

The ACE Alumni Newsletter

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"The best way to reach big goals is to set and reach many small attainable goals."

- Bruce Van Horn



Teaching Activities and Resources

Historic Canada has fabulous learning tools about a wide range of historical figures and events in Canada. The tools include short videos, worksheets and learning guides.

For some good reminders on effective dictionary use in your language classroom read the blog from MacMillan Dictionary, entitled [How to Use \(or Misuse\) a Dictionary](#).

The article [The Use of Cognitive Science in Pronunciation Assignments](#) by Anastasiia Kryzhanivska has some practical ideas on structuring pronunciation practice to align with what we know about how the brain works.

The Materials Writing Special Interest Group of IATEFL has catalogued all of their webinars and other resources for easy access on their site. If you want to learn more about materials development, check out [their MaWSIG website](#).

Are you looking for a fun quiz to give your high intermediate or advanced students? Try the

British-Irish Dialect Quiz from the New York Times.

The article **Examining the Personal Association-Based Components of the Head-to-Toe Method of Association for Vocabulary Acquisition**, provides some tried and true techniques for helping language students remember new vocabulary.

A new publication from Multilingual Matters, entitled **Idiomatic Mastery in a First and Second Language**, and written by Monica Karlsson, delves into the always challenging task of learning idioms.

If you like using corpora with your high intermediate and advanced students, to explore language use trends and to help your students learn the meanings and uses of new words from context, here are two new corpora from Brigham Young University: a **TV Corpus** and a **Movie Corpus**. These tools provide a fun way to explore idiomatic language in cultural and entertainment media and to learn how the language has changed over time.

For the latest numbers on international student enrollment in Canada read the **report from ICEF**.

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News from ACE

We have launched a blog on **English Language Teaching in Canada** at **www.eltcanaada.wordpress.com**. The purpose of the blog is to highlight the unique features and characteristics of English language teaching in Canada. If you would like to contribute to the blog, please email us at info@aceducation.ca. We welcome blog posts in any of the categories identified on the site.

The professional development videos from the ACE PD Exchange are now available on the **ACE YouTube Channel**. Watch the videos for accessible and practical professional development on a range of teaching topics.

The ACE advanced online courses, that allow you to specialize your teaching skills, are now available on a continuous-enrollment basis. You no longer have wait until the start of a term to enroll and get started on developing your specialized skills. We have also extended the length of time to complete the course material from three months to six months. For more information on the courses go to **the ACE English Language Teacher Training website**.

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Job Opportunities



As in every sector, the majority of English language teaching positions are never advertised. The best way to find a position is to know the English language programs in your area and to approach them directly about any openings they may have in the near future.

Here are some tools to use to find the English language programs in your area if you are located in Canada:

Use **the school search tool** on the **Languages Canada** website to identify the fee-paying English language programs near you. Languages Canada is the association for fee-paying English language programs across Canada and includes private language schools, colleges and universities. The Languages Canada programs offer general English, test preparation, workplace language and English for Academic Purposes, among other programs. They offer year-round programs as well as summer programs.

To identify **government-funded programs** for immigrants and refugees in your area, including LINC programs, use **the search tool** from Settlement.org.

There is also a Canada-wide short-term summer program every year, **the Explore Program**, for high school and university students to learn their other official language. These programs run from four to eight weeks at colleges and universities across the country. The programs hire teachers on a short-term basis. To locate programs in your area use **the Explore search tool**.

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