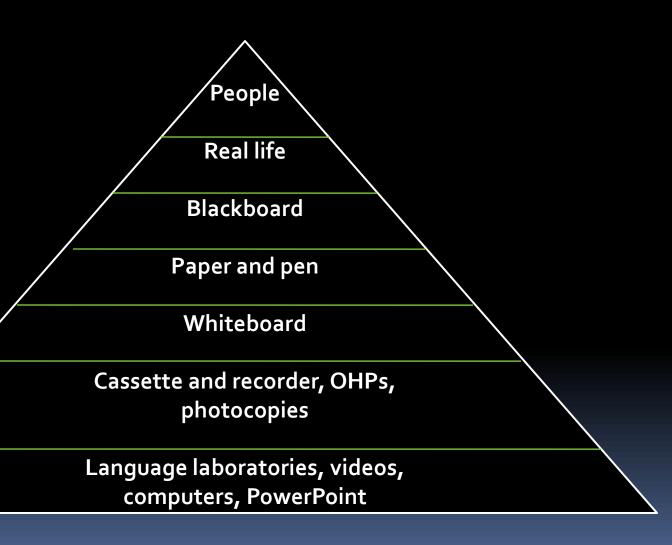
Iyen Nurlaelawati, S.Pd., M.Pd. Sri Setyorini, M.A.

REALIA: A GOOD ALTERNATIVE MEDIA FOR TEACHING ENGLISH TO INDONESIAN YOUNG LEARNERS

Background

- Teacher's difficulty in presenting new vocabularies
- Media as a key to support teaching and learning activities

Pyramid of Media (Harmer, 2007)



Who are Young Learners?

- At the school age
- Active learners—explorers
- High sense of curiosity
- Limited attention span
- Natural in learning
- Meaningful and contextual learning

What is Realia?

- Realia are objects or texts that are used by people in their everyday lives (Nunan, 2003).
- Realia are real things or concrete objects that are used in the classroom to build background knowledge and vocabulary (Herell and Jordan, 2004).
- Realia are different from props—theatrical aids to represent a role or situation.

Why is Teaching English to Young Learners Using Realia?

- Suitable with the characteristics of children
- Suitable for teaching new words to beginners, particularly young learners
- Focus on the language use

How is to Implement the Use of Realia?

- Identifying opportunities to use realia
- Collecting realia
- Building a library of realia
- Using field trips as realia

Methodology

- Descriptive study
- Subjects: two teachers
- Observation
- Interviews: perception and testimony

Findings

- Teachers' use of media: Teacher A and Teacher B
- Students' response to the learning activities
- Teacher A's perception: realia help
- Teacher B's perception: textbook is enough

Key Messages

- Not all realia are available and portable
- Helping teachers deliver the lesson
- Helping students understand the topic

THANK YOU