LESSON TOPIC: /ð/ and /θ/, /i/ and /ɪ/

CONTENT OBJECTIVES:

1) Students will learn some of the different parts of the mouth used when speaking

LANGUAGE OBJECTIVES:

1) Students will be able to pronounce /ð/ and /θ/ word initially and word finally
2) Students will be able to pronounce /i/ and /ɪ/
3) Students will learn strategies to make pronouncing these sounds easier

KEY VOCABULARY: tongue twister, exaggerate, [words from tongue twister (ex. peck, sheik)]

MATERIALS: Prezi, copies of tongue twisters,

MOTIVATION (6 min.)

Students will discuss for three minutes why they think pronunciation is important and then every pair will share an idea.

PRESENTATION (9 min.)

Present content and language objectives.

Introduce the sounds to be practiced.

Go through vocab words. Students repeat words.

“This video is an x-ray of someone speaking. Pay attention to which parts of the mouth move as he talks.” [Ken Stevens video] http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DcNMCB-Gsn8

Which parts of the mount move a lot when we speak?

PRACTICE AND APPLICATION (18 min)

The first consonants we’re going to work on today are /ð/ and /θ/

Exaggerate tongue between teeth. “But there’s no need to spit”

Use minimal pairs to practice /ð/ and /θ/
“We’re going to move on to /i/ and ‘I’. The difference between these two sounds can be very difficult for some learners so we’re going to exaggerate what your mouth does. What does exaggerate mean?” [student defines exaggerate]

Practice /i/ and /I/ on their own then with minimal pairs with /i/ and /I/.

Move on to tongue twisters-- Remind me, What’s a tongue twister?

Say and practice four tongue twisters displayed on Prezi.

Groups pick one tongue twister from list and practice it together. During this time, circulate and help with any sound or vocabulary issues.

Every group performs their tongue twister.

**REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT** (4 min.)

Two review questions about the sounds we worked on. Where are they pronounced?

What other sounds are hard for you?

**EXTENSION: (3 MIN.)**

Students try a hard tongue twister and then get to share tongue twisters in their native language for everyone to try.