

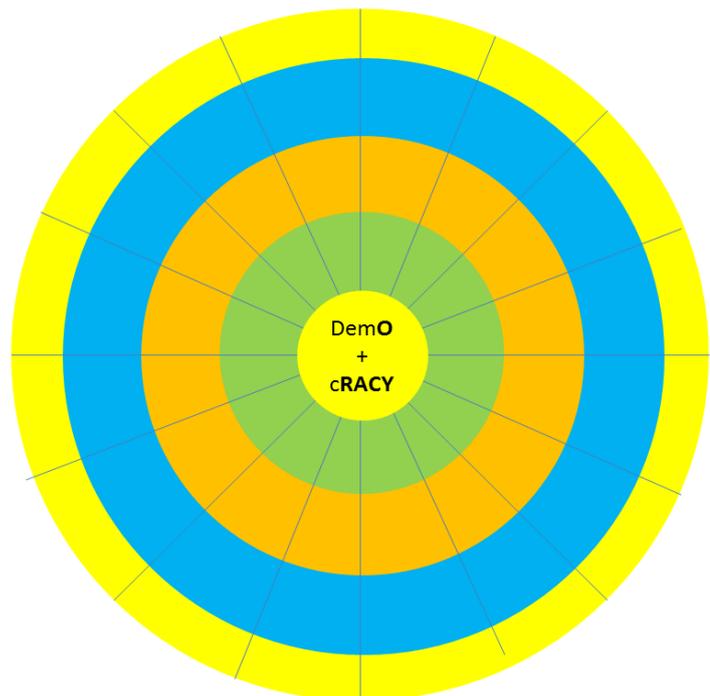
DEMOCRACY

How to develop competences for democratic culture through oral communication

Oral communication has always played a major role in the story of humankind: transmission of knowledge, negotiation of food, expression of needs, sharing values and beliefs etc. are historically based on oral communication. Oracy is the way we express our identities, our sense of belonging to human communities and our capacity for living together. Writing is a much more recent communication form in human history which has contributed to accelerating the human development based on oral communication. The current digital revolution tends to merge oracy and literacy in simplified written forms of communication (short texting, hashtags, etc.), as does artificial intelligence for simplified oral forms of communication (instructions, orders, etc.). Students find it increasingly difficult to distinguish language registers. In this context, it seems more important than ever to set up language learning environments where oral and written communication are intelligently combined and where students develop pragmatic communication strategies.

This tool helps you to find various combinations to develop oracy and competences for democratic culture. The principle is to rotate four circles until you get the combination that you think is the best for meeting your learners' needs.

Circle 1	Circle 2	Circle 3
What?	Why?	How?
Oracy	Democracy	Literacy
oral communication situations and strategies	democracy values, skills and attitudes	written support, tools, tasks



1. What is your central educational objective? (rotate circle 2)
2. Choose what aspect of oral communication you want to develop (rotate circle 1)
3. What could be the output? (rotate circle 3)
4. Formulate the project

<i>Developing</i>	<i>through</i>	<i>with</i>
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(circle 1)	(circle 2)	(circle 3)

5. How could this approach be extended to a whole environmental concept?

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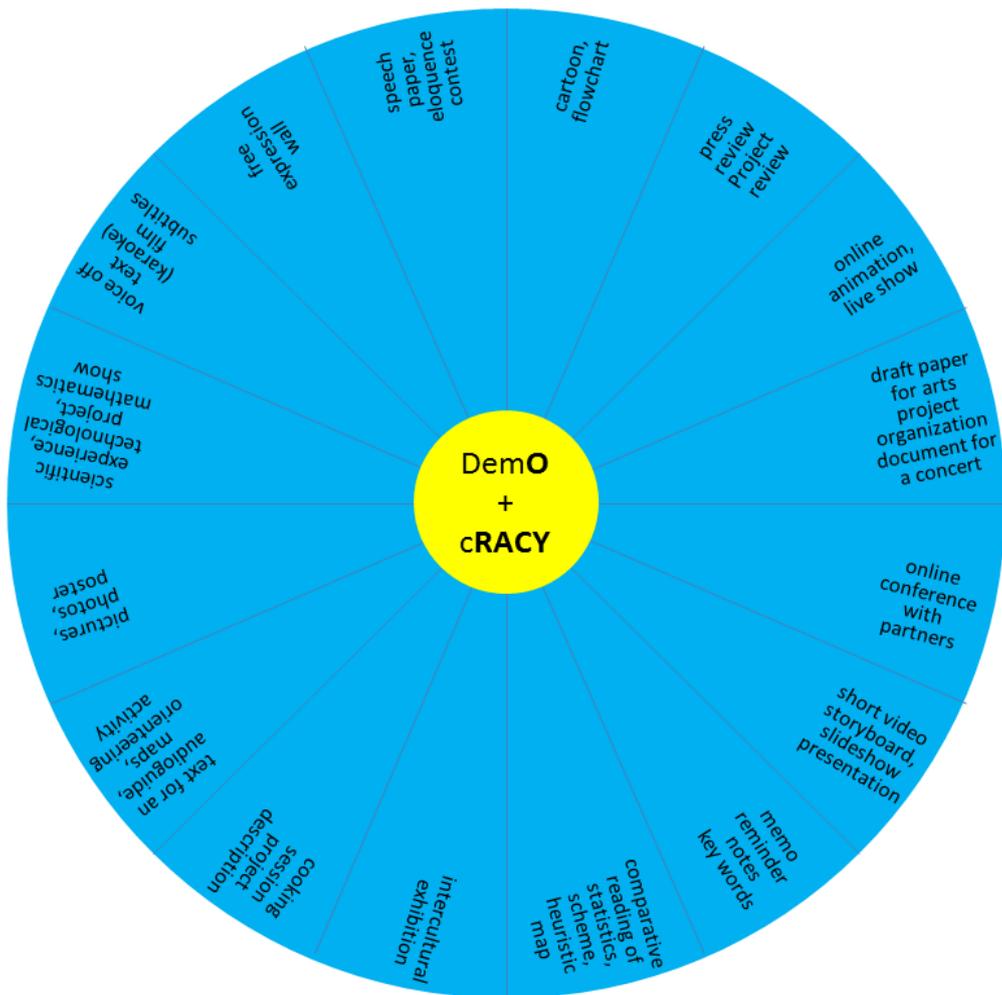
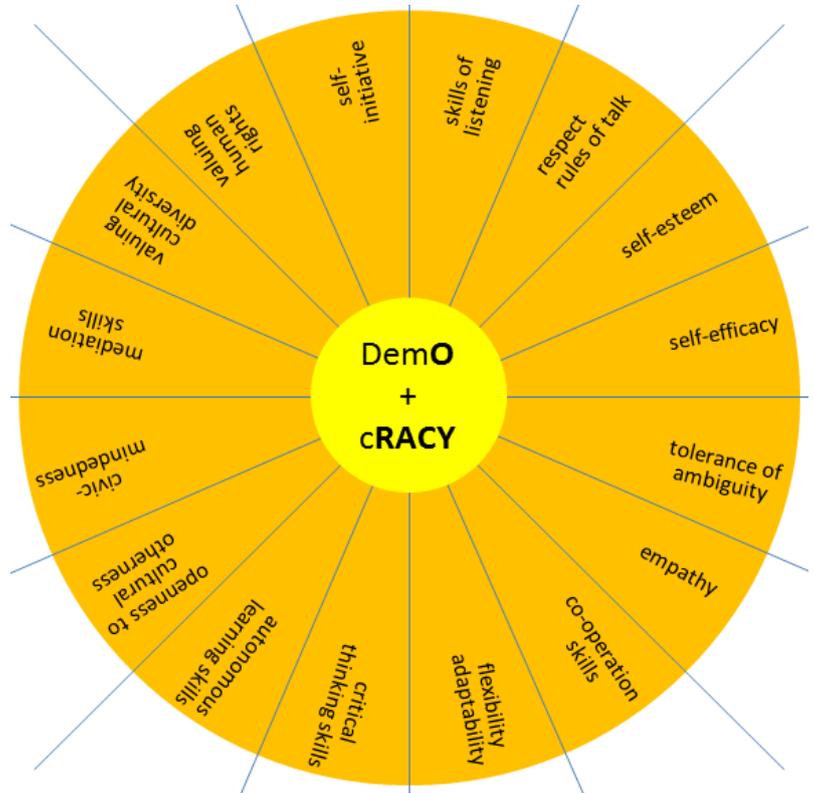
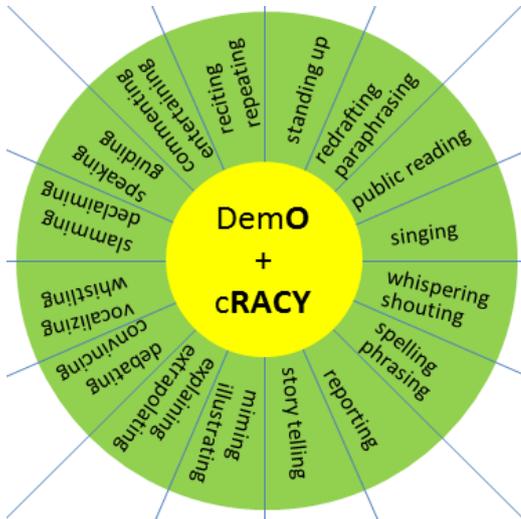
Templates

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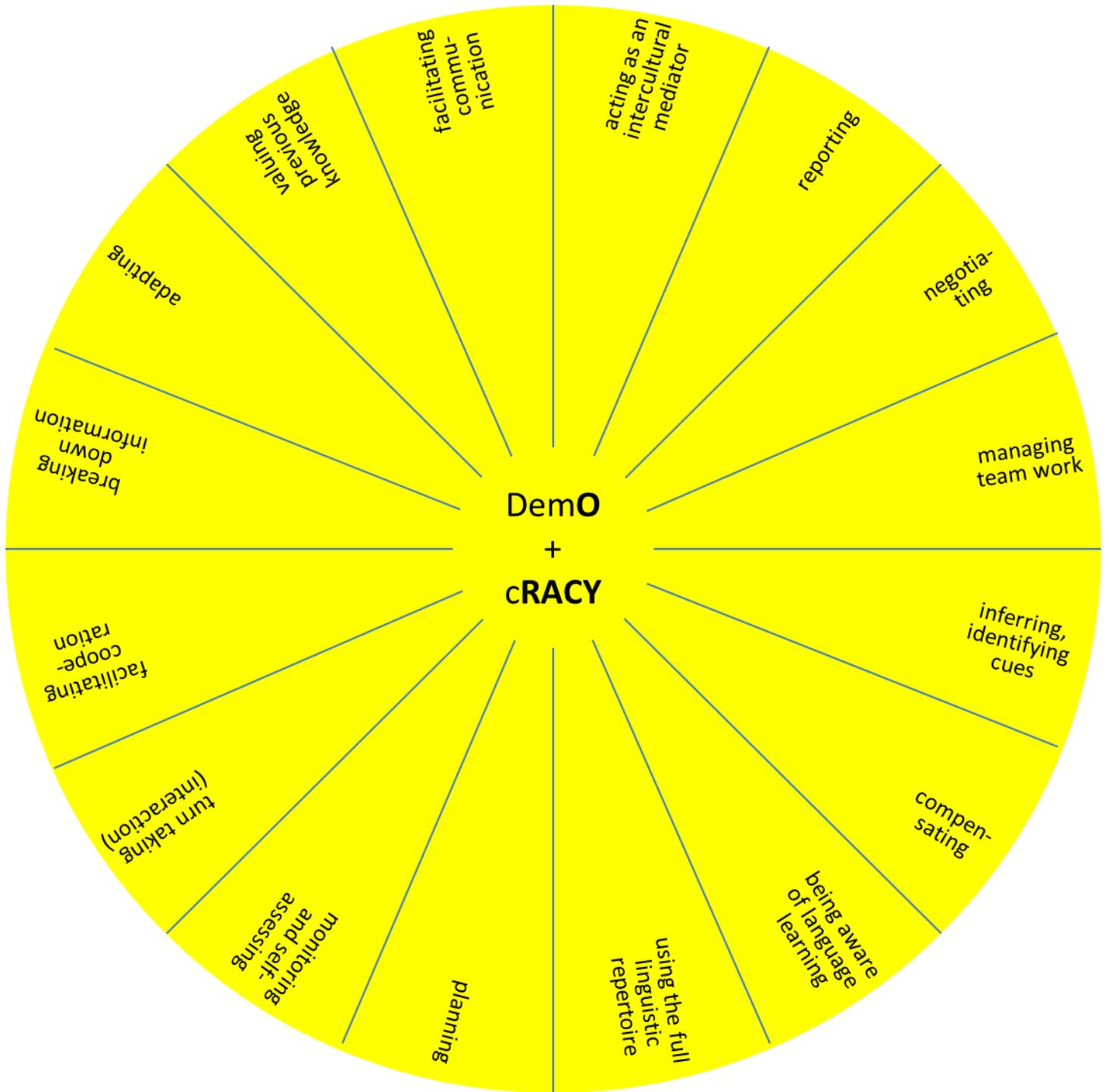
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