

Grammar Traffic: A Tool for Teaching and Learning the Simple Present Tense

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Highlights: This manuscript presents the Grammar Traffic, a product designed to help students and teachers in the teaching and learning process of the Simple Present Tense in the English language.

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Introduction

This product is made up of five components which include the USB powered electrical device with three different coloured LED lights (red, green, yellow), a three panelled magnetic board with three different coloured cards (red – verb, green – noun, yellow – suffix), an instructional manual, a sample answer booklet, and an outer container with a handle for easy transport.

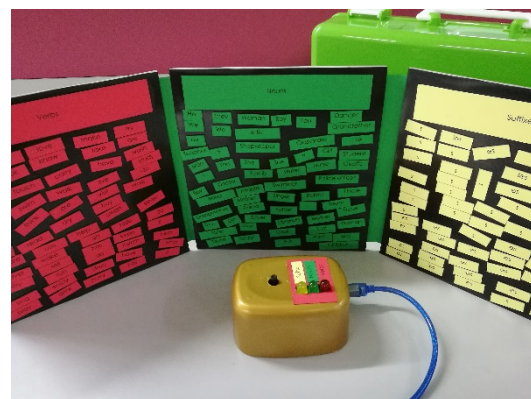
The aim of designing this product is to address the problem of mastery of English among Malaysian students. There are a few reasons why this is a problem, among which are influences of the mother tongue, lack of practice, lack of interest in English and boring teaching methodologies adopted by teachers in school. As there are so many different problems in the mastery of English, this product only focuses on addressing one problem: the mastery of the simple present tense. This is because the simple present tense is the simplest and most commonly used tense in the English language. Therefore, addressing this problem will lead to better understanding of other tenses in the English language. The target demographic group of this product is students between Primary 4 and 6. This is because some of the components in this product are small and should be handled with care.

This product has been studied and proven to be effective to solve the problem in the teaching and learning process and it is proven to have additional benefits too.

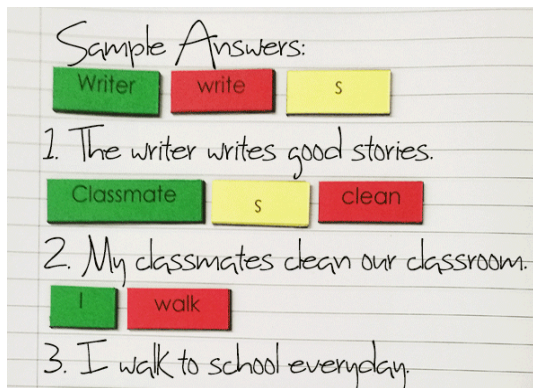
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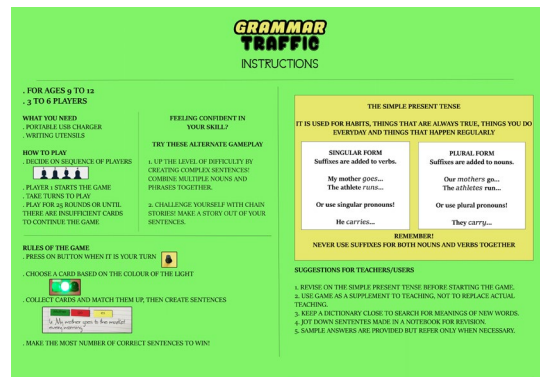
Electrical component



The magnetic board with the coloured cards



Sample answers



Instructional manual

Content

Advantages

- It is interesting and exciting
- It is effective to help students identify singular and plural nouns and verbs
- It helps students understand subject-verb agreement
- It helps students learn new vocabulary
- It helps students improve in sentence making skills and writing skills
- Compact and easy to carry around

Important to education

- For students: use as a revision tool at home or at their own free time at school or tuition, promote self-correction and self-learning and peer-learning
- For teachers: create a fun and competitive teaching environment, no need to spend long hours coming up with own teaching aid, no need to worry about bored and unengaged students when teaching grammar

Commercialisation value

- Can be produced and sold to teachers who teach remedial classes with students of low proficiency, specialized tuition centres and language centres, teachers who do small group or private tutoring, or parents to use with their kids