

Online Workshop: Fostering a love for reading

Two part online workshop on reading strategies in the languages classroom.

How is the workshop structured?

- The [two part online workshop](#) takes place over two x 2 hour sessions on Sunday afternoons; 4 hours in total.
- The next two-part workshop will take place on:
 - Sunday 20 November
 - Sunday 11 December
- The three sessions will run from:
 - **16:30-18:30** Central European Time
- Sessions will also be recorded and sent out to registered participants by email.



About the presenter:

- **Dr. Liam Printer** is a published author and has been a teacher of English, French & Spanish in a variety of settings for over 16 years. He currently teaches Spanish at The International School of Lausanne in Switzerland where he is also the 'Leader of Pedagogical Innovation', focusing on bringing research into classroom practice. Liam has been teaching with a CI-based approach for over 9 years and has been invited to present on CI techniques at many language acquisition conferences. He has been invited as the Keynote speaker at a number of International Language Learning conferences and he also lectures on the Post-graduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) course with the University of Durham and the International School of Geneva. He completed his Doctorate on 'the motivational pull of teaching languages through storytelling with CI' at the University of Bath. Liam now hosts The Motivated Classroom podcast which has had over 220,000 downloads of its 89 episodes to date.

What will I be learning?

- The workshop revolves around low-prep, classroom reading strategies designed to provide rich, compelling, comprehensible inputs (CI) that you can implement right away.
- We will explore some of my favourite reading activities stemming from research based evidence around building intrinsic motivation using student autonomy and competence.
- For parts of the workshop you will be 'students' in my class, engaged in a variety of different reading activities aimed at helping you to acquire a language naturally through the eyes of a learner.
- At the end of the workshop, participants will have the tools and resources to try out the following techniques in their classrooms:
 - Read, write and discuss
 - Ping-pong reading
 - Reading diaries
 - Class novels
 - Close reading activities
 - Classroom jobs and phrases to embed a love of reading
 - Retrieval practice mini whiteboard reading activities

Why is developing a love for reading important in the languages classroom?

- After over 40 years of research, it is widely accepted by language acquisition scholars that humans 'acquire' languages implicitly and naturally through receiving lots of rich, interesting and comprehensible inputs (CI) via listening and reading.
- Teaching with a CI based approach involves helping learners to acquire language naturally through listening and reading. It focuses primarily on establishing meaning rather than on grammatical accuracy and form.
- While teachers are becoming more skilled at providing interesting inputs through listening, the critical reading stage is often only briefly touched upon.
- Developing a love for independent reading in the target language has been repeatedly shown in research studies to have a lasting and crucial impact on language acquisition.
- By using a variety of reading activities in the languages classroom, students are not only developing vocabulary, improving spelling and accuracy, but are also raising their own perceptions of self-competence in the language which is central to developing their intrinsic motivation for the subject.
- CI based approaches to reading have been shown in research to be highly motivating and engaging, resulting in higher retention and uptake of languages.

What previous attendees said about Motivated Classroom workshops:

This is a great session for anyone who is new to CI teaching. It gives the WHY and the HOW. It was amazing, and I would take it again.

- Amanda, French Teacher, Canada

Liam presented in a way that was well scaffolded, clear, empowering, and provided strategies that can be implemented easily and right away to my students.

- Arwen, French teacher, Canada

Liam Printer's workshop on CI strategies was excellent. Although I had listened to most of the podcasts, the workshop showed the strategies in action and gave me more confidence to implement them in my classroom. It was also amazing to share insights with teachers from around the globe. I love how Liam is very efficient and concise in his presentations. All the information was very practical. And the three 90 minute sessions with time to try things out in between workshops was perfect.

- Shelly, Italian teacher, Boston MA

It was very thoughtfully planned with the perfect ratio between Liam's sharing some theoretical knowledge/his experience, his doing demos and us trying to apply new knowledge immediately. Perfect balance between theory and practice, and the immediate application part made learning stick. Plus, there was an opportunity to reflect in a friendly and supportive atmosphere which also strengthened the new learning.

- Irina, French Teacher, Canada.

This workshop gave us very useful information, student friendly strategies and teachers effectiveness. Dr. Liam gives very specific tasks for us to put into practice what we learn, this let us try the new strategies and have immediate feedback in the next workshop with him.

- Lexandra, Spanish teacher, elementary. Quebec. Canada.

Sounds interesting! How do I sign-up?

- [Click here](#) to book your place on the workshop now.

I'm in! Where do I learn more about developing reading among my students?

- [The Motivated Classroom podcast](#) - weekly podcast focussing on building intrinsic motivation in the languages classroom.
- Episode 86 | [Eight zero-prep classroom activities to instil a love of reading](#)

Other websites, resources and readers for CI teaching:

- [The CI Bookshop](#) - huge selection of CI novels and resources based in Europe.
- [Command Performance Books](#) - lots of graded novels available; based in the US.
- [The Motivated Classroom](#) - My Youtube channel with videos on motivation and teaching Spanish with Comprehensible Input.

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