

## Methods to use “arrow panel”

Pasting a variety of visual materials such as pictures or magazine clippings on blackboard can make lessons fun and effective. Classroom teaching could be improved by using these materials effectively. “Arrow panel” is a very convenient tool which can assign different meaning to the materials.

Draw an arrow in a piece of paper with the length about 20cm long and about 5cm wide. Then, cut the shape out carefully. Draw the outline of the “arrow panel” using red color pen to make it easy to be seen. Lastly, you can either fix a small magnet at the back of the arrow or stick a piece of cellophane tape so that it can be freely pasted on the board.

How do we use the “arrow panel”?

First, this “arrow panel” can be used to teach the verbs ‘行きます’, ‘来ます’ and ‘帰ります’.



Figure 1.

For example, this sentence 「○○さんは××へ行きます。」 can be practiced by putting an “arrow panel” between the “subject” and “destination”.

Then, place the pictures of “subject” on the left hand side and “destination” on the right hand side of the board vertically (refer to Figure 1) so that the arrow can be move up and down in the middle part on the board. (This could be a good drilling exercise.)

By using the picture of President Trump (“subject”) and Brazil flag (“destination”), students can practice the sentence, 「トランプさんはブラジルに行きます。」. Then, by changing the “destination” to Malaysia flag, they can practice the sentence, 「トランプさんはマレーシアへ来ます。」 After that, change the destination to America and students are able to practice the sentence, 「トランプさんはアメリカへ帰ります。」



Figure 2.

This arrow can also be used to practice the verbs 'あげます', 'もらいます' and 'くれます'.

By pasting the "arrow panel" between two "subjects" and a picture of present on top of the "arrow panel"(see Figure 2), the sentence is 「トランプさんはあべさんにプレゼントをあげます。」, as well as 「あべさんはトランプさんにプレゼントをもらいます。」 Also, by changing the picture of 「あべさん」 to 「わたし」, students can practice the sentence, 「トランプさんはわたしにプレゼントをくれます。」

You can replace the picture of present with other things. For example, if you replace a picture with 「日本語」, students can practice the sentence 「日本語を教えてください。」

Teaching using "arrow panel" is very convenient because it can indicate the movement and direction in a sentence. Other sample sentences are 「トランプさんはあべさんに手紙を書きます。」, 「トランプさんはあべさんに電話をかけます。」, 「トランプさんはあべさんに荷物を送ります。」 and so on. By using the "arrow panel" and pictures, you can help your students practice new sentences in a fun and lively way.

