

Happy parents

My story is about one of my students and her grandmother. In the beginning when I communicated with my students, it was a change in my teaching life. Before EIA, I generally used to speak in Bangla in my English class. My students also used Bangla to communicate with each other. After using EIA materials and a CLT approach in my class most students now use English to communicate with each other.

One day, one of my students named Sumon, went home and said to his grandmother, *"Good afternoon, how are you today?"* His grandmother asked Sumon's mother to explain what he had just said as she didn't understand anything. She also asked Sumon's mother whether Sumon was OK or whether he had gone mad! Then Sumon also greeted his mother in the same way as he greeted his grandmother.

The next day, Sumon's mother came to the school to see me. I greeted her by saying *"Good morning lady. How are you? Do you have any problem?"* Hearing my words, she became really very angry. She went to the head teacher and complained about me. She said that I am a mad man and I am turning her son mad just like me. She also said that she doesn't understand anything that I said to her. Then my head teacher and I identified the problem. I told her in Bangla that *"Now I am an EIA teacher. In our class we use English. So, our students try to speak in English inside the class, outside the class, even in their home with their family. We inspire them to talk to English more and more. Because, without knowing English nobody can prosper in life in this modern age."* Then the lady was very pleased. Other parents also encourage us to speak more English in our class. Now the parents also encourage their children to learn English and talk in English even in the home.

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