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Approaches to Curriculum Development

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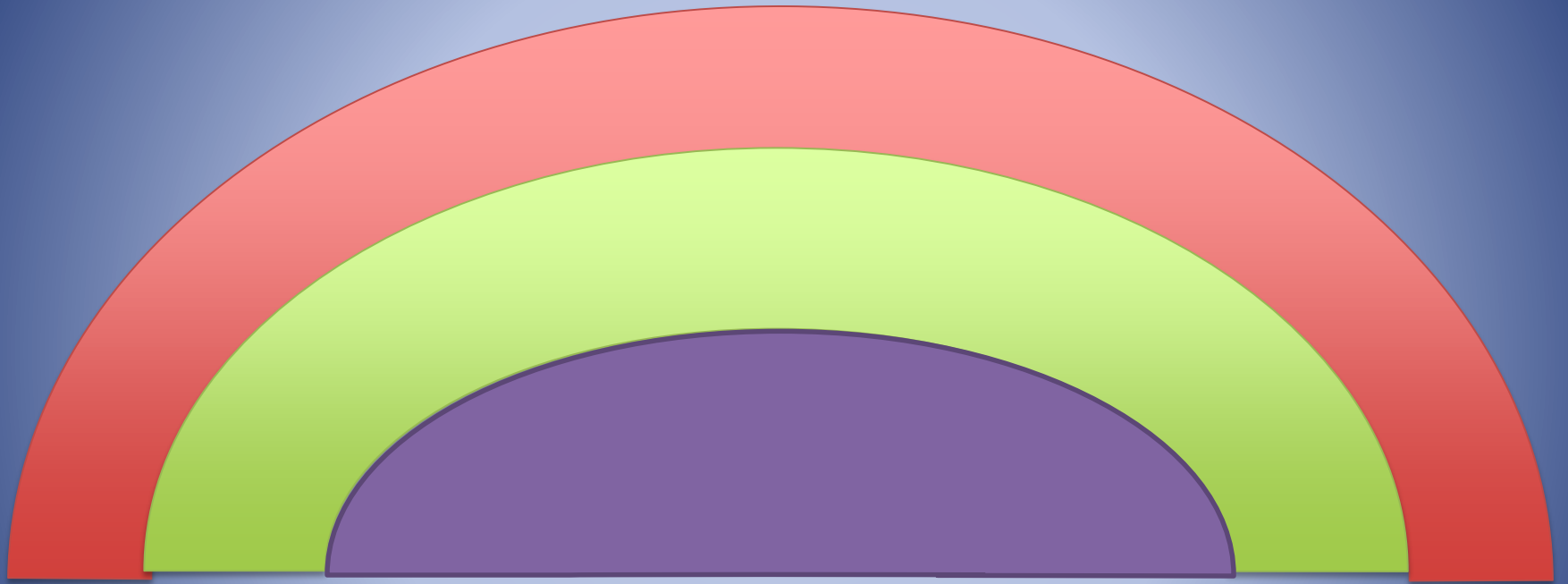
Presentation Outline

- Introduce Horizon International Flight Academy
- Introduce terms (curriculum, syllabus and methodology)
- Introduce different approaches to curriculum development
- Explain implications in a “Real World” context

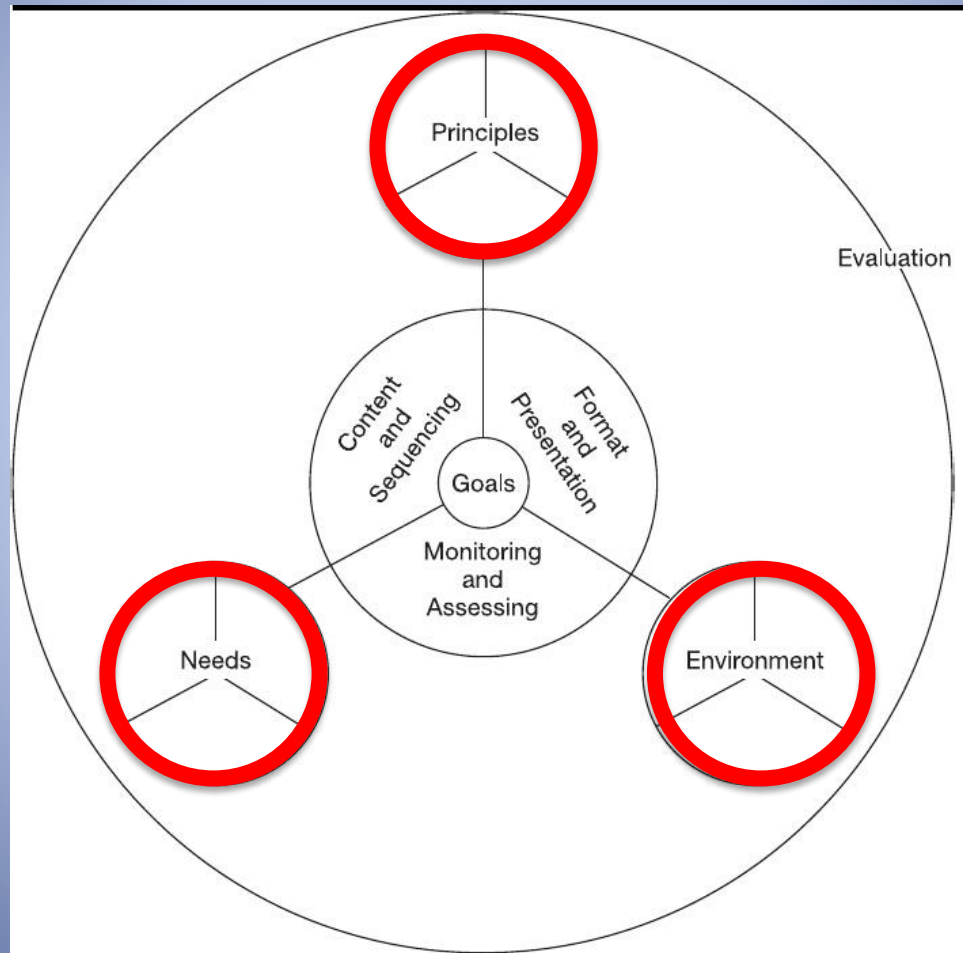
Horizon International Flight Academy



Curriculum - Syllabus - Methodology

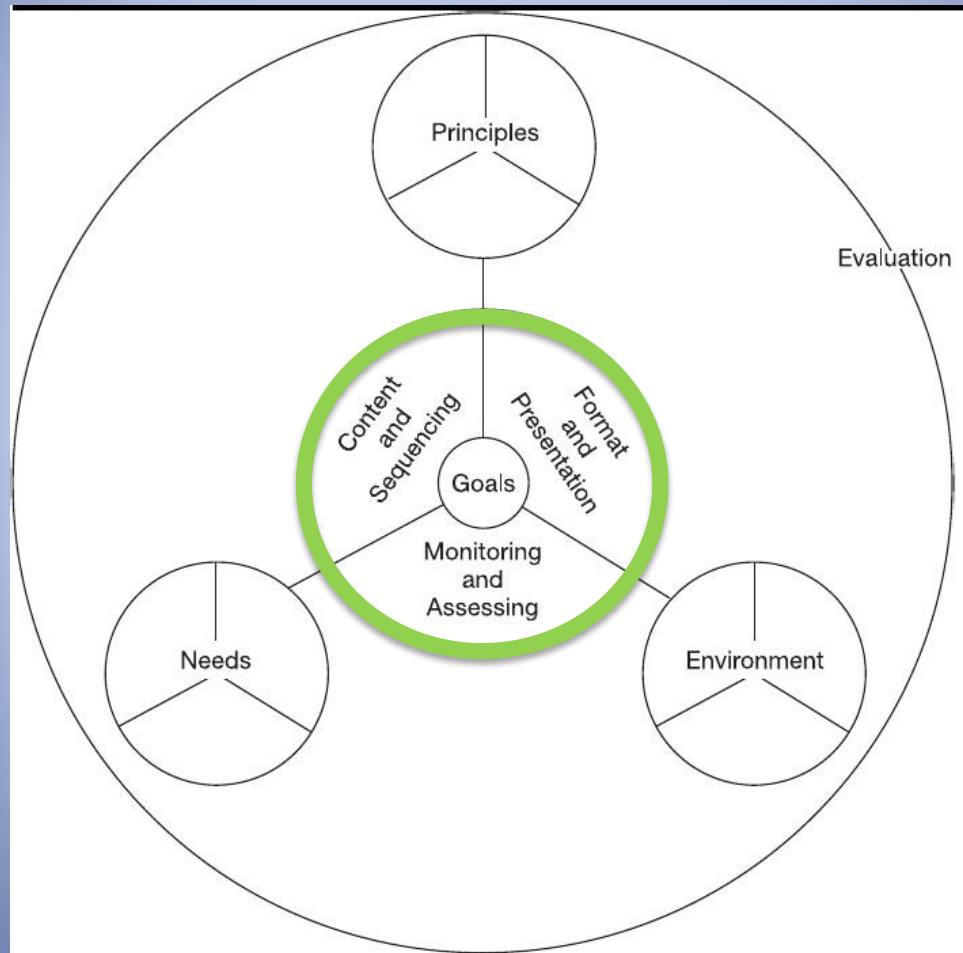


Curriculum Design Process



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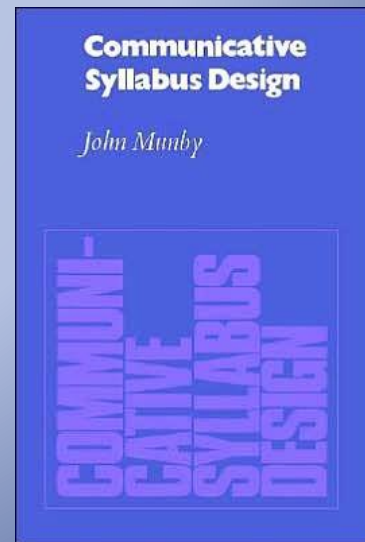
Methodology – an example

- Introductory Activity
- Controlled Practice
- Listening Activity
- Vocabulary and Grammar Exercises
- Freer Practice
- Perform Task

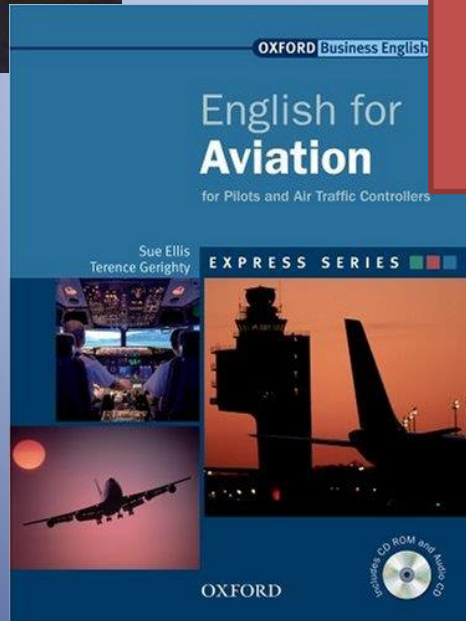
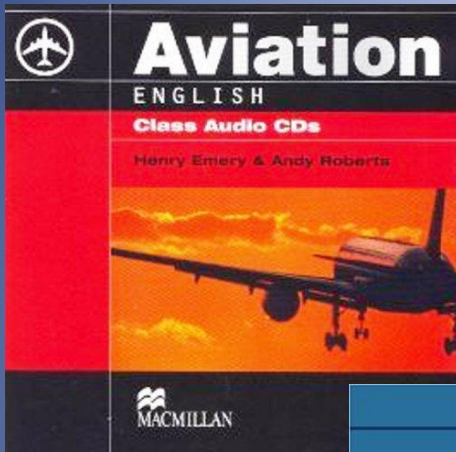
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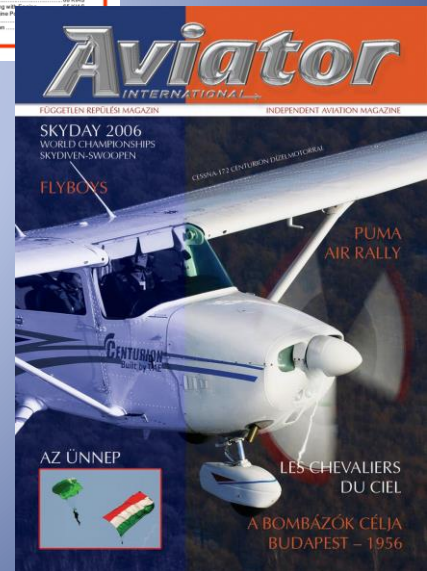
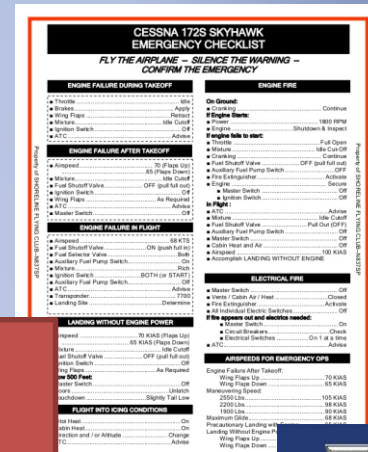
- ESP (English for Specific Purposes)
- ESP is distinguished from ELT (English Language Teaching), primarily, by increased detail and specific orientation of the needs analysis.



Synthetic vs Analytic Syllabus



Vs



1. Focus on Forms

2. Focus on Form

- 1. Focus on Forms (associated with synthetic syllabus) = pre-selection of grammar and vocabulary



Focus on Form

- 2. Focus on Form (associated with analytic syllabus) = teaching of grammar and vocabulary as they arise during the course of a lesson



Negotiated Syllabus

- Instead of teacher choosing content, grammar and vocabulary, the students identify and prioritize what they should learn.



Task Based Language Teaching

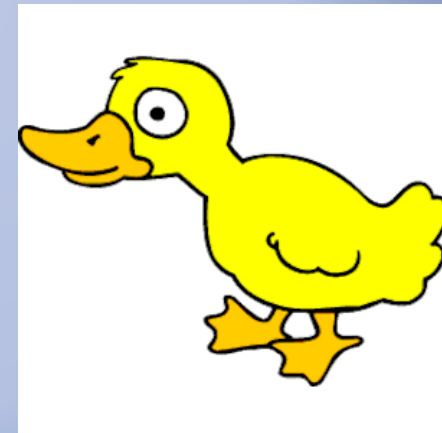
- TBLT “Strong Version” = thorough needs analysis, focus on form, task based assessment
- TBLT “Weak Version” = might include focus on forms

Implications for us

- Improve our needs analysis
- Improve our methodology
- Improve our assessment
- Improve test reliability and validity

Implications continued...

- Improve the linguistic awareness of domain experts
- Improve the domain expertise of linguists



THANKS!

***“The sky is the
limit only for
those who
aren't afraid to
fly!...”***

