REFLEXION: First week of classes (march 7 to 10th)

At the begging I started writing on the board some key words about my personal information and they had to create or write the questions that matched with the words, for that I gave them some background information like WH questions and some vocabularies that they already knew and that way it would be easier for them to remember, these group worked perfectly fine, they were not shy to participate in classes and they were also kind of quiet, I could notice that with this group I can implement the group work approach, something I think is great to increase their knowledge.

But contrary to it, the grade 7th was really tough to work with, I thought that with this group it would be better to work because during my observation I saw that the teacher talked to them in English all the time and they seem to understand, besides, during the classes they were all well behaved. But in my first day working with them I had to be all by myself with them because the head teacher had to attend a meeting, so I started introducing myself to the students, to let them know the rules and everything related to the class development. At the beginning, I tried to be a little flexible with the students, but it did not work, they only payed me attention like 15 minutes, and when I asked them to create two groups they started to talk and to work in something else but the class, it was really difficult for me to explain the activity, I was really tired and frustrated, there was a moment I thought just to leave the classroom, but I kept working with the few students that payed me attention. At the end of the class I concluded that I cannot apply the work group strategy with them, at least until I can build it through the time, also with the activity I could notice that the students have a really low English level, it's difficult for them to construct simple sentences, to use vocabulary and to pronunciate simple words, so it will be needed to work with them from zero and I would have to make up activities that make them concentrate in the lessons.