

This experience helped me understand the important role of the teacher in building a classroom culture that supports thinking and learning. Thinking routines are not only classroom activities. This connects with Teacher Standard 2.1.1 about using content knowledge and pedagogical knowledge during planning and teaching. Another important role is selecting suitable teaching strategies according to students' needs. They are strategies that encourage students to become active thinkers and independent learners. Before the lesson, I carefully selected routines that matched the lesson objectives and students' age level. One important role of the teacher is planning meaningful learning experiences.