Summary of Harmer on Grammar Presentation

BOX 3.1 Presenting new structures: general principles

Wherever possible, use examples which are contextualized, interesting, and realistic.

Sensitize SS to the target structure

Teach the form, and the meaning of the target structure

Don't over- or under- present.

Vary your presentation techniques.

Consider whether to offer explicit grammar explanation.

BOX 3.2 Harmer's procedural model for presenting new language, adapted

- 1. Present context which incorporates examples of the target language. (lead-in)
- 2. Elicit, or/and draw attention to, the target structure.

(Repeat 1 & 2, if necessary)

- 3. (Explain the form and meaning of ...)
- 4. Have SS reproduce the TS accurately.
- 5. (Invite SS to create similar sentences with cue given by T.)

BOX3.3 Harmer's 4 types of presentation techniques

- 1. The classroom
- 2. Invented story situations
- 3. Simulated real-life situations
- 4. Formulated information

Jeremy Harmer, *The Practice of English Language Teaching* (third edn.), 2001, Longman.