



# Lexical Lab Summer School

**PIC: 931866585**

## Developing Materials

All our **Lexical Lab** summer courses take place at London Metropolitan University, Holloway Road campus. It's a two-minute walk from Holloway Road tube station, which is on the Piccadilly Line. From here, you can get to Holborn in central London in eight minutes. The venue is also a ten-minute walk from Highbury and Islington station, which is on the Victoria line and has a range of overground services. We suggest you check <https://citymapper.com/london> for journey times and routes.

### Total Hours

21.5 classroom hours

### Course dates

19<sup>th</sup> July – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

### Course Fees

£385

Combination **Developing Materials** and **Better Testing & Assessment**

19<sup>th</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021

£740

### Registration fee

A **£80** registration fee covers admin, materials, entrance to timetabled visits, but *not* transport.

### Discounts

Returning students receive a 10% discount.

Students paying before February 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 receive a 10% discount

Groups receive a discount of 5% (2 people), 10% (3-5 people), 15% (6+).

Only one discount will apply. Discounts apply to course and registration fee, but not to accommodation.

### Accommodation

We can offer you a basic single room in a student residence two minutes from Wood Green underground station (Zone 3) and a ten-minute tube journey to our training venue. You will have an individual bedroom, but share a bathroom and kitchen. You usually share these with other participants on the course. The cost is: **£190 / week** plus a **£40 booking fee**.

Peak travel to our venue **£1.70**.

Oyster card / Contactless payment for zones 1-3 costs is a maximum **£40.00 / week**.

If this does not suit your needs, you can try [London Homestays](#) or [The Londonist](#), both of which are British Council accredited. In the past, we have found they had very limited availability for one and two-week homestays and generally offered student residences. Otherwise, you may try websites such as [Homestay.com](#), [AirBnb](#) and [Student.com](#). Prices will vary from £180-£450/week including fees.

### Course Outline

Most teachers will write for their class at some point, whether it's a vocabulary quiz or a discussion task, a lesson based around an authentic text or even a whole course. Guided by Hugh and Andrew, with their vast experience in materials writing and publishing, this course will help you produce better materials. We consider the principles underlying materials and how materials will be used in class by you and other teachers and provide workshops where you bring your own material to get advice on and develop. We expect you to bring your own device to work on these materials, but please contact us if this is a problem. We also believe that the process of writing materials will make you a stronger teacher.



## Content

All participants will receive a questionnaire before the course to explain their teaching background and interests regarding the course. Based on this, there may be some variations to content and timetable (see below)

## Outcomes

At the end of the course, you will:

- leave with improved materials you bought for your class
- be clearer about your own principles underlying your teaching and materials writing
- be better able to think about how your material fits with outcomes
- take more users more into account when producing material
- have an insight into the professional publishing process.

## Example timetable

The timetable may be open to some changes.

	8.45-9.30	9.30 - 10.45	11.30 – 13.00	13.00 – 14.00	Social and Cultural
Mon	Induction	Thinking about outcomes. Creating broad plans for a series of lessons	Creating models: Speaking and writing. Principles of backwards planning	Writing! Workshop	Lincon Inn to Ye Olde Mitre pub
Tue	The editing process	Video texts. Principles of text choice. Choosing texts and purpose. thinking about lesson shape.	Comprehension and speaking tasks. Choices and issues	Writing! Workshop	Fish and Chip Dinner
Wed	Presentation and discussion of material	Lexical sets and vocabulary choice.	Vocabulary task choices.	Writing! Workshop	V&A Tour and Hyde Park to Marble Arch
Thu	Presentation and discussion of material	Developing writing and writing tasks	Request	Writing! Workshop	Kings Head Theatre
Fri	Presentation and discussion of material	Writing Teachers Notes. Thinking about variations.	Q&A Course Evaluation	Camden and Primrose Hill	
Sat	Boat Trip to Kew Gardens £30 including entrance to Kew				

## Certification

All participants can receive a Lexical Lab attendance certificate with the course name and number of hours.

## Check it's the course for you:

- I am a teacher of English with at least a B2+ level and have tried writing material.
- I have some specific material I want to share, get advice on and develop.
- I want to discuss some theory of language and language learning to help develop my material.

## If it's not for you:

- I am specifically interested in developing test materials – try **Better Testing and Assessment . . .** or why not combine the two courses and save money?
- I want to develop various pieces of material for my organisation, organise group training or a bespoke course – **contact Andrew Walkley** on [andrew@lexicallab.com](mailto:andrew@lexicallab.com).

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