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ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

Quia Vocabulary-building Activities Online!

Your students can try out an interactive activity for English Irregular Verbs at <http://www.quia.com/cb/223023.html>.

You can use and create more activities like this one to help your students boost English skills. Just contact the Northeast ABLE Resource Center. As part of our TAPAS online community, the Center is offering 10 teachers a license to [quia.com](http://www.quia.com) for the rest of FY08. This site license allows teachers to create customized educational software for students to build vocabulary skills. In addition, templates and tools for assessment and classroom management are provided.

To participate, please contact the Resource Center at (800) 361-7076.

About.com provides tips for students and teachers.

English Learning Tips for the New Year

For Students

1. Ask yourself weekly: What do I want to learn this week?
2. Quickly review important new information shortly before going to bed.
3. While doing exercises and alone at home or in your room, speak English aloud.
4. Do five to ten minutes of listening at least four times a week.
5. Look for situations in which you must speak, read and/or listen to English.

For Teachers

1. Keep a folder of great lessons ready to go at a moment's notice.
2. Take note of the most common student mistake made during an exercise and correct students after the activity has taken place.
3. Use music in class.
4. Get your students more physically involved in the lesson.
5. Focus on making standard activities more communicative.



Migrant Workers in Painesville ABLE

NE RC BODEGA RESOURCE

Tools for ESL Lesson Planning, a book of techniques, sample lesson plans, activities and resources for teaching ESL. Los Angeles Unified School District, 2004.

Available for download from [adultinstruction.org](http://adultinstruction.org/teachers/instructional/index.htm) at <http://adultinstruction.org/teachers/instructional/index.htm> or hardcopy in the Bodega by emailing bodega@neable.org



Professional Development:

OAACE - Present at the OAACE Conference in April!

The deadline has been extended until February 15th for proposals. If you presented at the Ohio TESOL conference last fall, why not submit your presentation to OAACE? The Call for Presentations is at www.oaace.org.

Trainings - Register at www.neable.org

- **Activities for Improving Listening Skills in the ESOL Classroom**
2/28/2008 from 3:00pm-5:30pm at the Henn Mansion in Euclid.
- **BEST Plus** on 4/16/08 from 9:30-3:30pm at the OCLC in Columbus.

New Alternative Delivery - Register at www.neable.org

Do You Speak American? Join Robert McNeil, noted author and former anchor of the McNeil/ Lehrer Report, on his travels across the United States. The 3 one-hour DVDs and book seek to answer important sociolinguistic questions such as: What is Standard English? What is the current state of written English? Do we engage in dialect bias? Is language part of social identity?

Teach in China!

English Instructors to Teach at Wuhan University (July 14 - August 8)

The Wuhan University Summer Intensive English Program (WUSIEP) is a collaborative project between Wuhan University and The Ohio State University. In 2008, they will hold their 5th program. They are looking for 30 instructors to teach intensive English and American culture for 4 weeks at Wuhan University. Please visit <http://people.cohums.ohio-state.edu/li28/wuhanweb/index.htm> to see photos and learn more about this program.

Have an ESOL Question?

Send an email to TAPAS@neable.org and read the answer in the next issue.