

THE SESSIONS

Corpus Linguistics for Dummies

In this talk, the presenter will introduce some of the basic terms and concepts in corpus linguistics as well as demonstrate a range of free online tools which can help budding corpus linguists to create and analyze small corpora as well as to generate useful wordlists for research and teaching. No previous knowledge or experience in corpus linguistics is required to take part in this session.

Building Essential Vocabulary with Online Tools

Despite the great progress made in the last 30 years since Paul Meara declared vocabulary to be the most neglected aspect of language learning, limited class time and other logistical factors still keep many teachers from being able to systematically tackle the teaching of high frequency vocabulary. This presentation will introduce several of the most useful sites, asking participants to try out and give feedback as well as talk about their own useful vocabulary resources.

“The Art of Interviews” – ESP Strategies for Interview Success

In this session the presenter will demonstrate effective ESP exercises to help students (and teachers) develop the skills needed to succeed in English language interviews. These exercises are designed to help learners develop strategies for handling difficult interview questions as well as improving English language skills. In addition to academic theory the presenter will lead the audience through a series of interactive tasks which help job applicants better demonstrate they are the right person for the job. These techniques can be taken away and used in class with students, or individually before an interview. Whatever your job in the world of ELT this session will improve your chances of success next time you decide to apply for a new one.

Communication Breakdown! Helping Learners to Speak and Listen More Effectively

In this session we'll try to knock down some of the barriers to effective communication in English. In particular, we'll look at speaking and listening, consider some of the challenges our students may have with these two skills, and look for ways to help our learners overcome these obstacles. Strategies for developing our students' listening skills and speaking skills will be discussed and shared through demonstration and reflection.

Teaching Problem Solving in Mathematics

The Cambridge Secondary 1 Mathematics Curriculum includes “Problem Solving” which underpins the other content areas of the curriculum. This session will look at how teachers can incorporate Problem Solving into their teaching of any topic. There will be examples of teaching techniques and participants will have the opportunity to do some mathematics and explore activities with a focus on Numbers and Algebra.

Developing Students' Mathematical Skills

What does progression in Problem Solving look like? How can teachers develop students' skills during the course? We shall look at this in the context of more teaching ideas and student tasks which address the Problem Solving objectives through a range of topics. This session will focus on Geometry, Measure and Handling Data. Participants will do some practical tasks as part of this session.