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Strategies to Shift More Focus to Students

- Enlarge the pictures from your text, mask the captions, and show them separately. Develop questions about the pictures for pair discussion.
- Show or hand out some relevant pictures without captions. Provide some “wh” questions (who?, where? etc.) for small group discussion.
- Conduct a focused listening activity. Pair students for discussion about what they heard before providing models for self-correction.
- Have students practice dialogues or Question-and-Answer activities in concentric circles.
- With meaning already clear from pictures, have pairs of students write simple verbal definitions, then offer them in large group discussion.
- Distribute realia (real objects) to students and have each student show his/her piece at the appropriate time.
- In small group discussion, have students predict the situation or story from the Unit Opener pictures.
- After the teacher provides the models for new learning, he/she “stands down” and allows the students to provide additional modeling for practice.
- Expand the use of “mixer” activities.
- Pair or groups students intentionally, keeping in mind same-ability or mixed-ability grouping options.