

The ACE English Language Teaching Newsletter

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"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes it is the quiet voice saying

'I will try again tomorrow'."

- Mary Ann Rodmacher



Activities, Handouts and Lesson Plans

For resources and activities to teach your students legal life skills go to **CleoConnect**, the resource site from Community Legal Education Ontario. They have ESL lesson plans, legal life skills activity kits, podcasts and other publications.

Common Sense Education has free curricula for **Digital Citizenship** for different age groups. The curriculum for grade 9-12 can be used for adult English language learners. Use the resources to help your students be safe and responsible in today's digital world.

July 1st is Canada Day! Here are some resources to use to teach your students about this fun Canadian celebration:

- Fun **Canada Day Facts** and **13 Amusing Things You Didn't Know About Canada Day** and **Canada Facts** to share with your students.
- **A collection of activities** on Canada.

- If you are teaching in Canada, **an interactive map** to use to help your students find Canada Day events near them.
- An article on **the history of Canada Day** from the Canadian Encyclopedia.
- Free **Canada worksheets**.
- And **five short lessons** for beginners on all things Canadian.



Websites, Videos and Articles

TESL Canada has just released **a comprehensive literature review on teacher professional standards** for English language teaching in Canada. Read it to gain a solid understanding of key concepts in teacher professional standards as well as the current state of teacher professional standards in Canada. Get all of your questions about teacher professional standards answered!

The European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe has an extensive library of research publications on language education, available for download as PDFs. Titles include:

- **Language for Work**
- **Research and Practice Regarding Plurilingual Whole School Curricula**
- **Language Skills for Successful Subject Learning**
- **Inventory of ICT Tools and Open Educational Resources**

Here is a good slide show on **CLIL--Content and Language Integrated Learning** to introduce you to this approach to teaching language and subject matter at the same time. And here is a video entitled, **What is CLIL?** for more introductory information. If you like this video, watch the whole **CLIL video series** from Explained Simply.

What's New in ELT Besides Technology? is a report from Cambridge University Press, written by Silvana Richardson and Scott Thornbury. It surveys the profession to identify the latest trends that teachers need to be aware of.

Finally, for those of you teaching teens, here are **Four Must-Haves for Positive Teacher-Teen Relationships**.

Professional Development Webinars

Cambridge University Press has a webinar on June 18th and 19th entitled, **Developing Your**



Teaching Practice: Moving on with Your CPD. This webinar focuses on developing your professional practice as an English language teacher. It explores how you can continue to develop as a teacher, individually, with your peers and finally with further training courses.

Oxford University Press also has a webinar on June 18th and 19th entitled, **Critical Thinking as a Life Skill**. This webinar takes a critical look at how critical thinking is currently taught, to expand our understanding of critical thinking as more than the ability to read advanced level texts or answer nuanced questions.

Check out the **webinar archives** from MacMillan English to catch up on webinars you missed in the first half of 2019.



The Language Program Management Corner

Ideas for Building a Strong Team

The article **Leadership Techniques that Build Unstoppable Teams**, provides some good ideas to use to build an effective team for your language program.

The first technique is based on Navy SEAL training. **The swim buddy system** pairs your staff together to help each other out on a daily basis, with support and ideas. But you don't pair your staff randomly. You pair experienced staff based on experience, complementary skill sets and/or diverse backgrounds.

The second idea is common sense--**model how you want your team to behave on a daily basis**. If they see you "walking the walk" and not just "talking the talk", your staff are more likely to follow you. Nothing has more impact than doing rather than talking.

The third idea is also common sense--**show your staff that you care about them as individuals and not just as people completing tasks**. Let them know you have their backs and that you care about their welfare as much as you care about the success of your language program.

Finally, **hire people who fit your language program's culture** and who treat others respectfully and professionally. It only takes one sour personality to ruin your team dynamics.

Strong teams don't randomly happen. You need to be strategic as you build and maintain your team. Take care of your team and they will take care of your language program.



The ACE PD Exchange Video of the Month

This month's feature video is: **Teaching the Academic Word List.**

In 2000, Averil Coxhead determined that there was a set of words that was crucial for success in an English academic context, the Academic Word List. This brought about a large change in the way vocabulary for English for Academic Purposes was viewed. In this video, we look at what the Academic Word List is, the background to its development, why it is important for both instructors and students, and finally some strategies and activities to use when teaching the Academic Word List.

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](#).

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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.



Assiniboine Community College, Brandon, Manitoba

The next part-time, blended ACE TESOL Certificate course starts in the summer 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. There is an orientation session on August 29th, 2019. 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@ECLCcanada.com.



Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, Edmonton, Alberta

The next part-time ACE TESOL Certificate course runs in the fall of 2019. For more information, contact: mklettke@emcn.ab.ca.



London Language Institute, London, Ontario

The next full-time ACE TESOL Certificate courses starts on July 2nd, 2019. Another full-time ACE TESOL Certificate 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: fredwilson@ncdsb.com.



Peel District School Board, Mississauga, Ontario

The next part-time, blended ACE TESOL Certificate course runs from September 16th to November 25th, 2019. The next part-time, blended ACE TESOL Diploma 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 to November 16th, 2019. For more information, contact: kimberly.burrell@uwaterloo.ca.



University
of Windsor

University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario

The next part-time ACE TESOL Certificate 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 in Iran, Iran

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

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. You can start a course any time. You have six months to complete a course. 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!

K-12 ESL
Student
Integration

Language
Teaching and
Technology

Teaching
Culture

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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