

1. Viking mice audio script

Apparently, eh **mice**, eh according to a **report**, eh, let me just get this **absolutely** right, it's from a Scientific **American** story, eh, **mice**, **Viking** mice sailed as far as **Greenland** according to Elena **Jones** of Uppsala **University** in **Sweden** and her **colleagues**, they looked at the eh, what's called the **mitochondrial DNA** from **mice** skeletons or **mouse** skeletons on Iceland and **Greenland**, dating right back to the **Viking** heyday which was about a thousand to ehm, twelve hundred **years** ago, and ehm, they compared **that** DNA with that of **known** Viking mice from the UK and Norway, and what they **realised** was that eh these Viking **mice** travelled **all** over the world everywhere **Vikings** went, mice went **with** them.

2. Schema theory

- Theory (or theories) about background knowledge – how we make sense out of what we read or hear by seeing how it fits in with *what we already know*. They guide expectations in our attempts to understand a meaningful piece of language – written or *spoken*.
- Schemata are networked, they can interact
- They are acquired through experience, and can be restructured

Content schemata: about the physical world of discernible objects and actions – world/topic knowledge

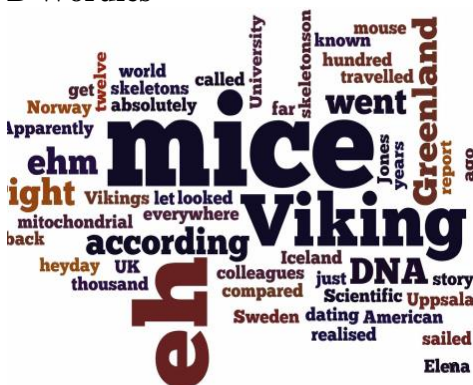
Formal schemata: is abstract, an encoded, internalized, knowledge e.g. textual organization (genre - rhetorical patterns, story grammar, narrative scripts); language (grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation): speaker (accents, style, speed, pitch etc

3. Activating and developing content schemata – some activities

A Visuals



B Wordles



C Mindmaps



D Teaser (+ audio script)

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4. Activating and developing formal schemata – some activities

A Genre

- 1 Once upon a time ...
- 2 Have you heard the one about ...
- 3 Are you doing anything this evening
- 4 Can I help you?
- 5 Apparently ...

B Language (1) – Acoustic drilling

The same word?

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C Language (2) – Folk fonetics

- ¹ **sail does far**
- ² **lep me juss get this**
- ³ **they look tut thee ya**
- ⁴ **which wa zabada thousand**
- ⁵ **all over the wood**
- ⁶ **mice fum new kay an Norway**

D Speaker knowledge – tuning in / unprepared speech / accent repertoires

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5. Priming for Listening: Content ...

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Content schemata

- Pictures
- Mind maps
- Wordles
- Teaser
- Quizzes
- Discussion

+ Formal schemata

- Predicting text type (genre)
- Sequencing information (genre)
- Acoustic drilling (language)
- Sentence stems for prediction (language)
- Guessing vocabulary (language)
- Folk fonetics (language)
- Tuning in (speaking)

+ 1 Use the text type, audio script and student familiarity with speaker qualities to guide your choice of focus for a second pre-listening activity.

6. Your turn



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91.8 Hayes FM local news summary!

A man was found dead in the early hours of Tuesday morning at Hanwell Flight. The man who has not yet been named was discovered at around two am by a stretch of the Grand Union Canal. Police were called to the Grand Union Canal following the discovery of the body. The 41 year old man was taken to hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Enquiries are underway to establish the circumstances of the incident.

