

# The ACE English Language Teaching Newsletter

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"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure."

- Colin Powell



## Activities, Handouts and Lesson Plans

The blog **Controversial Discussion Topics and How to Teach Them** from Busy Teacher provides a simple but effective approach to bring challenging topics into your intermediate and advanced classes.

With my Irish heritage, I can't resist providing some **St. Patrick's Day activities** for you to use in your lessons in March:

- A variety of activities from ESOL Courses.
- A complete intermediate lesson from the British Council.
- A listening lesson from ESL Holiday Lessons.
- Some last minute lesson ideas from Busy Teacher.

Here are short videos from TED-Ed that you can use with your intermediate and advanced students to target **four problematic areas of grammar and word choice**: comma

usage, the Oxford comma, nominalization, and increasing word choice range.

Check out the tool **Language Learning with Netflix** that allows viewers to watch shows with subtitles both in the original language and in English.



## Websites, Videos, Articles and Books

Here are the top five **Online Writing Labs** to which to direct your advanced students and to use yourself when you hit a challenging piece of grammar

As an introvert, this blog is close to my heart: **How to Teach a Young Introvert**. The blog features an interview with Susan Cain, the author of *Quiet*, in which she shares her thoughts on how to adjust classroom instruction to enable introverts to be more comfortable and successful. While the article discusses young learners, many of the ideas can be applied to adult learners.

The new book **The Palgrave Handbook of Languages and Conflict** introduces an interdisciplinary field at the intersection of language studies and conflict studies. The book provides commentary on the role of language in situations of conflict, a significant but under-studied social and political phenomena.

**The Opportunity of Divorce** is a radio interview from the BBC that explores an unintended and unexpected outcome of immigration. While this might not be a good topic to introduce in your class, it provides an interesting perspective on this recent trend that we need to be aware of as teachers of immigrants and refugees.

Here is a powerful and practical TED Talk on mental health that we need to watch for ourselves as teachers and also to pass on to our students--**Why We All Need to Practice Emotional First Aid**.



## Professional Development Webinars

Macmillan Education is hosting a one-day online conference on March 6th entitled **Celebrating Women Advancing Learning**. Join them for a great lineup of prominent female experts from the worlds of education and ELT.

Oxford University Press has [a series of free webinars](#) in March:

- **Why Do We Need EAP Word Lists and What Can We Do with Them?** on March 12th.
- **The Use of the First Language in EMI: How to Tell Parents** on March 13th.
- **Bring Stories Alive: The Role of Storytelling in the ELT Classroom** on March 19th and 20th.

Cambridge University Press also has a line-up of free webinars in March:

- **Immersive Games and English Language Learning** on March 18th and March 20th.
- **Using Other Languages to Learn English** on March 19th.

Cambridge University Press also has a great recorded webinar on gamification now available on YouTube entitled **The Value of Gamification for Language Learning**.



## The Language Program Management Corner

### Developing Your Resilience

Every successful career, in any field, is built on hard work, expertise and experience. But there is also one more important ingredient--resilience. As the article **Seven Keys to Developing Resilience** starts out by saying, "Smart, resilient people will always surpass geniuses who quit." Here are the seven keys to developing your resilience as a manager:

1. Respect yourself, even when you make mistakes or are going through tough times. Resist the temptation to tear yourself apart emotionally when you do something wrong. Rather, build yourself up so that you have the emotional strength to try again.
2. Allow your passion to drive you, rather than your need to please other people or to gain outward signs of success.
3. Be discerning about who you spend your time with. The people close to you should build you up, not take you down.
4. Be tasteful, respectful and professional in your actions and in your speech.
5. Be nurturing. Care about those around you in both your professional and personal lives.
6. Be gritty and tough. Don't wallow in self-pity. Instead, dig deep and tap into your emotional strength.

7. Focus on others, not yourself. Value what those around you contribute to your life. Realize that you won't succeed on your own.

Resilience is all about standing up more times than you fall down. We all fall down on a regular basis. The difference between successful people and unsuccessful people is getting back up.



## The ACE PD Exchange Video of the Month

This month's featured video is: **Using Poetry Writing to Teach English.**

Poetry can be a great tool to teach English to our students. In this video, we first discuss why poetry is a useful and motivating task for language learners of all ages, levels and backgrounds. We look at how to structure a poetry writing lesson to fully engage students in the process. Finally, we identify the structure for different types of poetry that students can write. At the end of this video you will be able to successfully integrate poetry writing into your classes.

Check out a [sneak peek](#) of the video or [click here](#) to access the full video and accompanying handout if you're already a member of the ACE Professional Development Exchange.

If you're not a member yet, [click here](#) to sign up or learn more about the features of the site [here](#).

[Visit The PD Exchange Website](#)



## Upcoming ACE Courses

Check out upcoming course dates below for the **ACE TESOL Certificate**, a TESL Canada Standard One course; the **ACE TESOL Diploma**, a TESL Canada Standard Two and TESL Ontario course; and the **ACE TEYL Certificate**, a course for teaching young learners.

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**ACE in Iran, Iran**

For information on the next ACE TESOL Certificate course in Iran, contact Neda Ahmadi at: [iranacetesol@gmail.com](mailto:iranacetesol@gmail.com).

**Assiniboine Community College, Brandon, Manitoba**

The next part-time, blended ACE TESOL Certificate course starts in the spring of 2019. For more information, contact: [continuingstudies@assiniboine.net](mailto:continuingstudies@assiniboine.net).

**Bow Valley College, Calgary, Alberta**

The next part-time course runs from May 7th to July 6th, 2019. This course fills up quickly so register early. For more information, contact: [ELLReception@bowvalleycollege.ca](mailto:ELLReception@bowvalleycollege.ca).

**East Coast Language College, Halifax, Nova Scotia**

The next full-time ACE TESOL Certificate course runs from May 20th to June 14th, 2019. For more information contact: [teachertraining@ECLCcanada.com](mailto:teachertraining@ECLCcanada.com).

**Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, Edmonton, Alberta**

The next part-time ACE TESOL Certificate course runs in the spring of 2019. This course fills up quickly so register early. For more information, contact: [mklettke@emcn.ab.ca](mailto:mklettke@emcn.ab.ca).

**London Language Institute, London, Ontario**

The next full-time ACE TESOL Certificate courses starts on May 6th, 2019. The next ACE TESOL Diploma course online starts on May 15th, 2019. For more information, contact: [paula@linstitute.com](mailto:paula@linstitute.com).

**Niagara Catholic District School Board, St. Catharines, Ontario**

The next ACE TESOL Certificate course runs in May, 2019. For more information, contact: [fred.wilson@ncdsb.com](mailto:fred.wilson@ncdsb.com).

**Peel District School Board, Mississauga, Ontario**

For information on the next start dates for the blended ACE TESOL Certificate and the blended ACE TESOL Diploma courses

contact: [lisa.hill@peelsb.com](mailto:lisa.hill@peelsb.com).



**Renison University College, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario**

The next part-time ACE TESOL Certificate course runs from September 17th, 2019 to November 16th, 2019. For more information, contact: [kimberly.burrell@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:kimberly.burrell@uwaterloo.ca).



**University of Windsor**

**University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario**

The next ACE TESOL Diploma course runs from April 30th to August 21st, 2019. The next part-time ACE TESOL Certificate course runs from September 3rd to December 5th, 2019. For more information, contact: [iris.wang@uwindsor.ca](mailto:iris.wang@uwindsor.ca).

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## ACE Advanced Online Teacher Training Courses

Our advanced teacher training courses are offered online through our partner, [London Language Institute](http://LondonLanguageInstitute.com). All advanced online courses are self-paced and run on a continuous enrollment basis. You have six months to complete your course. Contact [paula@lilinstitute.com](mailto:paula@lilinstitute.com) or [info@aceducation.ca](mailto:info@aceducation.ca) to register or click on a course below for more information.

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## Let's Keep in Touch!

There are lots of ways to stay connected with ACE. Click the icons below to connect with us on social media, where we regularly post teaching ideas and resources that you can use in the classroom. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to email us at [info@aceducation.ca](mailto:info@aceducation.ca).

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