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Today's world is changing at a phenomenal speed, but the basic nature of humans remains the same. Rousseau had called humans 'a social animal'.... one who thrives best in a peaceful and supportive community. However, the nuclear family system and onslaught of globalization has broken the older chains of support. Gone are the days when aunts and cousins came to the rescue of their near and dear ones. Today's professionals are closer to their colleagues with whom they happen to spend most of their time. Thus colleagues become confidants and sympathetic supporters, as they understand each other's issues and challenges, because very often, they have to spend hours galore sorting out problems of a similar nature! Teachers can take this change as a blessing in disguise, because besides being part of a community, (specially if they are members of a professional organization) they develop a niche for themselves. This is a comforting feeling in itself, as most teachers are often coping with a lot of adverse contexts of teaching and learning, unreasonable, blindly and

narrowly focused bosses and of course, family pulls.

Secondly, this kind of situation is very conducive to building up a "buddy system", which can be professionally extremely rewarding for continuous development. The most recent research on learning indicates that learners learn best from peers rather than from what the teacher teaches.

Think of the advantages of the "buddy system" – you have a buddy who is your confidant, knows your family circumstances who understands and is completely familiar with your teaching /learning situation and the challenges you face. You can share/ exchange your free writing and reflections with your buddy. This can improve your writing skills. Because research on Free Writing affirms that regular free writing magically improves your expression and volume of writing—even if no one is correcting your mistakes. You can also ask your buddy to observe your class and tell you about the way you teach. For instance, you may not be aware that you only ask close-ended questions, or that you only ask some learners to respond.

You can form a small buddy club for improving oral interaction. A lot of teachers complain of being unsure of speaking in English in public. You can learn speaking English fluently only by speaking and using it. In our context that is difficult, but with a buddy system, practicing to speak English becomes easier. If you notice carefully, you will see there are a lot of people who speak in accurate English. However, their strength is their fluency. You can become fluent if you and your buddy make a promise to each other to SPEAK English at least for 15 minutes per day. Try the buddy system and become fluent speakers and writers of English. Best of luck!

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SPELT Working Committee Updates

Academic Committee

April's Academic session at Fajr Academy was well received and appreciated by the participants. This month SPELTers are meeting at SPELT House, Karachi, for a free session on 'Process Writing Skills'.



May Academic Session

Topic: Teaching Essay Writing through Process Writing Approach

Facilitator: Ms. Nida Asad, Bahria University

Venue: SPELT Head Office.

Day: Saturday, 25th May, 2019

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:00PM (For Ramzan only)

Workshop Committee

Active Learning: Excite, Engage and Empower

On 20th April, Saima Abedi conducted a 4-hour workshop on active learning. The session aimed to introduce the concept by offering opportunities to participants to activate schema; build connections; think critically; get involved in the thematic content; apply concept of active learning and reflect on the learning experiences. Ranging from individual to group work, the educators also explored varied active learning strategies apt to abandon the lecture format, ensuring attainment of teaching and learning outcomes in a student-centred setting.



SPELT Ramzan Special workshop

Topic: Personification as an ELT Aid

Facilitator: Ms. Salwa Abbasi

Date/Time: 23rd May, 2019, 10:00 a.m-12:00 p.m.

Venue: SPELT House, Karachi.

Conference committee

SPELT Conference Committee invites you to participate in the 35th SPELT International ELT Conference 'Innovations in ELT: Future Directions'. The SPELT International Conference is a unique platform which provides exhilarating opportunities to educators, classrooms practitioners, teachers, researchers and trainers for professional development through the exchange of expertise in the realm of education via interactive and innovative sessions.

In order to narrow the gap between teachers and researchers at the national and international level, proposals/ abstracts are being solicited for presentation at the 35th SPELT International ELT Conference 2019.

For further details, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Registration Fee (Only For Karachi)		
Category	Members Fee	Non Members Fee
Early Bird Up to August 31, 2019	PKR 1400/=	PKR 1600/=
Regular September 1 to October 25, 2019	PKR 1700/=	PKR 2000/=
On-Site	PKR 2400/=	

Limited Seats only in Karachi

Programme Committee



SPELTers met with Mr. Jerrold Frank, RELO, US Embassy, Islamabad during his visit to Karachi to discuss matters of mutual interest._



SPELTers at work!

May monthly Working Committee meeting, held on 11 May 2019 at the SPELT Field Office, Karachi.

Chapter News

In order to provide easy access to Monthly Academic Sessions, SPELT Abbottabad Chapter has constituted four sub units namely Haripur, Havelian, Abbottabad and Mansehra. These units have been catering to the ELT needs of schools in their jurisdiction for quite a long time now. Monthly Academic Sessions are held on different dates in these four units.

Chapter Headquarter (Abbottabad) was receiving constant demands for some kind of innovation in the format of the monthly academic sessions. In order to deliberate upon the issue, a meeting was held in Modernage (Chapter Head Office) Abbottabad on 12th May 2019. The following decisions were taken to make monthly academic sessions more effective and result-oriented:

1. Different schools would be visited and ELT needs of schools would be ascertained through focused group discussions with language teachers. In the light of these discussions, a need-based specific academic session would be customized for the teachers of that particular school.
2. A complete lesson plan would be designed and written down along with activity-handouts.
3. A member of the working committee or any life member having presentation skills would be sent to the particular school to hold an exclusive session for the teachers of that school so that their ELT needs could be addressed on their campus. This innovation would also spare the teachers the trouble of traveling long distances to attend a unified session at a central point.
4. It was further decided that in addition to these school-specific and need-based customized sessions, the practice of holding a unified session in the unit headquarter would also continue so that ELT teachers from all the schools could sit under one roof to share their classroom ELT challenges.



Good News for SPELTers!

ICELT is happening! HURRY!

150 hours Cambridge ELT Training Programme

Commencing June 13th, 2019

Venue: SPELT House, Karachi

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