Lexical Lab Summer School

Teaching Lexically

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

17.5 classroom hours / week

* please note that in addition, there will be a full cultural and social programme.

Course dates Course Fees

8st July – 19^h July 2024 £800

The course fee include all teaching materials and afternoon / evening tours and a non-refundable £80 registration fee which covers admin costs. It does **not** include travel or applicable entrance fees.

Accommodation

We are not currently organising accommodation. Previously we have used Optivo student accommodation at Wood Green Hall. You may try them here. However, they are currently undergoing a refurbishment programme, so it is uncertain whether there will be availability. You may also try London Homestays or The Londonist, who are British Council accredited. In the past, we have found they had very limited availability for one- and two-week stays and generally offered student residences. Otherwise, you may try websites such as homestay.com, Airbnb and student.com.

Our advice would be always to book accommodation with a free cancellation policy up to a late date before the course starts or take out insurance.

Outline

Our *Teaching Lexically* course offers you the opportunity to take a fresh look at all areas of your teaching, with teenagers and adults from principles of how language works to what and how you teach. It may completely revolutionise your classroom or it may just give you support and new ideas about the way you are teaching already. A stimulating, practical course based on a love of language and teaching *and* two weeks of lovely London in the summer. What more could you want from a training course?

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.

Principles of teaching and learning
Teaching Lexically at low levels
Teaching lexically at higher levels
A lexical view of language
Examples and teaching questions
Lesson demonstrations
Considering outcomes
Teaching speaking Lexically
Using students' language
Teaching vocabulary lexically
Teaching grammar lexically

Highlighting language and patterns
Choosing language to teach
Analysing texts for language
Teaching reading lexically
Teaching listening lexically
Teaching writing lexically
Learner training and resources
Tests and exams
Recycling and revision
One-to-one
Developing beyond the course

Outcomes

After this course participants will:

- be clearer on your principles of learning and teaching
- understand a lexical view of language better
- be better able to analyse texts for language
- be better at asking language-focused questions
- be able to anticipate language and correct students better
- have new strategies for developing students' skills
- be able to use students' own knowledge to develop language and engage them in their learning

Sample week 1 Timetable

Note that teaching will alternate between morning and afternoon.

The timetable is a sample only and is open to change.

Day	Morning (9:00-13:00)	Afternoon	Evening Social
Mon	From warmers to dialogue building Teaching lexically and outcomes	Short tour of local area	Muswell Hill and Ally Pally pub
Tues	A0 to A2+ Inaccurate fluency as a goal: How teaching lexically works at lower levels	Lincolns Inn and Fleet Street	
Weds	B1 and above: working from students and adapting coursebooks to teaching lexically	Shakespeare's Globe	
Thurs	A0-A2+ Pronunciation and drills Reading and automaticity	Docklands / Museum of London to Greenwich	
Fri	B1 and above Working with vocab tasks		
Sat	Oxford (swimming in the Thames – weather permitting!)		
Sun	Free		

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 B2 level with some experience of classroom teaching.
- I mainly teach teenagers and adults.
- I want to refresh and develop my methodology through learning about a lexical approach.
- I want to learn some tasks and techniques I can use in my daily classes to engage students.

If it's not for you:

- If you're more interested in developing your English, try **Advanced Language and Culture**.
- If you're a group who want to study together or want a tailored course, contact Andrew Walkley

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