



Jobs for a TPRS® classroom

For decades, classroom teachers from elementary to middle school to high school have been assigning students jobs in classrooms. TPRS teachers have found this as a wonderful way to share in managing and organizing classes. Additionally it has proven to be a fabulous way to build community. These jobs engage students, create novelty, and can be used as various forms of formative assessments.

Students have jobs from taking detailed notes for missing students, to counting the number of times a grammar structure is used in class, to making sound effects, to keeping students and/or teacher in the target language. Some jobs are meant to relax the students and keep the learning environment pleasant and fun, others are academic and very business-like. This is perfect for differentiating instruction and meeting the needs of my students in any context.

Don't feel like you have to use every job everyday.

Do give some class time to teaching routines and procedures.

Don't be afraid to “fire” a student from their job.

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Day	Job	😊	Job description
During - PQA / class communication	1	Quiz writer	Writes 12 question quiz based on language/information from class
	2	Counter 1	Each counter counts the number of times instructor uses their assigned structure (Goal is 50+ times per period)
	3	Counter 2	
	4	Counter 3	
	5	Counter 4	
	6	Gesture King/Queen	Decides the final gesture used for a structure
	7	Captain Dictionary	Looks up words that we want to use that the teacher doesn't know
	8	Cheerleader 1	Jumps up at random times during the lesson and says the structure while performing the gesture with cheerleader-like enthusiasm
	9	Cheerleader 2	
	10	Cheerleader 3	
	11	Cheerleader 4	
	12	Timer	Times # of minutes that the class stays in the TL (8 minutes for a point)
	13	Lights	Turns the lights on and off for videos or any other reason
	14	Mail Carrier	This person collects and distributes the work from each student in their group
	15	Mail Carrier 2	
	16	Mail Carrier 3	
	17	Mail Carrier 4	
	18	Mail Carrier 5	
	19	Notetaker/Stenographer	Takes detailed notes for missing students
	20	English abuser	Makes sound when teacher explains too long (15+ seconds) in English
	21	English police	Rings a bell when s/he hears English spoken inappropriately
	22	"But" da daah	When I say the word "but", the student says "da-da-daah"
	23	Expert 1	Gets to decide facts of the story when I don't want to make a decision
	24	Expert 2	
During - Ask a story	25	Sound FX Guru	Makes sound effects needed in story (car, cow, etc.)
	26	Artist	Draws the story in a 6 box "comic strip"
	27	Door Knocker	Makes the sound when a door needs to be knocked
	28	Actor 1	These are students who act out exactly what the teacher, [aka the director] tells them to do (or they will be fired)
	29	Actor 2	
	30	Actor 3	
	31	Actor 4	
	32	English Writer	Writes the story in detail in English during the ask a story
	33	Spanish Writer	Writes the story in detail in Spanish during the ask a story
	34	Story Ender Fairy	Stands, waves wand, and makes noise to wrap up story with 15 min. left
During - Reading	35	Reader Leader	Uses the laser pointer to point to the projected words
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