



Action and Interaction: ICT in languages

A series of 5 **workshops** for languages teachers:

- 1 Using PowerPoint interactively; 2 Using film and video (practical skills);
3 Creating a class/school blog; 4 Introduction to using the IWB in
language teaching; and 5 Making films and audio recordings

Dates:

Thursday 29 September 2011	<i>Rachel Hawkes</i>
Thursday 10 November 2011	<i>Rachel Hawkes</i>
Thursday 1 December 2011	<i>Jen Turner</i>
Thursday 19 January 2011	<i>Rachel Hawkes</i>
Thursday 1 st March 2011	<i>Rachel Hawkes</i>

NB: All workshops will take place in an ICT suite

Venue: Comberton Village College

Time: 5.30 p.m. – 7.30p.m.

Cost: £75 all 5 sessions (for whole department)

Book a place: Email Alison Shorten

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Session 1: Thursday 29 September 2011

Rachel Hawkes, Comberton Village College

Using PowerPoint interactively for language learning

If you use PowerPoint but are sure there is more you could do with it then this session is for you. This session looks at PowerPoint through the lens of the languages teacher and shows how to use it to enhance active learning, thinking skills, creativity and speaking skills in particular.

In this session we will include a quick tour of the basic functions and examine how they can be used to maximum effect in language learning, and then proceed to learn how to include authentic resources, use triggers, and insert audio and video clips.

There will be a CD of resources to take away from the session that you can use or adapt in your own lessons and to cascade to your department.

NB: If you bring your own laptop you can work with the version of PowerPoint that you currently use. Alternatively, you can work with PowerPoint 2010 on a PC in our ICT suite.

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Session 2: Thursday 10 November 2011

Rachel Hawkes, Comberton Village College

Downloading, editing and embedding video to enhance language learning

Video is an amazing resource for the languages classroom and YouTube is the teacher's best friend! However, if we rely on having internet access on the day we want to use a video clip, we can run into difficulties.

In this session we will look at some of the best sources of (free) video material for teaching languages at KS3, 4 and 5 and some straightforward ways to download, edit and embed it. We will then look at ideas for exploiting video material to maximum effect in the classroom, including simple routines that can be used with any video clip.

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Session 3: Thursday 1 December 2011

Jen Turner, Stowmarket Upper School, Suffolk

Easy Classroom Blogging

If you would like a modern, impressive and easily manageable blog for your department or would like to explore how you can use blogs with classes of all Key Stages to develop writing skills and collaborative work, then this session is for you. Previous experience of blogs or blogging not required!

This session will show you how to set up and maintain a creative departmental blog together with separate password protected blogs for each teaching class. It's incredibly easy for staff and students to post a variety of different media to the blogs and we will look how these can be used to develop speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. We will also explore ways in which students can use their class blog in MFL lessons to work collaboratively and to develop their literacy.

Jenny Turner, a former solicitor, is a classroom teacher of German and French at Stowmarket High School in Suffolk. She curates a teaching blog at germanics.posterous.com and tweets under @msmfl. She is a member of the TES Secondary Languages Teacher Group, which is tasked with enhancing the quality of teaching resources on the site, has developed a German Double Club programme with Routes into Languages together with Ipswich Town Football Club and is particularly keen to develop the use of blogging in schools to help with students' language - and in particular speaking - skills.

Session 4: Thursday 19 January 2011

Rachel Hawkes, Comberton Village College, Cambridge

An introduction to using the IWB in language teaching

What can the IWB do that PowerPoint cannot?

This session looks at the particular contribution of the IWB to language teaching, in particular the functions that work more successfully with it than with PowerPoint.

The session will cover the basic functions of the IWB from the perspective of the languages teacher, with the focus on examples of practical classroom use.

NB: We will use SmartBoard software during the session, although the practical examples and ideas can be applied to any IWB. There will also be the opportunity of further training sessions in using the IWB if desired.

The CD of materials to take away will include the training itself as well as a bank of lesson materials to use and adapt for the classroom.

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Session 5: Thursday 1st March 2011

Rachel Hawkes, Comberton Village College

Making and Doing – films and audio

In this final session of the ICT series, we will look at ways to maximise active learning by incorporating opportunities for making short films and audio recordings during lesson time.

We will look particularly at students creating their own listening assessment resources for the rest of the class as an active way to put their language learning to practical use and to revise and consolidate the language they have learnt in an innovative and motivating way.

In terms of equipment, we will look at using Flip cameras, MP3 recording devices, using Audacity and webcams. The use of these devices is VERY straightforward and no prior experience is necessary!

As with previous sessions, there will be a CD of material to take away to use in your departments.

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