

NEVER GOING HOME AGAIN: SUGGESTIONS FOR A CALL/INTERNET BASED EFL LESSON

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Pre-computer work

Display the following text* on an OHP and ask the students to read it through:

I woke up every morning I went to school every day I spent my night on the corner just passing the time away I felt lonely like a child without a toy until I met him - a boy and now I can never go home anymore.
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Ask them individually to decide who the speaker is (the "I" in the text) and to think of different reasons why he or she can never go home anymore.

Next, divide the students into groups of three or four and ask them to share and compare their thoughts and reasons with their classmates.

Computer work

Ask the students to start the computer program Never Going Home Again (executable and/or downloadable at <http://www.vasa.abo.fi/users/rpalmber/shangri.exe>) and learn the text by heart by following the instructions given in the program.

When they have finished working with the computer program, ask them, working in pairs, to start the Internet and use a search engine of their choice to find the answers to the following eight questions:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Who were The Shangri-Las?2) What were their greatest hits?3) Have you heard any of their songs? If yes, which one(s)?4) One of the Shangri-Las hits was later made famous by another group. Which was the song and which was the group?5) What are the members of the Shangri-Las doing today?6) Find the original text version of the Shangri-Las hit I can never go home anymore.7) What differences are there between the original text and the version displayed on the OHP (and used in the CALL program)?8) What is the song about? |
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Post-computer work

Rearrange the students into groups of three or four and ask them to compare and discuss each other's answers.

Ask the students to remain in the same groups and prepare (and present) a one-minute oral summary on the topic: What did I/we learn during the exercise?

Arrange a whole-class discussion on the topic: What would I/we like to know more about?

Finish the lesson by asking the class to read out the song text together without looking at the text.

* The text is a modified version of the beginning of a song entitled **I can never go home anymore**, performed by The Shangri-Las in the 1960s. Original words and music by George Morton and Jerry Grimaldi.