**HANDOUT for Lesson 1: What to Teach with Video**

**Table 1. WHAT to teach: Potent Pedagogic Roles for Video**

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| **1. Facilitating COGNITION**  |  | **2. Providing realistic/amplified EXPERIENCES,otherwise inaccessible** |
| 1 **composite images** e.g. split screen, highlighting, superimposition, green screen2 **animated diagrams** exploring processes3 **visual** **representation / analogy / metaphor**4 **illustrating** **concepts** with real examples5 **modelling** a situation or process by judicious simplification6 **juxtaposition** of contrasting situations7 **condensing time** by editing real life8 **narrative power** through synchronous narration and pedagogic design |  | 1 **movement** with synchronous location sound2 **viewpoints** e.g. aerial, undersea, extreme close-up3 **places** e.g. dangerous / overseas locations4 **3D** by good lighting & moving object or camera5 **slow / fast** **motion**6 **people/animals** **interacting**, real or drama 7 **chronological** **sequence** and pacing8 **resource material** for viewers to analyse 9 **one-off or rare events/resources**10 **staged events** e.g. dramatisation enactments, complex experiments |

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|  | **3.** **Nurturing AFFECTIVE characteristics** |  | **4. Demonstrating SKILLS**  |
| attitudesemotionsfeelingsactivationresolve motivation | 1 **galvanize / spur into action**, provoke viewers to get up and do things2 **motivate a strategy** by showing its success3 **stimulate appetite to learn**, e.g. reveal the fascination of the subject4 **change** **attitudes/appreciations**, e.g. engender empathy5 **alleviate learner’s isolation**by showing / hearing the teacher or peers6 **reassure, encourage self-efficacy**7 **authenticate academic abstractions** by showing them solving real-life problems8 **create sense of importance,** e.g. byusing famous presenters  |  | 1. **manual/craft:** making learning aids, cookery, joinery, painting, designing
2. **agility:** dance, aerobics, gymnastics, athletics
3. **reasoning**: problem solving, planning, brainstorming
4. **interpersonal**: counselling, interviewing, teamwork, classroom teaching
5. **verbal**: language proficiency, singing, recitation, authoring
6. **studying**: researching information, collaborative learning, exam strategy
7. **technical**: laboratory, mechanics, nursing
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**Notes regarding the four domains**

The 33 roles are in fact TECHNIQUES and TEACHING FUNCTIONS that can powerfully enhance learning. That’s because they exploit video’s distinctive strengths, which other media do not possess.

The TECHNIQUES are distributed between the cognitive and experiential domains (1 and 2). The techniques in the Cognitive domain facilitate learning while those in the Experiential domain engender realism. Domains 3 and 4 both comprise teaching functions rather than techniques – Affective functions in Domain 3 and Skills functions in Domain 4.

**Video’s presentational attributes**

The basis of the learning-facilitation claim for the techniques and teaching functions in Table 1 is the rich *symbol system* of video – its presentational attributes, listed in Figure 1.

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| * moving images with synchronous narration and location sound
* real-time or slow motion
* real-life or diagrammatic
* real or dramatised behaviour (can include comparing styles of personal interaction)
* extreme close-ups
* chronological sequencing and pacing of sound and images
* visual metaphor
* specially constructed physical models to represent objects or concepts
* camera moves, zooms and framing
* customised lighting to ‘sculpture’ objects (hence bring out their three-dimensionality)
* shot transitions (including editing to condense time)
* composite images, e.g. split-screen, superimposition (including key-word screen-text)
* varying format (e.g. a segment in studio, then on location, interspersed with animation)
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 **Figure 1. Video’s presentational attributes**

**Notes regarding each Domain**

**Domain 1. Cognition**

Provided a video has been well designed pedagogically, the learning outcomes of the techniques and teaching functions in the Cognition domain of Table 1 are posited in Figure 2.

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| * 1. **composite-image techniques** can aid synthetic, analytic and discrimination skills; for substantiation of this claim see the various video clips illustrating these techniques.
	2. **animated diagrams** – for explaining dynamic processes: they help students to share the teacher's imagery; particularly powerful is interspersing real life with animation of obscured motion, e.g. the motion of the diaphragm of a person with breathing difficulties.
	3. **visual metaphor/analogy/representation** – to concretise complex/abstract processes
	4. **illustrating** abstract concepts with evocative real-world examples, hence making the concepts more concrete. (Note the overlap with domain 2 - the presentation of real-world examples would entail experiential techniques, such as *staging events* or *visits to dangerous locations*. However, domain 2 is **what** we show, whereas 1.4 is a **why** we show it (a **teaching function)**
	5. **modelling** a process or situation with a tailored, simplifiedversion– which scaffolds learning by showing only the pertinent features. (Like 1.4, this is another teaching function.)
	6. **juxtaposition** in quick succession, of contrasting situations/processes – to aid discrimination
	7. **condensing time** by pruning real-world processes (e.g. editing out non-salient events) thus bringing the duration within the viewer's concentration span
	8. **narrative power** – narrative creates coherence and aids recall through its network of causal links and signposting (Laurillard et al, 2000). Additional respects in which narrative facilitates learning are discussed in Koumi (2006, Chapters 5 and 6).
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**Figure 2. Learning anticipated through the techniques in Domain 1 of Table 1 (Cognition)**

An illustration of cognitive role 1.5 *modelling a situation with judicious simplification* is illustrated in Unit 3 by comparing the text-book diagram of relationships between disciplines and phenomena with the video diagram

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**Figure 3. Text-book version: Levels of phenomena and their investigation**

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| **Figure 4. Simplification of the relationships, as shown on the video** |

The simplifications, compared to Figure 3, are as follows.

* the word psychology is replaced by the Greek letter ψ
* the discipline of *electrophysiology* has been omitted in Figure 4.
* *systems* and *pathways* in Figure 3 are combined in one band on the right of Figure 4. So the discipline of *physiological psychology* is shown related both to *systems* and to *pathways*, instead of just to *systems*.
* the words BEHAVIOUR and BRAIN are omitted on the right of Figure 4

As explained in the video, such simplifications can be justified on two counts:-

* the spoken words can augment the simplified graphics and hence recover some of the complications (I noted some examples earlier).
* TV is not the appropriate medium to deal with minute details – because these require concentrated study at the individual student's own pace (better done by reading text)

**Domain 2. Experiential**

The Experiential domain is crucial for the other three.

In the Cognitive domain, apart from some abstract subjects like Logic and Pure Mathematics, learning is largely concerned with knowledge about the real world, therefore when learners experience the real world (vicariously but realistically) their study is grounded in context. Consequently, instructional video is often used to transport learners into the real world.

Those argument concerning cognitive learning, apply even more so to skills learning – all the roles of Domain 4 (Skills) depict real life experiences. Admittedly, many vicarious video experiences of skills demonstrations need to be followed up by real life practice, but the video depiction would provide valuable grounding.

The same is true for all the Affective roles – they all depict real life experiences and behaviour. For example, changing attitudes towards people might involve seeing various contrasts in situ, like peoples’ socialising behaviour (Bates, 1984, p. 246).

The strength of all these influences is mediated by how realistic are the vicarious experiences.

**Domain 3. Nurturing Affective Characteristics**

The principal intention of the eight teaching functions in the Affective domain of Table 1 is to engender *sustained* affective changes in students, lasting into the future (Koumi, 2015 p.5-6).

Note for Domain 4, you can think of each skill as the ability to handle different things:

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| **4. Demonstrating SKILLS** | **In order to handle** |
| 1. **manual/craft**: making learning aids, cookery, joinery, painting, designing
 | craft tools, materials |
| 1. **agility:** dance, aerobics, gymnastics, athletics
 | body movements |
| 1. **reasoning**: problem solving, planning, brainstorming
 | symbols, techniques |
| 1. **interpersonal**: counselling, interviewing, teamwork, classroom teaching
 | people |
| 1. **verbal**: language proficiency, singing, recitation, authoring
 | vocalization |
| 1. **studying**: researching information, collaborative learning, exam strategy
 | learning |
| 1. **technical**: laboratory, mechanics, nursing
 | technical equipment |

**Figure 5. Skills enable handling different things**

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