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Teaching English to Children

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In many countries, foreign language study traditionally began in middle school. In recent years, however, required study of English has been pushed into the primary school years. This presents a wonderful opportunity for English language teachers. Unfortunately, many experienced language teachers lack experience in working with children.

In this course, you will learn about

- Differences between child and adult language acquisition processes
- Stages of language acquisition in different environments
- Strategies for managing (and enjoying) groups of children
- Fostering oral and aural language development in pre-literate children
- Developing literacy lessons based on children's oral English proficiency
- Creating activity-based communicative language lessons
- Creative use of authentic materials to foster language learning in children

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This is a course in teaching English as a second or foreign language to children. Emphasis is on the acquisition of knowledge, development of materials, and practice in using techniques suitable for fostering language learning in children.

AL = Applied Linguistics, the study of language in use.

AL courses can lead to a minor, certificate, or degree in T.E.S.O.L*

***Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages**

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