LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS PROGRAMME
MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER & TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

English Language Assistants in Italy - Training Day
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Your assistantship so far

Something that has gone well

Something that has surprised you

Something that you hope to improve on in the next few months
British Council – Teaching tips and resources

- Range of resources specifically for Language Assistants
- Interesting and useful classroom activities
- Support with solving problems in the classroom
British Council – TeachingEnglish

www.teachingenglish.org.uk

www.teachingenglish.org.uk/language-assistant

Teaching tips, seasonal lesson plans, classroom games
World Teachers' Day web conference 2019

If you missed the British Council and IATEFL World Teachers' Day 2019 web conference on 5 October, you can watch recordings of all the talks from the day.
Topic

Environmental problems

Level

B1+

Timing

60-90 minutes

Aims

By the end of the lesson learners will be able to:

- understand important causes of environmental problems and some solutions
- extend their understanding of lexis connected to climate change and environmental issues
- improve understanding of pronunciation information given in a dictionary
- take notes and retell information to others
- use expressions of certainty when discussing events likely to happen in the future

Materials

Lesson plan: guide for teacher on procedure including answers to tasks.
British Council – LearnEnglish

www.learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/

Free online resource for students of English

Games, stories, listening activities and grammar exercises

Useful tool for you but also for students to access at home
eTwinning

www.etwinning.net

Online community for schools in Europe and beyond

eTwinning offers a platform for school staff to communicate, collaborate, develop projects

eTwinning is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme and is managed in the UK by the British Council
eTwinning

- enrich learning and motivation of pupils (aged between 3 and 19) and staff
- access high quality professional development and ready-made resources
- raise standards across the whole school community
- gain recognition for your commitment through eTwinning awards and the International School Award.
British Council Italy

The British Council in Italy has been working in cultural relations since 1945

Offices are located in Rome, Milan and Naples

Every year they work with thousands of Italians directly plus millions online

Through activities in English, Arts and Education and Society
Welcome to the British Council in Italy

The British Council is the UK’s international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We are on the ground in six continents and over 100 countries.

Find out about our events in the Arts, English, Education and Society,

Have a look at our events!
What are your duties as a Language Assistant?

• Teaching from a textbook or class plans
• Plan activities and produce resources
• Introduce UK contemporary culture
• Pronunciation workshops
• Oral workshops
• Conversation classes
• Support the running of international projects and activities
Teaching English – Starter / Filler Activities
FILLER ACTIVITIES

Warm up questions
Stop the bus
Lyrics game
Just A Minute
Tense changes
Warm up questions

• What is my name?
• How old am I?
• Where am I from?
STOP THE BUS

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Points  

Total  

1 point per correct answer  
2 points per answer nobody else has found
Lyrics game

• Pick a suitable song in English

• Try to choose a song that enforces the thematic/grammatical topic you are studying, or from a popular artist

• Cut the lyrics up and ask students to reorder them

• Create fill in the blank activities
Just a minute

• Based on the BBC radio game

• Play them an example clip

• Ask pupils to talk for a minute on a topic of your choice

• Gradually introduce rule such as repetition, hesitation and deviation one-by-one
Tense changes

**Teacher:** Every day I go to the supermarket with my mother

**Teacher:** Yesterday!
**Student:** Yesterday I went to the supermarket with my mother

**Teacher:** Tomorrow!
**Student:** Tomorrow I will go/am going to the supermarket with my mother

**Teacher:** Negative past tense!
**Student:** Yesterday I didn’t go to the supermarket with my mother...
useful resources

- https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/
- https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/
- https://go.edmodo.com/teachers/
- https://www.teach-this.com/
- https://en.islcollective.com/
- https://www.bbc.co.uk/news
- https://www.theguardian.com/uk
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJsSEDFFnMFvW9JWU6XUn0Q
- https://premierskillsenglish.britishcouncil.org/
Other opportunities with the British Council

Voices Magazine

Podcast series

Languages Teacher Training Scholarship

Video Competition
Voices Magazine

Living and working as a Language Assistant abroad will give you some great experiences

An online magazine with an international audience

An insight into the work that the British Council does around the globe
English loan words in European languages

'Ich gehe nachher mit meinem Boyfriend shoppen, ich brauche zwei Jeans und T-Shirts. Erst Lifestyle, dann Wellness – OK, cool.'
Top tips for crafting a winning written piece ...

Know your audience

Less is more

What would people be interested in reading?
Language Assistants - Podcast Series

Weekly episodes of the English Language Assistants podcast

Covers a wide range of topics

If this is something you are interested in, please contact me on: LanguageAssistants.UK@britishcouncil.org
Language Assistants - Podcast Series

ABOUT

Whether you already have a Language Assistants placement confirmed, are thinking about applying in the future, or are generally looking for information to prepare you for living abroad - then you have come to the right place!

- **Insurance**
  - August 9, 2019
  - A 'must listen' episode this week as we discuss all things insurance! We talk about the importance of insurance with 🎧

- **Accommodation**
  - August 2, 2019
  - Bethan and Olivia chat to former English Language Assistant Sophie about the different types of accommodation Language Assistants

- **Learning the lingo**
  - July 26, 2019
  - Bethan and Conor are joined by fellow colleague lmo to chat about language learning. They discuss the various ways!

- **Village vs City**
  - July 18, 2019
  - Conor and Bethan catch up with two former Language Assistants to discuss the pros and cons of living in 🏡
Languages Teacher Training Scholarships (LTTS)

Through the LTTS programme, you could receive a scholarship of £28,000 while you train as a secondary school language teacher in England.

Launched by the Department for Education

Train to teach in either French, German or Spanish
Languages Teacher Training Scholarship

Benefits include a tax-free scholarship of £28,000, a further £6,000 after tax once in teaching, access to a range of professional development opportunities and resources and networking opportunities.

Applications for the academic year 2020/21 will open on Monday 13 January 2020.
Video Competition

We’d love to see your video clips showcasing highlights of your time on placement so far.

Fun and informal content that showcases the diverse range of experiences of our English Language Assistants

- international adventure
- language learning
- professional development
Questions?

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