

**Mathematics Education to Develop Students Agency: Problem Solving Approach, Shape & Figure, Measurement, and Pattern & Data "Teaching Mathematics to Develop Mathematical Thinking as Higher Order Thinking: How do you teach? Why?" III**

Part I: Number of Operations      Part II: Fraction and Proportionality

Part III: Problem Solving Approach, Shape & Figure, Measurement, and Pattern & Data

SEA-BES: CCRLS for Mathematics

Terminology to explain conceptual difference and task sequence to design lesson

Study with your friends: Mathematics for Elementary School, Gakko Toshu (2005, 2011, 2016, 2020 editions)

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Lesson Study: Design Approaches based on content of teaching

Mathematical Thinking: What is it?

Model Curriculum SEA-BES: CCRLS for Math

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**Mathematical Values, Attitudes and Habits for Human Character**

**Mathematical Values Seeking**

- Generality and expandability
- Reasonableness and harmony
- Usefulness and efficiency
- Simpler and easier
- Beautifulness

**Mathematical Attitude Attempting to**

- See and think mathematically
- Pose questions and develop explanations
- Generalize and extend
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**Mathematical Habits of Mind for Living**

- Reasonably and critically while respecting and appreciating others
- Autonomously and socially
- Creatively, innovatively and harmoniously to develop citizenship
- Judiciously in using various tools
- With empowerment in predicting the future through lifelong learning

**Mathematical Thinking and Processes**

**Mathematical Ideas of:** Set, Unit, Comparison, Operation, Algorithms, Fundamental Principles, Permanence of Form, Various Representations and Translations.

**Mathematical Ways of Thinking:** Generalization and Specialization, Extension and Integration, Inductive, Analogical and Deductive Reasoning, Abstracting, Concretising and Embodiment, Objectifying by Representation and Symbolizing, Relational and Functional Thinking, Thinking Forward and Backward

**Mathematical Activities:** Problem Solving, Exploration and Enquiry, Mathematical Modeling, Mathematicalisation and Programming, Conjecturing, Justifying and Proving, Conceptualisation and Proceduralisation, Representation and Sharing

**Contents**

**Key Stage 1**

- Numbers & Operations
- Quantity & Measurement
- Shapes, Figures & Solids
- Pattern & Data
- Representations

**Key Stage 2**

- Extension of Numbers & Operations
- Measurement & Relations
- Plane Figures & Space Figures
- Data Handling & Graphs

**Key Stage 3**

- Numbers & Algebra
- Relations & Functions
- Space & Geometry
- Statistics & Probability

Reference: Isoda & Kuroki (2012) *Mathematical Thinking*, Cause of Study by MEXT, JAPAN (2017)

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Appreciation, Reflection, Acquisition

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**Various Teaching Approaches for Teaching Math. How different? When we prefer it?**

Authentic Math. Act. Oriented      Students do Math. like Mathematician without Teachers      Mathematics is the subject for overcoming contradiction      Done by teachers who well know Mathematical Activity

Students Agency in General      Math. Thinking      Math. Value & Attitude      Math. Critique

School Level LS      Specialist Level LS

Designing up to overcoming contradiction

Dialectic Approach

Problem Solving Approach      Shift to Designing Task-sequence. For students, any task is open as long as students use what they learned

Open Approach      Designing Task only. Change the task to Open-Ended      Shift it to Students Centered

Injection Approach      Exam. Oriented      Done by teachers who do not design task and lesson by themselves      Teacher Centered

Approaches should be selected by teachers depending on what students we would like to develop. Good teachers can manage various approaches and control them as their preference because they know these as parameters depending on the objective of the class.

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**See it only as a task or see it in the task sequence**

• If we see it just a task, it is.....

Area of a Figure Composed Rectangles and Squares

5 How many  $\text{cm}^2$  is the area of the following figure?

I can use the formula if the figure is a rectangle or a square.

① Think about how to calculate the area.

How many ways of solution?  
How many answers?  
Is it an open-ended task?  
Various meaning of openness.  
➢ For students  
➢ For mathematics

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**Task 3** Given Composite Rectangles and Squares  
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 I can use the formula of the figure as a rectangle or a square.

**Task 2** I know the area of a square with both sides is called "1 square centimetre" and a square with side length "10" is called "1dm<sup>2</sup>".  
 How many  $1\text{cm}^2$  squares are there?  
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 How many square centimetres are the area of these two shapes?

**Task 1** How many square centimetres are the area of the colored figure below?  
 The area of a rectangle is calculated by using length and width as follows. **Area = length  $\times$  width**

Why students produced various ways of solutions?  
 If we read previous pages...

They only used what they already learned.  
 Various ways of solutions are related with which learned do they use.

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**Task 3** **Open Composed Rectangles and Squares**

5. How many  $\text{cm}^2$  is the area of the following figure?

1. Think about how to calculate the area.

**Task 2**

1. The area of a square with both sides is called "1 square centimetre" and is written as  $1\text{cm}^2$  and is a unit of area.

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Which activity, you would like to teach? For that, how do you

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In Japan, Open A. is a part of Prob. Solv. A.

Open A. originated teaching practice in the Secondary School of UT before WWII and the national textbook was published in 1943. Shimada, S. rebirthed it the Open-Ended A. Project at the end of 1960s and published the book (1976).

- Theorization: Nohoda, N. wrote the PhD thesis in 1983.
- Extension: Sawada, T. lead the project for the problem sequence developed by students.
- Spread to the World: Becker, J. published English translation of the book in 1996 in USA.

Problem Sequence in Nohoda (1983)

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    graph LR
      OP[Original Problem] --> S1[Solving 1]
      OP --> S2[Solving 2]
      OP --> S3[Solving 3]
      S1 --> NP1[New Problem 1]
      S2 --> NP2[New Problem 2]
      S3 --> NP3[New Problem 3]
  
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Situation A: Formulating a problem mathematically  
 Situation B: Investigating various approach to the formulated problem  
 Situation C: Posing advanced problems

Nohoda, N. (2000). Teaching of Open Approach Methods in Japanese Classroom. In Proceedings of the conference of IGPME.

- Open for students
- Open for mathematics
- Open for teachers

	K. & E.	Lower Sec.	Upper Sec.	Tertiary
Total Num. Of Presentation	5248	3586	3213	435
Ratio of "Prob. Solv."	5.4%	2.6%	0.4%	1.1%
Ratio of "Open A. words"	0.4%	0.9%	0.2%	0

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