

The ACE English Language Teaching Newsletter

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"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."

- Albert Einstein



Activities, Handouts and Lesson Plans

Are you looking for some new game ideas to use with your lower level students? Check out [TeachThis](#) and [Easy ESL Games](#).

Inquiry-based learning engages students in what THEY want to learn, not what the teacher wants them to learn. Here are **the four steps to inquiry-based learning**, a great approach to try with your intermediate and advanced level students.

For a wide range of free downloadable handouts for lower level students go to the following sites:

- [ESL PDF](#)
- [English Language Teaching Resources](#).
- [ESL Tower](#)
- [ESL Handouts](#)

We recently passed the **50 year anniversary of Apollo 11 landing on the moon**. Use this [interactive, multimedia site from the New York Times](#) to relive the experience with

your intermediate and advanced students.



Websites, Videos and Articles

For resources to use when teaching your students about the indigenous people of Canada go to the CBC website **Original Voices: Understanding Indigenous Languages**. The site has a variety of short videos on different indigenous languages, the process of preserving languages and conversations with indigenous elders.

Here is an interesting podcast for you and your advanced level students: **How the Hawaiian Language Nearly Died. A Radio Show Sparked its Revival**. Use the podcast as a springboard for discussion on language and identity, language extinction and language revival. Follow-up with a short video and reading on language revival in Australia with **Meet the Man Saving His Language from Extinction**.

And here is an intriguing perspective on language change, **the development of a European Union version of English**, which you can also use with your advanced students.

Have you ever thought about the role of emojis in modern language and communication? Read the blog **Emojis Aren't Ruining Language** with your intermediate and advanced students as a starting point for a discussion on emojis, language and communication.

To stay on top of the impact of technology on education, read the **Top Six eLearning Trends of 2019**.



Professional Development Webinars and Conferences

more effectively.

Oxford University Press has a free webinar on **August 14th and 15th** entitled, **More Equal than Others**. It looks at five practical vocabulary activities to illustrate five principles which we can use to make our lessons run more smoothly and help our students learn

Cambridge University Press has two free webinars in July:

- On **July 24th**, **Teaching Mixed Ability Groups** provides strategies and techniques for teaching mixed groups.
- On **July 29th and 30th**, **The Cambridge English Approach to Item Writing**

reviews principles for good test question writing.

The British Council has a webinar on **July 30th** entitled, **Video in Language Teacher Education and Development**. As the title implies, the webinar presents ways that digital video can be prioritised and exploited in language teacher education.

The call for proposals is now open for the **International Association for the Psychology of Language Learning Conference** in June 2020 at Cape Breton University, Nova Scotia.

The call for proposals for the **Academic Writing and English Language Learners Conference 2019** to be held on **November 1-2, 2019** at **Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia** is **July 22nd, 2019**. Don't miss out on getting your presentation submitted.

For those of you teaching Business English or interested in gamification, you might be interested in the **4th International Conference on Business Learning Games** in Lisbon, Portugal on **September 19th and 20th**. There are presentations on different theoretical and practical approaches to designing and using business learning games. You will also have the opportunity to play different games that are finalists in the business learning games competition that runs in parallel with the conference.

ACE is a proud sponsor of the **40th ATESL Conference** in Calgary, Alberta on October 18th and 19th. **Registration** for the conference is now open.



The Language Program Management Corner

Let's Celebrate Great Leadership

Anyone who has taken on a leadership role, in any organization, large or small, knows how challenging it is to lead in today's highly complex, highly connected and rapidly evolving world. Leading an organization is often a thankless job, with internal organizational pressures from above, sideways and below, as well as external pressures of competitors. We are quick to criticize the leaders of our organizations who fail to meet our expectations. With today's social media tools, we often criticize them publicly with direct, polarizing and judgemental language.

Instead of just focusing on the mistakes the leaders of our organizations make, why don't we try celebrating their successes? Our leaders are human and, just like us, they appreciate hearing positive feedback for things they have done well. Think back over the past several months. What have the managers and leaders in your language program done well? How can you celebrate their achievements? And as a manager and leader

yourself, what have you done well? And how can you celebrate your achievements?

In the spirit of celebrating great leadership, ACE is sponsoring the **Lead5050 Women in International Education** awards again this year. The awards were started in 2017 to recognise and celebrate the achievements of our most inspirational women leaders. By raising the profile of women in international education, the WiE awards inspire confidence, show that success need not be limited by gender and facilitate more women into positions of leadership. Do you know a great woman in international education? **Nominate her for an award by September 7th, 2019.**



The ACE PD Exchange Video of the Month

This month's featured video is: **Using Debates to Teach English**

Debating, a process through which to argue a point or a position, is an effective activity to include in speaking classes of any level. Debates allow students to develop speaking skills that are applicable to many every day situations. These skills include offering an opinion, agreeing and disagreeing, and persuading. In this video we look at activities based around both formal and informal debating that can be used in our English language classrooms.

[Click here](#) for a sneak peek of the video below 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.

**ACE in Iran, Iran**

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

**Assiniboine Community College, Brandon, Manitoba**

The next part-time, blended ACE TESOL Certificate course starts in the fall of 2019. For more information, contact: continuingstudies@assiniboine.net.

**Bow Valley College, Calgary, Alberta**

The next part-time course runs from September 3rd to November 1st, 2019 with the practicum in November. For more information, contact: ELLReception@bowvalleycollege.ca.

East Coast Language College, Halifax, Nova Scotia

The next full-time ACE TESOL Certificate course runs from October 7th to November 1st, 2019. For more information contact: teachertraining@ECLCanada.com.



Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, Edmonton, Alberta The next part-time ACE TESOL Certificate course runs in the spring of 2019. For more information, contact: mklettke@emcn.ab.ca.

**London Language Institute, London, Ontario**

The next full-time ACE Certificate course starts on July 29th, 2019. Another full-time course starts on September 9th, 2019. The next ACE TESOL Diploma course online starts on September 15th, 2019. For more information, contact: paula@linstitute.com.

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

The next part-time ACE TESOL Certificate course starts in September, 2019. The next part-time ACE TESOL Diploma starts in January 2020. For more information, contact: fred.wilson@ncdsb.com.

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

The next part-time, blended course runs from September 16th to November 25th, 2019. The next part-time blended course runs from January 14th to May 4th, 2020. For more information on the courses contact: 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.



University
of Windsor

University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario

The next part-time course runs from September 3rd to December 5th, 2019. The next ACE TESOL Diploma course will run in the spring and summer of 2020. For more information, contact: iris.wang@uwindsor.ca.

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 over a six-month period. You can start the courses anytime. Contact paula@lilinstitute.com or info@aceducation.ca to register or click on a course below for more information.

Take your teaching skills to the next level with one of these courses!

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English Teachers

K-12 ESL
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Teaching and
Technology

Teaching English
for Academic
Purposes

Teaching
Occupation
Specific Language

Teaching
Standardized
Test Preparation



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.

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