Template to Guide VAT Activity

Conversation Analysis: Focus on Classroom Discussion

1. Watch the video, and without talking to anyone, write down your observations of the classroom discussion, as seen in the clip.

2. Watch the clip again, this time writing down the exact talk you heard, perhaps sharing the transcription writing with a partner.

3. Compare your results to the transcript provided by the facilitator. Consider why there were discrepancies.

4. Label the talk in the transcript according to a provided list of language functions. How does this help you understand the nature of the discussion? Possible functions include the following:
   - Seek Information
   - Inform
   - Compare
   - Classify
   - Justify
   - Infer
   - Evaluate

5. Return to your observation statement in #1 of this template. What do you think of it now? What would you revise or expand in it?

6. Reflect on this video analysis task. What do you think you learned or reinforced from participating in it?

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