



WORKSHOP OUTLINES

Five Ways to Teach the Alphabet in Your Classroom with Kara Waggoner
Teaching young learners poses its own unique sets of challenges and rewards. One of those challenges is starting with the most basic building blocks of learning a language: the English alphabet. By knowing the most basic of literacy skills, students can gain confidence to then move on to phonemic awareness, phonics, and eventually gain full literacy. With this workshop, attendees will learn simple strategies they can use in their own learning environments to assist students in learning the English alphabet. We will be up and moving around a lot as we see different techniques that do not involve typical worksheets or drills. In addition, attendees will have time to develop their own alphabet learning strategy and share with others.

Playful Activities for Unreal English with Bryan Hale

Do you feel like you're trapped uncomfortably between traditional and communicative language teaching methods? Are you frustrated that traditional methods don't lead to real communication skills, but communicative methods just don't 'gel' with your learners and can be an imposition on them? In this session, I hope to convince you that a playful approach to language practice can help us and our learners wriggle free and get communicating! Together, we'll try out several activities which use language playfully, and we'll discuss the nature of playfulness and its potential benefits. These benefits include letting us balance form and meaning, allowing real (or 'unreal') motivations to emerge even for learners who 'don't need English', and encouraging experimentation and risk-taking in ways that work for learners in Korea. This session includes activity ideas suitable for all age groups, from a presenter especially experienced in teaching reluctant adolescents.

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

- Sookmyung Women's University Injaegwan, #304
- September 15 2018
- Registration from 2.00pm
- Workshop starts at 2.30pm
- Coffee chat from 4.30pm

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