Title: Understanding Linguistic Patterns in Popular Media

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Short description: An interactive lesson exploring linguistic patterns in popular media using digital tools like Wayground, PlayPhrase, and Padlet. Students analyze language use in movies, TV shows, and music through collaborative activities and guided discussions.

Language activity is designed for: English.

Age group: 19-25

Level: B1

Learning outcomes:
- Identify and analyse linguistic patterns (e.g. Present Perfect tense) in various forms of popular media.
- Apply linguistic concepts to real-world media contexts like movies, TV shows, and music.
- Improve their awareness of how media influences real-life communication styles and vice versa.
- Develop critical thinking skills through collaborative analysis of language use.

Skills:
- ☒ Listening
- ☒ Speaking
- ☐ Reading
- ☒ Writing
- ☐ Interaction
- ☐ Vocabulary
- ☒ Grammar
- ☐ Mediation
- ☐ Pronunciation

ICT tools used: Quizizz, PlayPhrase, Padlet.

Duration in minutes:
☐15-30
☐30-60
☒60-90
☐90-120
☐120+

Will students be marked?
☐Yes
☒No

Timing: This lesson is ideal for mid- to late-term, once students have developed foundational language awareness. It can be delivered in one extended 80-minute session or split into two 40-minute lessons.

Description of each stage of the activity:

Introduction: The lesson begins with an introduction to the topic "Analysing Linguistic Patterns in Popular Media" to capture students' attention.

Activity 1: Quizizz Quiz:
- Share the [Wayground code](#) with students who join using their devices.
- Students complete multiple-choice and true/false questions testing their knowledge of linguistic elements in media.
- Instant feedback is provided after each question to foster immediate understanding.

Activity 2: PlayPhrase Exploration:
- Demonstrate how to use PlayPhrase to explore linguistic patterns in movie dialogues.
- Enter specific words or phrases related to the lecture topic.
- Analyze how these linguistic elements are employed in different scenarios.

Activity 3: Padlet Collaboration:
- Create a [Padlet board](#) titled "Identifying Linguistic Pattern (Present Perfect)".
- Divide students into small groups with assigned linguistic patterns to explore.
- Each group finds examples in popular media and shares them on the Padlet board.
- This collaborative effort encourages discussion and deeper understanding.

Class Discussion and Reflection:
- Lead a class discussion based on insights from all activities.
- Students share findings while the teacher facilitates conversation about the impact of linguistic patterns.
- Use Padlet for students to post key takeaways and questions.
- Highlight the importance of understanding linguistic patterns in various media forms and real-world applications.
- Extra: Do a production writing activity (a story or a dialogue)

Potential challenges/problems:
☒Yes
☐No

Some students may struggle with tech tools or need guidance in finding relevant examples. Internet access and student familiarity with platforms might vary.
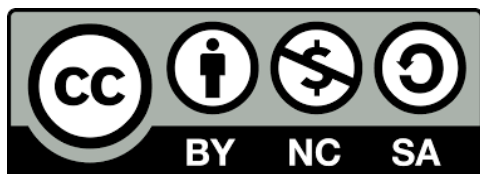
Suggestions for learner assessment/self-assessment/feedback/peer feedback:

- Peers can leave comments on each group's Padlet post.
Teacher provides informal feedback during group activities and in the class discussion.
A short reflection writing task/production activity, i.e. writing a story or a dialogue, using the pattern may reinforce the lesson's aims.

Post-evaluation of the activity (e.g., Once you have carried it out, how will you gauge whether it has been successful? How will you get feedback from students? etc.)

- Student engagement and the quality of Padlet contributions and the production stage will be key indicators of success.
- A short anonymous feedback form can be used to collect student impressions.
- The teacher can reflect on student participation levels and adapt future sessions based on observed strengths and weaknesses.

Personal comments from the authors: This ESL lesson bridges language learning and media literacy by using authentic content from movies, music, and TV shows. It engages students with digital tools they're familiar with, while helping them develop real-world communication skills. By analyzing how English linguistic pattern (e.g. Present Perfect) is used in popular media, learners improve their listening, reading, and critical thinking in a fun and relatable context.