Observation of a lesson

Arts

Level : 10 Number of pupils : ≈ 20 Duration : 2 times 45 mn

Bilingual classroom in English, almost all the pupils speak well or fluently English (some of them spent several months in an English speaking country)

The teacher shows to the children 3 posters made by another classroom. The subject is about a slogan that must convince the reader of the poster to share the ideas of a candidate for some elections. The slogan can be utopian or idealistic. The pupils make criticism and must choose the best poster. The teacher tell them to analysis details. One of the pupils thinks that the criticism are not right, some of the posters are not finished, but the teacher explain that this do not avoid the criticism, "imagine the poster finished". The whole discussions are made on a friendly way, still respecting the rules (hand up to ask for speaking...). After about twenty minutes the teacher shows what is wrong on the posters and gives the way to correct them. Then the pupils work on their own posters.

The material used is quite simple (A3 sheet of paper, pencils, watercolours, colours pencils...), the pupils work alone, relax but correct (some of them listen to music), the pupils and the teacher know each other rather well, the teacher teaches to this classroom for 3 years.

The children from the college who would like to go farther in arts (which is not an option in this college, instead non obligatory to be graduate) have the possibility to follow a profile "art and culture", the time spend is then increased from 2 to 4 hours a week.