

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able to effectively use the Cornell note-taking method to enhance their understanding of English grammar, writing, reading, listening, and speaking. They will also learn how to highlight, annotate, and make annotations in their notes, improving their overall study skills.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook or paper
- Pencil or pen
- Highlighter
- Access to reading materials (books, articles, etc.)

Before the lesson, ensure the student has a quiet space to work and access to reading materials. Familiarize them with the basic structure of the Cornell note-taking method.

Activities

- **Cornell Notes Introduction:** Start by explaining the Cornell note-taking method. Create a sample page together, dividing it into three sections: cues, notes, and summary. Discuss the purpose of each section.
- **Reading and Highlighting:** Choose a short article or a chapter from a book. As the student reads, have them highlight key points and important information. Encourage them to think critically about what they are highlighting.
- **Annotating Practice:** After highlighting, ask the student to write annotations in the margins or in the notes section of their Cornell notes. They can summarize paragraphs, ask questions, or note connections to other ideas.
- **Discussion and Speaking:** Have a discussion about the reading material. Encourage the student to use their notes to support their points. This will help them practice speaking and listening skills.
- **Reflection and Summary:** Finally, guide the student in writing a summary of what they learned. This summary should capture the main ideas and be written in the summary section of their Cornell notes.

Talking Points

- "The Cornell note-taking method helps organize your thoughts and makes studying easier."
- "Highlighting is not just about marking text; it's about identifying what's most important."
- "Annotations allow you to engage with the text more deeply; they can be questions, connections, or summaries."
- "Discussing what you've read helps reinforce your understanding and improves your speaking skills."
- "Writing a summary at the end of your notes helps consolidate what you've learned and prepares you for future study."