Total Physical Response

Total physical response is a method of using gestures, facial expression, actions and objects to support the comprehension of language by learners. In this method, only the target language is used, in our case, Michif. It is simple to learn and apply the key is to NOT use too many words or phrases at a time and gradually phase in new words. When you are sure your learners have grasped the meaning of the words by demonstrating the gesture, expression, movement when given the command, then it is time to add in a couple of new ones. Still, it is important to always come back the ones you did previously from time to time, to ensure they stay fresh in your learners memories.

Total Physical Response Verbs for the Lessons

Natohta! Listen!

Pashikoo! Get up! (from sitting)

Api! Sit down! Paahpi! Laugh! Maato! Cry!

Nimii li jig! Dance the jig!

Add for Lesson 3

Ashtaa! (Ashtaa li liiv!)

Plurals

Natohtak! Pashikook! Apik! Paahpik! Maatok! Nimiik li jig!

Ashtaak! (Ashtaak li liiv!)