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ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

Web Resources

New Resources for Citizenship Educators

Thinkfinity's new collection includes a series of self-paced online courses that explain how to prepare students for the civics test, the literacy test and the interview. There are also a set of teacher education podcasts (with accompanying handouts), four short citizenship fact sheet downloads and several reproducible lesson activities. Coming soon: online interactive activities to help students to practice for the citizenship test. The entire collection can be accessed at: <http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/tln/content/how-can-i-help-immigrants-prepare-take-us-citizenship-test>.

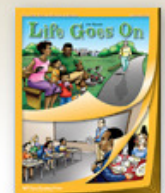
Spelling Practice for the Citizenship Writing Test

To make writing test preparation easier (and a little more fun) for students with limited education/limited English literacy skills, author Lynne Weintraub has loaded the words from the official USCIS writing test list onto a free website called "Spelling City." Students can listen as each word is spoken, spelled, and used in a sentence. Students can practice the list with online games, print-out word puzzles and even take spelling tests. There is also a "handwriting worksheet" feature that will print the whole list onto lined paper for a copying assignment. Visit http://www.spellingcity.com/index.php?option=com_comprofiler&task=userProfile&user=137818 to get started!

Library Resources

Are you thinking about new books for next year's ESOL class? The NEABLE library has 2009 editions which you might want to preview before you decide on your book order. *That's Life (2008)* and *Life Goes On (2009)*, *Day-to-Day Stories and Language Activities* by Ann Gianola, New Readers Press. *Life Goes On* is a continuation of the motivating low-level stories for adults in the series *That's Life*. Each set has four levels: introductory, low beginning, high-beginning and low-intermediate. There are 15 stories in each book which portray diverse characters in familiar and amusing situations. Following each story there are language activities and vocabulary exercises to help strengthen reading comprehension, listening, speaking and writing skills. Teacher's Guides come with an audio CD.

Visit www.neablelibrary.org to reserve the books. If you need help, call (800) 361-7076.





Employment Opportunities

The English Department of Bowling Green State University seeks strong applicants for an instructor position emphasizing ESL courses for matriculated international graduate and undergraduate students. Two-year renewable appointment starting in August 2009.

Qualifications: 1) MA in English or Applied Linguistics/TESL (minimum); 2) Experience teaching ESL/EFL courses; 3) Experience in language testing preferred; 4) Experience with communicative language teaching; 5) Experience with ITAs preferred; 6) Evidence of professional involvement or development preferred.

Application deadline: Postmarked by May 29, 2009.

SEE ATTACHED FLYER FOR FULL ANNOUNCEMENT!

PD Opportunities

TESOL Virtual Seminar: A Skills-Based Approach to Teaching Listening Comprehension

May 20, 2009 online 10:00 - 11:30 am

Register at www.tesol.org

TESOL Academy*

June 19-20, 2009 in Charleston, SC

Register at www.tesol.org **Deadline May 22!**

***SPECIAL OFFER - Ohio TESOL is offering TWO \$600 stipends** to attend the TESOL Academy.

This year there are two 10-hour workshops of particular interest to those of you who work primarily with adults: "Use the TESOL Standards for ESL/EFL Teachers of Adults to Develop a Personal Professional Development Plan" and "Meeting All Learner Needs in a Multi-Level Classroom". See attached for the full announcement. **The deadline is May 15** to apply for an OTESOL stipend!

BEST Plus Training

June 26, 2009 in Euclid, Ohio

Register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

Be a Presenter!

TESOL Convention March 24-27, 2010 in Boston, MA

OR

Ohio TESOL Conference, Columbus

Call for Proposals **Due June 2, 2009!**

October 30-31, 2009 **Due June 15th!**

Submit online at www.tesol.org

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