Vocabulary Oral Practice

Materials:
1. Chinese characters
2. Construction paper
3. Laminator machine (get it from Staples)
4. Magnetic strips (get it from Staples)
5. Scissors
6. Glue

Procedures:

A. Preparation
1. The focus for this lesson is to master the basic vocabulary on jia, you, ge, ba, ma, ge, jie, di and mei.
2. Use font 200 on your software to do the Chinese character.
3. Use construction paper: I would prefer green color to match with the Ni Hao book cover so that I know this is the Mandarin vocabulary that my students need to master.
4. Place your construction paper on a flat surface, put some glue on it and then place the Chinese character over it.
5. Laminate.
6. Use your scissors and trim the edges so that all flashcards have the same size.
7. Cut out a small magnetic strip: 2 to 3 inches in length and place it horizontally on the back of the flashcards.

B. Procedures
1. This is a class activity.
2. Teacher shows the character to the class and then work on the pronunciation with the class.
3. Teacher places the character on the whiteboard and the character has to be under the correct tone column.
4. Do this 2 to 3 times until the students are comfortable with word recognition.
5. Take the flashcards off the whiteboard after several practices and then scramble the flashcards.
6. Call on student volunteer to come to the front of the class and let your students do this activity.

This activity helps the students to do word recognition and say the tone correctly.

Modes: presentational and interpretive