

Teaching English to Young Learners

Online professional development

Who is it for?

Teaching English to Young Learners is a course suitable for teachers with an initial teaching qualification and some teaching experience. Non-native speakers are recommended to have a minimum B2 level on the CEFR.

The course aims to enhance the knowledge and skills needed to teach English to young learners. It takes approximately 30 hours to complete and includes input on key concepts and approaches, video, animation and audio clips, discussions, practical tasks, opportunities for reflection, suggestions for further study, and ideas to try out in the classroom.



Session topics and aims

Session 1: How children learn

- To review key learning theories and their application.
- To compare how children of different ages learn.
- To analyse classroom activities and lesson plans in relation to the theories and principles covered in the session.

Session 2: Learning to learn: 21st century skills

- To examine the skills children need to be able to learn effectively.
- To identify what the key 21st century skills are.
- To explore tools and activities that prepare children for lifelong learning in the 21st century.

Session 3: Classroom management

- To explore ways of managing interaction in the classroom.
- To examine strategies and practical ideas for working with large, or mixed-ability classes.
- To identify ways of using the learners' first language (L1) as a resource.

Session 4: Developing listening and speaking skills

- To explore the principles of teaching and learning listening and speaking skills.
- To analyse the sub-skills involved in listening and speaking.
- To evaluate a range of activities, including storytelling, for teaching listening and speaking.

Session 5: Literacy

- To examine the nature and use of literacy in the 21st century.
- To explore how literacy can be taught to younger and older young learners.
- To evaluate a range of practical activities and assess their suitability in helping children to become literate.

Session 6: Grammar and vocabulary

- To review current theories on teaching and learning grammar and vocabulary.
- To identify the aims of a range of grammar and vocabulary activities.
- To examine a range of practical activities and assess their suitability for young learners.

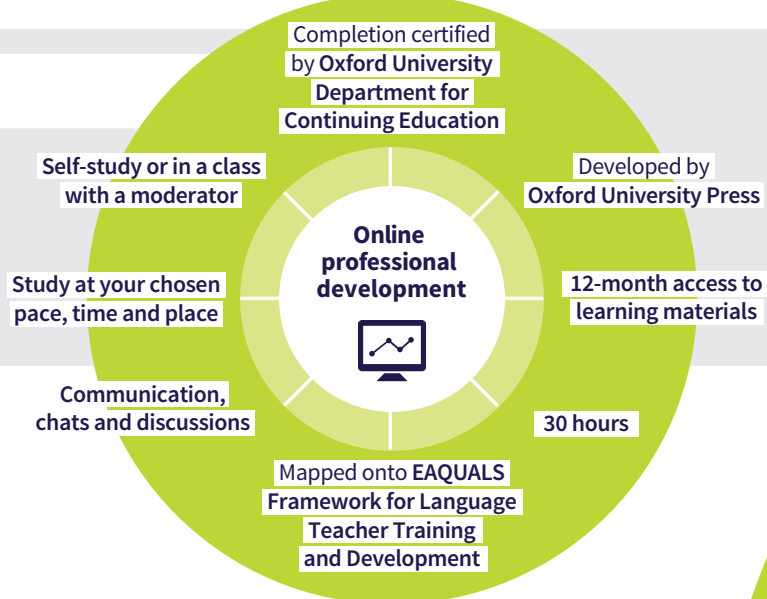
Session 7: Resources evaluation and lesson planning

- To evaluate the suitability of different resources in a specific teaching context.
- To examine the benefits of good practice in lesson planning.
- To consider the range of resources available for a 'teacher's toolbox'.

Session 8: Feedback, evaluation, and assessment

- To examine the importance of assessment in learning.
- To compare different assessment methods.
- To understand how to use appropriate classroom assessment tasks.

Key facts



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