

What do you want to ask us?

Teaching English with the British Council: Series 3, episode 10 overview

Welcome to this special final episode of Series 3 of the TeachingEnglish podcast! Chris and We'am look back at some of the highlights from the series. They also talk to a panel of ELT experts, who answer the questions from you, our TeachingEnglish community listeners. First, we ask IATEFL vice president **Chris Graham** about teacher associations and their benefits. Chris gives his view on teacher talk time and talks about how ideas about learning styles have changed. Next, PhD researcher **Silvia Nassar** gives some practical techniques for teaching collocations. She also tells us how to deal with fast finishers to maximise learning and minimise disruption. Finally, we talk to university professor **Lina Mukhopadhyay**, an expert in multilingualism and English language education based in Hyderabad, India. Lina helps us think about how to use learners' home languages in class and shares some of the challenges and benefits of multilingual classes.

Show notes and transcripts in English and Arabic are also available to download.

Detailed notes

Introduction	
One of We'am's favourites! Episode 9 – How can we use the creative arts to teach English?	If you missed this episode – listen here!
Episode 8 – How can we motivate our students?	And you can listen to the episode about motivation here
One of Chris's favourite episodes of the series – What is critical thinking?	Listen to episode 7 here
Episode 4 – What is the impact of AI on English language teaching?	You can listen to our guests discuss all things AI here
The whole of this series is available on the British Council website and wherever you get your podcasts.	Teaching English with the British Council
Expert 1	Chris Graham
IATEFL	International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language
MENA Community of Practice working group	MENA CoP group
community of practice (CoP)	Definition: a CoP is a group of like-minded individuals who come together, remotely or face-to-face, to share teaching ideas and

	experiences
English Teachers Association of Serbia	You can find out more about this teacher association here
TESOL	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
JALT	The Japan Association for Language Teaching
IATE	Indian Association of Teacher Educators
collegiality	Definition: a friendly relationship between people who work together or do the same job
cliché	Definition: a phrase, remark or opinion that has very often been said or expressed before and is therefore not original and not interesting
ratio	Definition: the relationship between two groups or amounts that expresses how much bigger one is than the other
the silent way	The silent way is a methodology of teaching language based on the idea that teachers should be as silent as possible during a class, but learners should be encouraged to speak as much as possible. You can read more about this idea here
autopilot	Definition: a device that keeps aircraft, spacecraft and ships moving in a particular direction without human involvement
VAK	Interesting article about this here
CELTA	CELTA
Expert 2	Silvia Nassar
descriptions	You can read more about this via the British Council LearnEnglish materials
Mad Libs	Mad Libs is a word game based on storytelling and filling in the blanks
collocation	Definition: a word or phrase that is often used with another word or phrase, in a way that sounds correct to people who have spoken the language all their lives, but might not be expected from the meaning

	You can read about collocations here
Expert 3	Lina Mukhopadhyay
registers	In sociolinguistics, a register is a variety of language used for a particular purpose or particular communicative situation.
chunking of a text	Discover more about lexical chunking
judicious	Definition: having or showing reason and good judgement in making decisions
multilingual repertoire	Definition: the set of skills and knowledge a person has of one or more languages, as well as their different varieties