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Dear Colleagues,

We're all back at school and need to be ready to meet the challenge of AI and its impact on Education in general, and teaching-learning in our classroom, in particular. Please don't miss out on the FREE opportunity to learn about AI, kindly offered as a 40th Anniversary gift to SPELTers by Hanif Muhammad, a SPELT Colleague now living and teaching in Toronto, Canada.

Also, we are proud to share with you the SPELT publication of papers by Prof. Dr. Ruqaiya Hasan. It will be available for everyone to access free of cost in the National Library of Australia archives : <u>https://asfla.net/halliday-hasan-archive-project/</u>

Dr Hasan was a great supporter of SPELT, particularly, in its early developmental years and a regular presenter in SPELT International conferences with Prof. Halliday and her other colleagues in Australia.

Please join SPELT, if you're not already a member, to learn about latest professional development opportunities and networking with colleagues in Pakistan and internationally.

Best

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Feedback

It was an interactive and wonderful session. New ideas and strategies were shared to gamify the Teaching and Learning and students as players was an amazing advice. Zareen Ali Muhammad

Very interesting and engaging workshop. Great presenter *Eram George*

> It Was Good *Rehana john*

It was a great learning experience. Looking forward to having more learning venues offered from your platform *Shadab Fatima* It was a nice introductory webinar and it has made me think about how canI bring the elements of gamification in my teaching practicum course. *Nida Mirza*

A new concept about teaching and learning was introduced. Although it requires a lot of thinking and strategic planning to practically implement these ideas but can start taking baby steps to achieve this great milestone.

Khadija Mala

I would like to apply the methods in my classroom. I learned new dynamics to keep my class active Maryam Qureshi

It was a brilliant workshop. In short time, the presenter was able to cover all the major areas. Perhaps one thing that could have been discussed was a proper lesson plan using gamification.

Fatima Qanita



1.5- Hour Webinar

AUDIENCE: All Teachers, Coordinators, Principals and Heads

Routines Procedures and Transitions 《RPTs》 in the ELT classroom



Feedback

It was an amazing opportunity to learn and un learn a lot. <i>Najmi Altaf</i>	The presenter shared effective techniques to manage RPT in an ELT classroom Eram George	
Must invite her again Urfa Naseer John	There was good reinforcement of practice which are already applied in the classroom along with ideas to keep persevering to make them work.	
	Farida Saifuddin Karba	
Informative with useful teaching tips. Well explained. Duration should have been longer. Sameera	It was insightful Session full of various strategies and time management specifically. Rehana John	
Tina's workshops are always amazing. Saima Farooq	It was an amazing workshop but the duration of the workshop was less. Shaista Bukhari	
I believe that the session could	It was as informative and interacting session I	
have been further enriched by providing participants with references and links to additional reading on the topic. This would allow us to explore the topic in greater depth and reinforce the insights shared during the session. <i>Nida Mirza</i>	It was so informative and interesting session I learned different things during this workshop <i>Warda Sufyan</i>	
	It was effective but most relevant to the ELT strategies. Its quite refresher and reminds the time when I did my ICELT . Anila Sidhu	



Structured Assessment Frameworks: Fostering Fairness and Academic Excellence



12:00 to 01:00pm

January 25, 2025

Note: Session Cost free Certificate fee PKR 200/ (on demand)



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Naeema Abrar

Feedback

really insightful

Excellent

Very good session. Thanks

It was an effective session overall, need to add some more participant activities.

Very informative Ma'am. Very clear and outstanding session.

It was very good and informative session

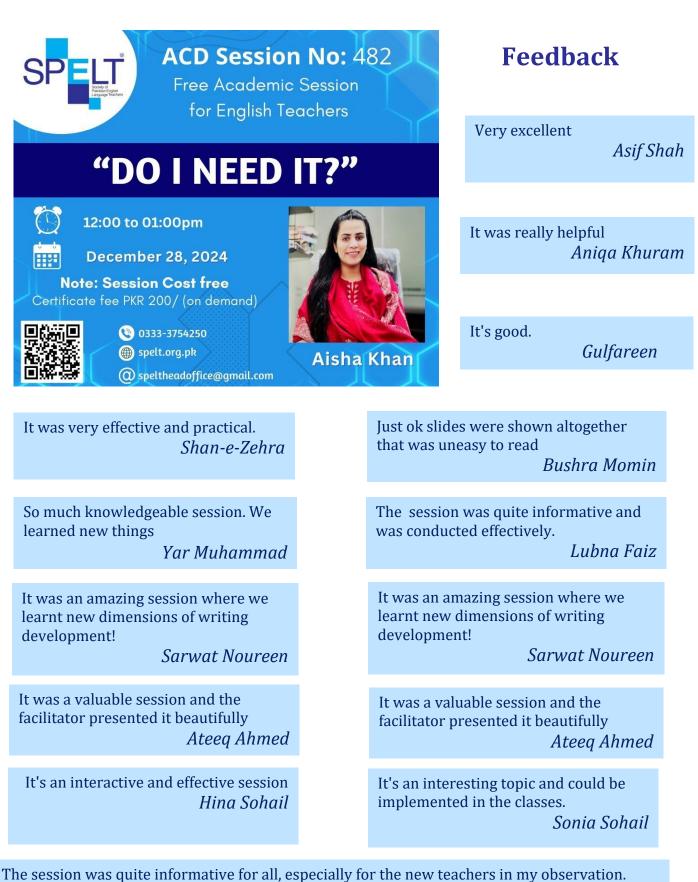
Thanks maim Naeema Essak and Spelt for providing such a valuable and beneficial session . I want to join Spelt what's app group but it is full. It's really insightful session that we will definitely implement in our classroom

Although the session was informative. The participates were not engaged. The instructor kept on her session without considering the participants.

The Session on Rubrics was insightful and really helpful to practice effective learning methods and Objective grading in teaching our students.

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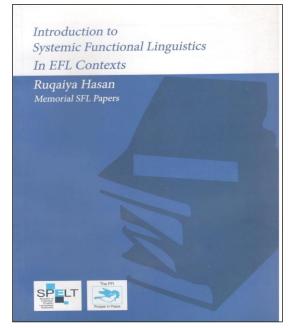
I appreciate the detailed explanation of how structured assessments can enhance transparency and reduce bias in grading. It was helpful to understand how to implement these frameworks in a real classroom setting.



Thank you for sharing your experience with all. *Huma Sakhawat*

It was exclusively a meaningful session. While attending this wonderful session, no doubt acquired a great deal of knowledge and information . Keep it up and wish you all the best. Muhammad Ayoob Memon

Networking: Tribute to Prof. Dr Ruqaiya Hasan



Hearty congratulations to SPELT members on the production of the wonderfully attractive book. An introduction to Systemic Functional Linguistics EFL in contexts. It is such a fitting tribute to Professors Ruqaiya and Michael Hasan



Halliday. Professor Hasan was passionately committed to SPELT, and to Pakistan's educational and artistic communities, to the very end of her life so she would have been delighted to see this work published. It is so beautifully edited and produced - a fitting tribute to these great scholars.

SPELT members will be interested to know that the National Library of Australia has accepted the archived academic and

research papers of these great international scholars for permanent care and keeping. The process is a highly selective one, and it was crucial to the Library that Professor Hasan's papers, as the work of an outstanding female international scholar of linguistics, originally from Pakistan, were offered together with those of her husband, Professor Michael Halliday. The Archive will comprise all of the unpublished scholarly materials of both Ruqaiya Hasan and Michael Halliday. It is expected that there will be about 30 large archival boxes in total, which will form a major research resource for systemic functional linguistics scholars in future years.

International digital access to the Halliday and Hasan Archive, as it will be known, will be available, additional to the physical access for study in the National Library of Australia. Digital access is being arranged through the generous support of the Australian Systemic Functional Linguistics Association, which has long enjoyed a close relationship with SPELT. This support is crucial to the project.

The task of preparing the Archive for transfer to the National Library of Australia and of creating international digital access is being undertaken by a small Working Party whose members are Helen

Caple, David Butt, Frances Christie, Yaegan Doran and Geoff Williams. Two members of the Working Party are former PhD students of Ruqaiya Hasan's. Financial support is being contributed by scholars in Australia, China and indeed throughout the world. So far, about two-thirds of the finance needed to have the "raw" materials sorted and catalogued by professional archivists, and then digitally recorded by professionals to the standard required by the National Library of Australia, has been donated. The Working Party members hope to be able to raise the rest of the funds to complete the project during the first half of 2025. More information about the development of the Archive is available at: https://asfla.net/halliday-hasan-archive-project/

(Professor) Geoff Williams

Honorary Professor, University of Sydney, Australia Emeritus Professor, University of British Columbia, Canada





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About presenter: A proud COTE/ICELT Alumni (1999-2000) Hanif, Muhammad is a Toronto-based software & AI project manager & engineer.

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