

A framework for playful pedagogy: Nurturing child imagination in second language learning

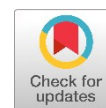
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ABSTRACT

This conceptual article argues that although imagination is a highly important dynamic of the mind with strong potential to assist language development, imagination alone does not work by itself. Instead, a strategic framework is needed to support imagination by connecting it with playful teaching and amusing content. The article begins by pinpointing what playful pedagogy means and what role imagination plays in the learning process. Secondly, the discussion presents some challenges to such learning, delving particularly into some constraints on child imagination and other constraints on English learning among children. Thirdly, the discussion highlights the need for a playful pedagogy and amusing content to support it. This is followed by some insights into nurturing imagination for learning. Finally, the article unpacks the above-mentioned framework in ways that would assist task design in language education.



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1. Introduction

Play is indisputably essential in child education. The essence of playful learning, while relying deeply on imagination, needs a pedagogy relevant to it. Children are likely to lose learning interest if they happen to be taught by a serious teacher who does not know how to play with them. Playful pedagogy is a philosophy that respects children agency to be themselves. It allows the freedom of experiencing the world through a child lens rather than following any fixed mindset advocated by adults. This understanding is inspired by developmental psychologists such as Vygotsky (1978), and by many sociologists, sociocultural theorists, psychologists and neuroscientists.

Through play with children, educators, instead of teaching, lead children by following them. Adopting playful pedagogies in nurseries, kindergartens, and primary schools, educators co-create an imagined world with children in which they share resources, build narratives, engage in action, develop worldviews, bond with peers, co-construct meaning, and become creative. This philosophy is captured in the chart below (Figure 1) in which imagination acts as the core of child learning. Three elements centered on imagination to activate it include learner playfulness, teacher playfulness, and inspiring content. If one of these components are missing, imagination cannot be optimised, and children may not enjoy the learning process.

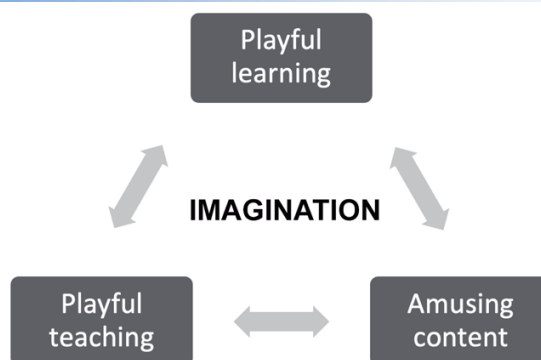


Fig. 1. A playful pedagogy framework

The rest of the article will now unpack the strategic structure above. First, it provides insights into what playful pedagogy means, how the child's mind works, and what role imagination plays in the learning process. Secondly, the discussion presents some challenges to such learning, delving particularly into some constraints on child imagination and other constraints on English learning among children. Thirdly, the authors elaborate on the need for a playful pedagogy and the need for amusing content to support that pedagogy. Fourthly, the discussion emphasises ways of nurturing imagination for learning satisfaction. Eventually, the article unpacks the above-mentioned framework in ways that would assist task design in language education.

2. Method

2.1. Research design

The design of this study is framed by a conceptual qualitative inquiry and grounded in traditions of educational research and applied linguistics. This was not a hypothesis testing study but a demonstration with regards to work toward pedagogical framework articulated as child imagination and playful pedagogy in second language learning more clearly and explicitly. It takes an exploratory and interpretive stance, mobilising theory, ad hominem observation, and some selected empirical evidence to consolidate a psycho-sociocultural perspective on ELT.

2.2. Data sources and materials

Three sources were used in the development of the framework:

Theoretical and empirical literature foundational work within developmental psychology (e.g., Vygotsky, Piaget), sociocultural perspectives (Rifiyanti & Hidayat, 2024), and creativity studies were integrated in a systematic manner to create a map of definition and operationalisation of imagination and creativity within child learning. Research studies on playful pedagogy as well as on ELT-ELT also became particularly useful for understanding second language contexts (Prošić-Santovac & Savić, 2021).

Anecdotal notes – Short stories based on actual experiences with children (e.g., at parks, in classrooms, during informal play) were written as expert vignettes. These were not analysed as data but as samples which articulate ways in which children employ imagination in their learning or interactions.

Pedagogical examples – Practices, such as role-play, puzzles, storytelling, music and games, from classrooms and textbooks were interpreted as indication of how playful language learning practices can be documented as evidence of practice.

2.3. Analytical procedures

Analysis adhered to an interpretive, iterative thematic synthesis:

Stage 1: Identifying concepts – Concepts were identified from the literature including imagination, playfulness, content engagement, and teacher– child interaction.

Stage 2: Thematic categorisation – These constructs were collated to generate key themes that are repeated: activating imagination; playful teaching; playful learning through social and emotional sharing; and the significance of amusing content.

Stage 3: Framework model building – These themes were combined into strategic model with bottom abductive (Figures 1 and 2 article). The procedure was iterative, in which categories evolved as more data sources were reviewed.

Stage 4: Pedagogical translation – The framework was used to analyse sample classroom tasks and guiding questions in order to verify its utility for ELT task design.

3. An introductory anecdote about the child's mind

Once in a park where children were playing, one of the authors overheard a little girl asking her father: 'Daddy, what is the sky made of?' The father nonchalantly replied: 'I don't know.' The child looked disappointed. She moved away. Her trust in adults' wisdom seemed shaken.

As teachers and parents, we are taught to bond with children by playing with them, sharing what they care about, inspiring their curious minds (Chau et al., 2025), and encouraging new questions. Unfortunately, we sometimes pay more attention to logic than imagination, routinely holding on to established principles and systematic knowledge already documented in textbooks and curricula. If students are not interested enough in these ideas, teachers assume students are not learning. In behaving as such, we frame children's worldview within a boundary.

As our thinking was provoked by the above incident, we wondered if the same 'absurd' question is being asked to a child, instead of a logical adult, what answer it would be. One day, we directed the enquiry to a random child in the park: 'What do you think the sky is made of?' Without hesitation, she replied: 'The sky is made of blue!' As a grownups, we would have never thought of this kind of answer. The child's creative response demonstrates her personal observation and the freedom to articulate her worldview regardless of school knowledge.

4. Imagination as learning

Imagination is a major ingredient that shapes learning. In children, the inclination to see the invisible stimulates and constructs play experience, which is known as imaginative play and which can be fostered through simulation, role-play and make-believe situations in a safe, stress-free environment (Bao, 2018a; Bao & Liu, 2018). Imaginative play, or dramatic play, allows children to make-believe, that is, to play without predetermined rules. It is through such involvement that one practises their social skills by mirroring the way others interact for building a better understanding of social norms. Such experience represents a vital part of child development including critical decision-making, cognitive skills, and social skills.

Imagination, which is the freedom to see, feel, and play that gives rise to creativity, is important to be nurture at an early age (Wulandari, 2024). Thanks to that ability, one can play even without props and toys. Examples of dramatic play are being astronauts, ballerinas, animals, fictional aliens, and mythical creatures. The children conceptualised in this article referred to in the article ranges from the early years to early teen age. This is a stage when the development of learning facility takes shape and is likely to grow into adulthood if well fostered. A broad range of facilities that are connected to imagination include critical thinking, problem-solving skills (Shi & Cheung, 2024), artistic perception, an invention mind, motor skills and physicals development, language competence, emotional intelligence, social interaction, building friendship and team spirit. By activating their imagination, children not only discover concepts and develop mentally but also make friendships and learn to collaborate with others.

5. Constraints on child imagination

All human beings possess the capacity for imaginative creativity. Unfortunately, sometimes the schooling and circumstances in which children are raised can further disconnect them from their creative selves (Wakayama, 2025). For example, according to Vasilovici (2024), the introverted

culture and outcome-oriented education policies of many schools happens to restrict the development of imagination during the adolescent years.

The continuation of nurturing toward imagination should be a lifelong educational policy. According to Wakayama (2025), children begin imitating the people around them in their first year, and from this imitation, imaginative or pretend play emerges. Thus, infants may initially imitate facial expressions; as they mature, they may recreate or rebuild events they have experienced; subsequently, their play will be influenced by their imagination (Bao, 2018c). Youngsters engage in imitative play by copying or imitating, and they are not simply duplicating what they have observed, but also contributing their own thoughts. Concerning imaginative play in early children, Piaget (1962), Vygotsky (1978), and Ewing and Saunders (2025)'s works have explained the role of imagination in the development of cognition.

In Vygotsky's (1978) conceptualisation, the core of play is that it allows the children cognitive independence from tangible reality, which is impossible before the age of three. Ewing & Saunders (2025) see imagination as an intellectual ability that can be attained and can improve intellectual functioning throughout the life cycle. Young children's play is a transitional stage between the solely situational limits of early childhood and the adult thinking, which can be completely free of real-world constraints. Without the liberating effects of imaginative play, further cognitive development would be impossible (Bežilová, 2024).

In the meantime, there exist other constraints on English learning among young learners. Linguistically, the English language taught as a subject can easily be boring, and many primary school students are seen to have a certain resistance to learning English (Vasilovici, 2024). Cognitively, compared with adults, primary school students have a stronger ability to perceive and accept language (Frost et al., 2019). Socioculturally, in an EFL contexts, the mother tongue is used in schools, workplaces, the broader society, with relatively few opportunities for daily communication in English. Primary school students also face a similar situation when learning English. In an environment with limited conditions, to help students, master English knowledge and the English language, teachers need to improve the effect of classroom teaching and improve students' enthusiasm for learning English by enhancing their interest in English teaching (Bao, 2021).

6. The need for playful teaching

One of the authors remember having a teacher, back in his primary years, who was a charismatic, knowledgeable comedian in the classroom. His classmates and loved to play, of course, but above all, they need a teacher who play with us rather than only to guide and observe our playing. Now thinking back on those years, he realised that his class enjoyed pushing our playfulness beyond any limit thanks to a teacher who is also a clown and who never felt ashamed in sacrificially embarrassing himself for the sake of our learning. The connection between a playful teacher and how students respond to such a teacher is known as playful learning (see, for example, Vasilovici, 2024). In such learning, instructions are suggested rather than being given directly (Wakayama, 2025). It is by reducing control, inhibiting fear, and establishing bonding that playful pedagogy boosts function skills, cultivate joy, assist memory, and support cognitive flexibility.

7. The need for amusing content

Playful teaching cannot happen by itself but need substance to rely on and proceed. To make such substance possible, it is important that teachers think about how to increase interesting content so that children are inspired enough to resort to the best of their imagination (Akyildiz, 2023). Some examples of such content are vivid stories, cute images, dramatic actions, beautiful songs, interesting games, and role-play, among others.

Research has shown that the effective use of music and songs in second language teaching can potentially foster multiple intelligences, reduce anxiety, improve motivation, stimulate imagination, enhance recall of facts, and create an emotional climate conducive to learning (Bao, 2023; Bokiev & Ismail, 2021; Serea & Regueira Martín, 2023).

Teaching, ideally, should be entertaining so that students can receive education with joy (Vasilovici, 2024). Primary school students are in a growth stage, especially because they like to play various fun games. In English teaching, teachers can teach English through fun games according to the characteristics of primary school students. For example, teachers can hand out puzzles with English words for cats and dogs to students, and let them spell out complete patterns of cats and dogs. When the pattern is successfully spelled out, the students will see the English words for cats and dogs. Students can know and master these words unconsciously. Compared with the traditional English teaching mode, this fun puzzle game is not to write the English words of cats and dogs on the blackboard, and then guide students to memorize them mechanically, but to let students enjoy the joy of winning the puzzle in the process and mastered English words unconsciously.

Teachers can use stories to increase interest (Cindrić & Milković, 2023). Incorporating stories into primary school English teaching can turn mechanical and boring English knowledge into vivid images, and through plot descriptions, it can create a light and pleasant English classroom environment, make English teaching more dynamic, and fully stimulate students to learn English knowledge motivation and enthusiasm (Bao, 2018b; Harris, 2022). For example, when explaining the positional prepositions “in, on, under, and behind,” if the meaning and usage of these prepositions are purely explained, it is difficult to stimulate the interest of primary school students, and it is difficult for students to learn and understand. Teachers can use these prepositions to design a vivid story, such as a treasure hunt story in a castle, like using “in” for gems in a box, “on” for a clock on a table, etc. Treasure hunters search for treasures in the castle and find treasures one by one, attract students' attention through vivid plots, and learn and master the usage of these prepositions in the story.

Primary school students have a strong ability to imitate (see, for example, Brilianti & Sugirin, 2024). When they see other people doing something, if they find it interesting, they tend to imitate it (Telaumbanua et al., 2025). Given this, before carrying out English teaching, teachers should pay attention to which scenes, which behaviors, and which characters students like to imitate. After mastering what students like to imitate, have them imitate using English. In the scene, the teacher can first design the dialogue between them and put the English words to be learned into the dialogue. For example, some students like to play the role of salesclerks and consumers in the supermarket, then the teacher can design the supermarket shopping dialogue, so that Students play the roles of salesclerks and consumers, and integrate words such as money, buy, and thing into English conversations. The key is that teachers should know what kind of roles students like, and then carry out targeted teaching design.

8. Nurturing imagination in children

Childhood is an important stage where the mind has elasticity ready for establishing values and mindsets (Harris, 2022). Pedagogy plays a huge role in helping children learn through imaginative play. To foster learning through imaginative play, teachers might make a few basic modifications to their preschool classroom. Indeed, imaginative play can be utilised to present any skills or concepts that a teacher has taught and wants students to practise. Literacy abilities are spontaneously fostered in language acquisition through imaginative play, as children communicate and act out coherent stories (Harris, 2022). Teachers can promote the language acquisition of students by providing scenarios in which they can demonstrate or apply what they have learned.

Imaginative play can be proof of student learning. Observation and documentation of child experiences are helpful strategies for gathering assessment information. In teaching English as a foreign language (EFL) to young children, factors to be considered include which language skills to teach and how, where the language will be used, the classroom environment, the choice of suitable content and materials, and evaluation criteria (Graddol, 2006). To effectively implement imaginative plays in early childhood classrooms, it is necessary to change the learning process in Thai schools, which is predominantly passive and teacher-centered, to a child-centered or learner-centered approach, in addition to incorporating the previously mentioned factors into the teaching approach.

9. Some considerations for creative task design

ELT Materials for young learners need to incorporate conditions for children's imagination and creativity to grow in both linguistic and social skills. If creativity is not well cultivated in young

children, it may be lost as children get older, especially when the society requires too much conformity. The current discourse has not researched enough on ways of connecting children imagination with second language acquisition. This reality applies to a wide range of academic books which devote primarily to children's L1 and L2 education theories such as the works of Prošić-Santovac & Savić (2021), Vasilovici (2024), among others; with a few exceptions such as a book by Copping (2016) that deals with creative case studies. While many scholars highlight the need for nurture children creativity, few principles and approaches are offered to provide such support. In the meanwhile, the discourse related to teacher training mentions a number of qualities that would enable someone to effectively teach English to children. The qualities include knowledge of children's holistic development, cultural understanding, age-appropriate pedagogy, scaffolding skills, and effective communication (Vasilovici, 2024) without much discussion on teacher strategies to bring out creative potential in the child.

Drawing on the playful pedagogy framework proposed earlier, I would like to recommend the following five conditions that task designers might need to consider as elements that can promote children's creative learning. The recommendations outlined below, which include how to boost imagination and enable playfulness, serve to unpack the framework, which is presented again here with more details (Figure 2).

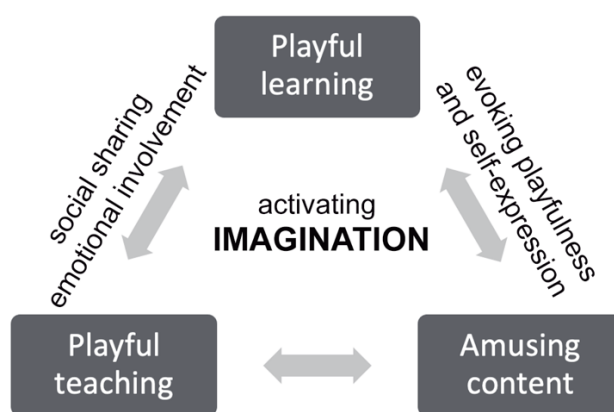


Fig. 2. Unpacking the playful pedagogy framework

9.1. Activating imagination

Imagination, being centered in the middle of the chart, is the core of all child learning. Children with rich imagination have more inner space than others. They tend to be resourceful, observant, adaptable, and capable of coping with challenging situations in life. Coursebook tasks need to inspire in children the passion to see the world through their own lenses. An example of such a task would be one that invites learners to invent or complete a story, which allows imagination as connected with the child's experience and personality (see, for example, Harris, 2022). Besides, tasks should activate learners' intrinsic motivation, so that children want to engage with an activity out of interest, enjoyment, and willingness to take challenge. Ewing and Saunders (2025) argue that children vary in how they develop creative behaviour. Some are born with a creative disposition while others depend more on learning experience and interaction with social environment. Because of these differences, some learners might need more stimulus than others.

9.2. Playful teaching and learning through social sharing

As children have different dispositions, preferences, and behaving styles, their responses to events can be highly diverse. Possibility thinking is fundamental to creativity (Ewing & Saunders, 2025), which can be manifested through both self-creation and self-expression. When being encouraged to find their way around a problem, children are likely to activate their resourcefulness for options. Once a child produces an exciting idea or a lovable item, he/she might wish to make it known to peers. Gok (2023) contends that creativity does not happen inside one's head, but through the interaction between

a person's mind and sociocultural context. Course materials need to build the social space for such interaction to happen and tap into individuals' original efforts.

In addition, activities can be designed in ways that allows teachers to interact positively with children. As Richert et al., (2024) indicates, creative thinking, which is connected to inquiry and problem solving, should be supported through teacher support. Classroom interaction can either nurture or repress creative development. For example, negative verbal interactions can make young children feel inadequate, confused and frustrated. Conversely, children feel capable, enlightened and encouraged with positive verbal interactions (Wakayama, 2025). According to Noor et al. (2025), it is important that during their early years of L2 learning children like their teacher in order to enjoy learning the language and willingly participate in classroom activities.

9.3. Playful teaching and learning through emotional involvement

Many educators and theorists perceive creativity as a cognitive and socio-affective process (Feldhusen, 2001; Prošić-Santovac & Savić, 2021; Vasilovici, 2024). They believe that creativity encompasses both rational and emotional dimensions. The rational dimension refers to creativity as thinking practice, such as to guess or pursue an idea; to come up with relevant ideas around issue; to seek unusual or clever alternatives; to combine things into a novel form. The emotional dimension, in the meanwhile, internalizes creativity as a feeling process, which include curiosity about a topic, manifested in wondering and asking questions; a tendency to play with ideas and follow intuition to see what happen; the courage to expose oneself and willingness to share ideas with others; and the willingness to take risk or take challenge. Some of the above elements have been widely discussed in the discourse, which contends that creativity involves divergent thinking (Telaumbanua et al., 2025), self-determination (Vasilovici, 2024), curiosity (Ewing & Saunders, 2025; Prošić-Santovac & Savić, 2021); imagination (Vygotsky, 1930/1978), flexibility (Vasilovici, 2024), risk-taking (Ewing & Saunders, 2025), immersion (Vasilovici, 2024), innovation (Ewing & Saunders, 2025) and collaboration (Vasilovici, 2024).

9.4. Amusing content that evokes the child's risk-taking, playful nature

Being playful refers to the inclination to be humorous, the desire to give an unusual response, and the willingness to accept risk or ambiguity. The unprejudiced tendency to explore the world is inherently the nature of many children, and when such behavior occurs, an extensive range of alternatives might result. Scholars have widely agreed that divergent thinking is a process well recognized particularly among young children (Baer & Kaufman, 2005; Telaumbanua et al, 2025; Vasilovici, 2024). Rich thinking proves to be active across different types of play which stimulate young children's creativity (Richert et al., 2024). Materials need to allow alternatives to occur through open-ended, problem-solving, and imaginative resources (e.g., puzzles, play-dough, blocks, sand, etc.) that can be employed in multiple ways. Of course, divergent thinking alone is not equal to creativity, simply because divergence does not capture the entire description about creativity (Ewing & Saunders, 2025); instead such thinking needs to interact with a range of other factors, some of which have been mentioned in this chapter.

9.5. Amusing content that brings out the child's individual personality

Children's creativity is often demonstrated in an original, unplanned, and self-expressive manner (Richert et al., 2024). A number of features make children's L2 learning processes quite distinctive from adults' L2 learning. For example, children's concentration tends to be shorter than adult's; young learners easily lose interest in activities that are predictable (Shih, 2025); children tend to focus more on meaning than form (Vasilovici, 2024); children resist formal teaching and prefer to learn experientially and acquire language incidentally.

It is important to note the above inclinations among young children in order to provide age-appropriate support. Sometimes, to encourage young learners' expressive disposition, educators might like to focus more on the creative process itself rather than worry about the excellence of their creations (Richert et al., 2024). It is because children may not yet have the expertise and skills to ensure high quality in the output (Prošić-Santovac & Savić, 2021). It is also necessary to realise that the creative ability of each child is linked to his/her own personal stage of development (Ewing & Saunders, 2025) and can be considered as being original for that child in relation to children in his/her class or age group (Gok, 2023). Besides, the knowledge and skill resources that children employ for

their creative expression is not confined within second language learning but may also be transferred from their first language and culture (Telaumbanua et al., 2025).

10. Guiding questions and examples for playful teaching and learning

The guiding questions below, which are processed from the principles discussed above, can serve as an instrument for course writers to consider for supporting creative activities. These criteria, which is explained in Figure 2, can also be used to detect the innovative nature of second language tasks, that is, to recognise the extent to which a task brings out learners' creative potential

10.1. Activating imagination

- Do tasks stimulate learners' observation and adaptive responses?
- Do learners have a chance to visualize something hidden/incomplete/non-existent?
- Do tasks encourage multiple ways of seeing?
- Is there a chance to tie objects/events together in a less common way?

10.2. Playful teaching and learning through social sharing

- Do tasks build a social space for children to enjoy interaction?
- Are learners asked to brainstorm ideas?
- Can learners share personal thoughts?
- Are learners encouraged to be resourceful?

10.3. Playful teaching and learning through emotional involvement

- Do tasks arouse learners' curiosity as well as pursue it?
- Are there stories for learners to say what they think and how they feel?
- Do activities allow learners to explore a range of emotions?
- Are learners invited to take risk and/or challenge?

10.4. Amusing content that evokes playful nature

- Do tasks make learners sometimes laugh? Do they encourage learners to become flexible thinkers? Do they tease out learners' unusual responses?
- Do tasks collect new ways of seeing, acting, and saying things?
- Do tasks allow for different types of play?
- Do tasks meet learning purposes through clever, unusual content/structures/sequences?

10.5. Amusing content that encourages self-expression and personality

- Do tasks respect learners differences by allowing choices and preferences?
- Is there a chance for self-expression/personality-based responses?
- Do tasks sometimes focus on the creative process itself rather than judgement of the outcome?
- Are tasks suited to the child's own stage of development (without too much emphasis on adults' judgement and social knowledge)?

In recommending these dimensions of creative effort, we do not mean to divide and place creativity in any convenient compartments. Instead, these features of creativity might be mutually overlapping in reality. To ensure the questions above are clear to the reader, we would like to provide a few examples.

Below are some examples of imagination-focused tasks:

- Choosing what to wear for different types of party; painting with unconventional tools other than a brush (adaptive response)

- Seeing through a closed door; imagining a missing part; walking through a jungle (visualization)
- Reinventing a new function for object items; noticing something one never saw before; drawing a green sky and blue grass (multiple ways of seeing)
- Imagine how the wind makes friends with a tree; building a character with peculiar features (combining things)

Examples of social-sharing tasks:

- Making up a story together (enjoyable interaction)
- In groups guessing what happens next (brainstorming ideas)
- Making new rules for classroom conduct (personal thoughts)
- Finding ways to save a cat that fell into a pond (being resourceful)
- Examples of emotion-oriented tasks:
 - Guessing, asking, observing, finding, comparing, describing, explaining, drawing, etc. (pursuing curiosity)
 - Expressing ideas and feelings about characters, events, and problems (personal view)
 - Helping or comforting less fortunate person; reading to children and asking them to share feelings (exploring emotions)
 - Discussing how to build a tree house or how to wash a gorilla (take risk and challenge)

Examples of playful tasks:

- Removing constraints from reality; changing proportion of things; pretending one can fly, giving human features to animals, (flexible thinking & unusual responses)
- Becoming someone else or slipping into the role of non-humans; making characters out of sticks and leaves; giving new names or new functions to items (new ways of seeing)
- Miming, decorating a cake, travelling through space, singing a song, finding a surprise gift for a close friend (different types of play)
- Showing an alien around; shuffling words to make up new texts; answering questions before reading the story (unusual content/structures/sequences)

Examples of self-expressive tasks:

- Designing a dream bedroom, making a floor plan of one's favourite school (allowing choices and preferences)
- Creating a new dish; designing an ideal tv program (personality-based responses)
- Drawing an alien; designing a robot; collectively develop a cute monster (focus on the creative process itself)
- Designing a bird nest, creating a bird family, making paper planes, miming animal walk (child's own stage of development)

11. A Concluding Anecdote About Learning Satisfaction

Having begun the article with an anecdote, we would like to close it with one too. Once during one of our class discussions on learning, one of the authors raised this question: 'Does learning or playing bring more satisfaction?'

One student, a highly diligent person, responded: 'Learning brings satisfaction as learning shapes the future'. A second student explained: 'Playing is more satisfying as play makes me feel good!'. Then a third student suggested: 'Playing after learning brings joy because you don't feel guilty'. The

discussion went on for a while, until we realised that we did not have to separate learning from playing. Why choose one while we could have both simultaneously?

Eventually, both students and the lecturer agreed that it is learning through play that brings the most satisfaction. To make this possible requires the teacher to walk through imagination with students. Creative imagination can be prioritised over boring reality as a way to make learning more fantastic. Playful learning happens at its best when teaching is also playful. Students are willing to play and become silly when the teacher is willing to play and behave in silly ways.

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