Playboard

Peel and Stick Figures

"May I give you one anecdote from the first class during which I utilized your TPR Student Kit-the Farm?

The class is made up of 11 students from 9 nations and with 8 alphabets. These students are approaching a discrete level of L2 ability, but their vocabulary is used haltingly and grammatical knowledge is still spotty. They were, however, a bit dubious about this "new fangled" TPR method, thinking it more for beginners, and therefore, perhaps beneath them.

It so happened that one Mongolian mom needed to bring her three-year-old to class. He has not been observed speaking any English in the year the family has been studying here. So we began, and he sat by his mom. I know that you will be tempted to think that I'm using hyperbole here, but what followed was an eye-opener to us all. I began with simple commands, and by the second round of such commands, the toddler was both obeying with undeniable comprehension and verbalizing each command in response.

When I began to move this group from simple commands to the farm animals in the TPR Student Kit, the toddler had soon commandeered his mom's TPR Student Kit and obeyed each command with verbally clear response. This quick advancement by the boy was NOT lost on the class. When the boy's father came thirty minutes later to take him to his pre-school class, his loud caterwauling made it clear that he preferred to continue rather than exit to pre-school.

To say that my class is looking forward to our next session is a gigantic understatement. There's much more I could say, but I am sure that you hear such testimonies routinely so I won't bore you. Still, whatever Giselle and I accomplish here YOU made possible. May God bless you for that!

Yours appreciatively,

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