulted in a new era of needs and context-dependent methods known as the “Post-method era” (Kumaravadivelu, 2006; Richards & Rodgers, 2001), in which language teaching methods are more adaptive to the particular situation of particular students and teachers. Then, ESL and EFL teaching entered what Kumaravadivelu (2006) calls “The post method condition,” which according to him:

…Is a sustainable state of affairs that compels us
to fundamentally restructure our view of language teaching and teacher education. It urges us to review the character and content of classroom teaching in all its pedagogical and ideological perspectives, and drives us to streamline our teacher education by refiguring the reified relationship between theory and practice. (p. 170)

This means, teachers are urged to turn their eyes to their students' needs and consider the characteristics of their contexts when making decisions about what to teach and how to teach it. Therefore, they should rely on their own practice and devise their own methods regarding their specific needs, rather than applying imposed methods created by others. Regarding the above, “Hybrid Method” could be considered a pedagogical method from the post method era.

DESCRIPTION OF HYBRID METHOD

As stated before, our Hybrid Method for teaching English as a foreign language fosters significant language learning as well as the development of competences such as communicative, collaborative, research, leadership, cultural, social, and citizenship, among others through a constructivist approach to teaching and learning. Project work is the core of the process in order to give students real contexts to work on. They are embarked on a project work from the beginning of the semester whose product is built step by step throughout the course both cooperatively and individually (PBI). Students are given freedom to choose the project they want to work on from a list provided by the professor. However, they can propose their own ideas if their interests are not reflected in the list provided, but their decisions are subject to the professor’s approval. (See appendix 1)

The tasks carried out in every step, make students apply reading, writing, listening, speaking and concepts in a practical way, incorporating their interests and talents. The reading and listening content that constitutes the input for students' project work comes from authentic sources and is taken from students' subject areas (CBI + PBI). Since research is an important component of the project, students are guided on the selection and use of reliable sources of information. Therefore, instruction on how to search in data bases and academic sites is provided to them along with reading strategies and techniques to process the information they find.

Concepts, skills, and competences are worked out in context throughout the process as students perform the different tasks in the completion of their products in each step of the project (CBI + PBI). This type of work gives them a reason for learning and willing to participate actively in the process. Besides, it provides the opportunity to apply content, language, and skills in a practical way as well as transferring knowledge into real-life situations, similar to the ones they will encounter in their professional lives, which favors the development of competences. In order to foster critical reading and thinking skills, students read and analyze different types of authentic texts during the process, at the same time they are guided to construct knowledge on the way the language works (CBI).

In Hybrid Method teachers are conceived as both coaches and facilitators of students’ learning process (Richards & Rodgers, 2001). They are expected to provide students with tasks, activities, and materials that promote their acquisition and implementation of basic concepts and skills at every level, support students on both language and content difficulties, guide students on the elaboration and completion of their projects, and provide opportune feedback that help them refine knowledge, improve their work and reflect on their own learning. On the other hand, students
are considered active beings and critical thinkers who are able to solve problems and reach high-order thinking skills that will take them to become autonomous learners (Ibid).

Hybrid Method’s methodology is active and varied. New language topics and content are introduced through lecturing, round tables, students’ oral presentations, and class and web forums, among others. These concepts and skills are put into practice in the elaboration of their projects, where students perform individual, pair, and group work and carry out workshops. The use of Tic’s is essential in this method. Through the University’s Web Catalog, students are provided with and encouraged to access world wide data bases, audio visual material, and a considerable number of sources that help them in the completion of their tasks and projects. We also take advantage of the multiple applications of the Web 2.0 for making students create blogs through which they are motivated to share information of their projects, read, write, and exchange ideas about environmental issues. Their blog posts are also taken by teachers as a source for language and content work in the class, giving students the opportunity to edit and improve their work after appropriate feedback is given to them. Some examples of students’ blogs can be found at: http://ecothree5.blogspot.com and http://animalseagueuninorte.blogspot.com/.

In our method students’ process is as valued as their products, so both formative and summative forms of assessment are used to evaluate their performance and achievement. Assessment rubrics are given to students with every performance. These rubrics serve a double purpose, indicating students in advance what is expected from them on the tasks, and as evaluation criteria for them and the teachers (see appendix 2). Opportune feedback is provided to students during student-teacher conferences after the different tasks. This feedback is intended to help students become aware of their performance and acquire tools for improving. Other types of ongoing assessment applied in the method are: self/peer assessment, observed communicative activities, and practical or application quizzes (Carbery, 1999).

Summative evaluation is also applied to evaluate students’ performance during the process since the university’s evaluation system applies a scoring system from 1 through 5 to keep a numerical record of students’ performance in the subject. Therefore, oral and written exams and project products, which evaluate students’ content and language knowledge as well as their application of skills, are scored quantitatively. Thus, students’ final grade in the subject is determined by the sum of both process and product.

**SCOPE OF THE METHOD**

Although a systematic research to assess the scope of Hybrid Method for EFL teaching and learning has not been conducted yet, preliminary surveys applied to students at the end of the semester evidence a positive attitude toward the subject and the tasks they have to perform within the project. Class observations indicate a growth in students’ communicative competence, not only in the linguistic aspect but also in the discourse, strategic, and interactional ones. On the other hand, students’ discourse in relation to environmental and social responsibility shows a marked sensibility toward other people’s needs and an interest to work for mitigating environmental and social problems in vulnerable areas. Students’ performance during the project’s group work activities evidence a development of negotiation and problem solving skills. Research skills seem to be developing as well, regarding students’ more
frequent use of reliable sources of information, a growing use of data bases and academic sites. Nevertheless, despite these enlightening results, this data needs to be validated through research in order to emit a conclusive concept about the scope of Hybrid Method.

CONCLUSION

At a time in which learning English as a second or foreign language and developing competences are extremely important to Colombian students in order to become more competitive in both educational and occupational settings, the way of teaching and learning this language must shift from “transmissionist” practices to more learner and learning-centered experiences. Therefore, pedagogical methods to teach this language should be more responsive to students’ needs and interests and to the characteristics of the contexts in which they will be implemented.

“Hybrid Method for EFL teaching” is proposed as an alternative method to meet this need. It has incorporated creativity and dynamism to our English classes as well as it has provided a way to make content and language play together in a way that results attractive and motivating to the students. An integrated content-based and project-based approach gives students reasons for learning and developing language skills and competences in practical ways. Teachers act as guides who support students and help them achieve goals, while students are considered active learners who are able to think critically and develop higher order thinking skills. We are on the process of gathering data related to the impact of the model on teachers’ performance and students’ acquisition of objectives, which will be a matter of discussion on subsequent articles on this issue.
REFERENCES


GROUP’S NAME: _______________________________
GROUP MEMBERS: _______________________________

Time: 3 months & 20-25 days.
In the completion of this project, you will answer the following question:

How can we contribute to improve an environmental problem in a vulnerable area in Barranquilla?

Choose one (1) activity from the following list:

a) **Problem: electricity/water waste**
Organize a campaign and activities to promote water or energy conservation in a neighborhood (At least 4 families must participate in this activity. Evidence of how water/energy consumption improved must be presented at the end of the study).

b) **Problem: inappropriate waste management/land or water pollution**
Organize a campaign and activities to improve waste management in an area (the area must be a place in which the poor management of household or industrial wastes are affecting the surrounding environment)

c) **Problem: animal abuse**
Organize a campaign and activities to preserve the life of abandoned or mistreated animals such as dogs, cats, birds, donkeys/mules, horses, etc.

d) **Problem: poor/inappropriate cleanliness and sanitation conditions**
Organize a campaign and activities to improve cleanliness and sanitation conditions in an area (it must be an area where people’s health and life are affected because of cleanliness and sanitation conditions)

e) **Problem: deforestation**
Identify a deforested area in Barranquilla and carry out a campaign to promote the reforestation of this area.

f) **Problem: Government carelessness**
Identify an environmental problem that needs the intervention of the local authorities. Get the attention of a local leader or institution to help in the solution of that problem.

g) **Problem: Lack of parkland or green spaces**
Organize a campaign and activities to improve the conditions of a park and its surrounding area, or to promote the creation of green spaces in a neighborhood.
Note: The park you choose must be in such poor conditions that it does not serve its purpose as an entertaining, relaxing, and sources of oxygen areas.

h) Free choice. Propose a problem you want to work on and write the main activity you will carry out in your group. Your choice must be approved by your professor.

ACTIVITIES

You will both receive and research information about environmental issues, strategies to become critical readers and thinkers, ways and strategies to carry out environmental campaigns. Meanwhile, you are supposed to carry out the following activities and have them ready for the corresponding checkpoints (See checkpoints schedule below).

1. Personalize your group
   α) Give your group a name.
   β) Create a logo and a slogan.
   γ) Distribute roles among group members: coordinator, secretary, designer, funds manager, language checker.

2. Write a description your group
   a. Write a brief description of your environmental group: State when the group was created, why, the aspects that characterize you as an eco-group and the type of activities you will carry out.

3. Write the objectives and justification for this activity

4. Create a blog

Create a blog for your eco-group at blogger.com.
Upload the information about the group (see 1-3)
Write frequent posts and comment on other classmates’ blogs (see instructions for postings)

5. Research about the problem and solutions
   a. Choose the place where your activity will be carried out. You need to make a thorough study of the place before choosing it: Is there really a problem in that place?
   b. Research about the problem you chose (waste management, deforestation, waste of water/energy, etc.). Follow guidelines on research techniques provided in class and use the following questions to guide yourselves:

       • Why is it a problem?
       • Causes and consequences of this problem?
       • Where does it happen?
       • How does it affect the surrounding environment?
       • How can it be solved?

Record your research in the following format:
1. INFORMATION OF THE REVIEWER

GROUP:

NAMES:

DATE:

2. INFORMATION ABOUT THE BOOK/ARTICLE: APA NORMS

Abstract (brief summary of the text. (state the most important ideas exposed by the writer,)

Key words

Personal comments and conclusions (Express your opinion about the text. Answer to questions such as: what new ideas did you discover? What is interesting about this text? How does this information help you in your work? What is not clear?)

c. Research about campaigns or activities on the same issue:
   • name of campaign
   • Who performed it?
   • When?
   • Where? Why?
   • Outcomes/results of the campaign or activities?

Record your research in the following format:

Name of the Campaign

Who carried out this campaign?
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When?

Where?

Why?

How? (activities and strategies)

What was the impact of these campaigns on the places they were carried out?

6. Methodology

a. Decide on the methodology for your campaign/activity:
   • Type of campaign
   • Activities
   • Instruments
   • How you will get support of public/private institutions (if applicable)
   • How you will get other people involved.

7. Fieldwork

a. Carry out your campaign and activities in the target area (minimum 3 visits must be paid to the place)

b. Make sure you make a timetable recording all the visits and tasks performed during your visits (keep evidence of your work in every visit). Use the following table:

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c. Prepare the report for the final presentation. Save evidence of the activities you carried out in every visit (pictures, videos, letters sent to people/institutions to get support, brochures, posters, buttons, etc.).

8. Post the advances of your campaign in the blog periodically. Don’t forget to be creative.

9. Prepare the presentation of your activity. See instructions provided by the teacher.
# CHECKPOINTS SCHEDULE

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<td>a. Campaign topic (pick from the list provided in this format).&lt;br&gt;b. Group’s name, logo, slogan, brief description of group (in writing).&lt;br&gt;c. group members’ roles&lt;br&gt;d. create a blog for your eco-group</td>
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<td>2</td>
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<td>• 4-5 Research reviews:&lt;br&gt;Research about assigned ecological problem and 2 possible solutions to it. (deforestation, energy conservation, water conservation, etc.) and fill out 5 research review formats. References must be presented.</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>a. Background research about other campaigns/activities (national or international) on the same issue:&lt;br&gt;• Campaign/activity name&lt;br&gt;• Who carried it out?&lt;br&gt;• When? Where? Why?&lt;br&gt;• Methodology and strategies they applied?&lt;br&gt;• Outcomes of that campaign</td>
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<td>Description of the place where the activity will be held. Why is there a problem in this place?&lt;br&gt;a. Objectives of the activity&lt;br&gt;b. Justification&lt;br&gt;c. Action plan:&lt;br&gt;• Group’s decisions about activity:&lt;br&gt;• Strategies to be applied&lt;br&gt;• Instruments to be applied&lt;br&gt;• How other people will be involved</td>
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<td>Report of campaign advances in the target area.&lt;br&gt;• How many visits to the target place?&lt;br&gt;• Actions taken in every visit&lt;br&gt;Action plan for future visits (see timetable)</td>
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<td>a. Outline of final presentation&lt;br&gt;• Introduction&lt;br&gt;• Body&lt;br&gt;• Conclusion&lt;br&gt;• Visual aids</td>
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<td>Campaign presentations:</td>
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APPENDIX 2.1
ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN
PROJECT PROCESS FOLLOW UP
CHECKPOINT # 1

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<td>c. brief description of group (in writing)</td>
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## APPENDIX 2.2

### PROJECT ORAL PRESENTATION EVALUATION RUBRIC

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<td>Made a clear introduction of the activity. Explained the problem.</td>
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<td>Objectives of the activity were clear and measurable.</td>
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<td>Justification of the activity was clear. Presented expected results.</td>
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<td>Followed an organized plan. Presented an organized and reliable timetable and activities performed in each visit.</td>
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<td>Activities match objectives.</td>
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#### GRADE

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