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SPELT eBulletin

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Dear Colleagues,

January and February have been busy months at SPELT. The central executive committee and the conference professional council have been meeting to review the 2025 international conference and begin planning for the next conference scheduled to be held in November 2026.

There have also been webinars and of course the regular monthly academic sessions.

SPELT is now looking for school partners for its monthly academic sessions. The interested school/school system will be expected to a) nominate up to 50 teachers from their own school or sister organizations; and b) provide the venue for this FREE professional development session. They may also identify their teachers' areas of need for CPD. SPELT would try its best to accommodate teachers' needs in curating its future academic sessions. However, to avail this CPD opportunity, the host organization needs to be an institutional member of SPELT. For further details about membership, please visit the SPELT website: spelt.org.pk

Looking forward to future collaborations with you and your school/school system.

Best

Dr Fauzia Shamim
SPELT Vice President

SPELT Society of Pakistan English Language Teachers **1.5- Hour Webinar** Scan to register



Using the Learners own Language(s) in the ELT Classroom: What, Why, and When



Professor Graham Hall
Professor Emeritus in TESOL and Applied Linguistics, Northumbria University, United Kingdom

TARGET AUDIENCE: All Teachers, Coordinators, Principals and Heads

Member Fee 1350/-	January 17, 2026	E-Certificate will be provided
Non Member Fee 1600/-	01:00- 2:30pm (PKT)	Limited seats on first come, first served basis

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Feedback from Participants

It was a much-required discussion especially in Pakistani schools' context. I found it highly beneficial and practical.

Very informative and generated a lot of food for thought and how to deal with own language usage in the classroom.

The webinars was interesting and helped to reflect on teaching practice. A lot of strategies we already know but implementing within restricted time and curriculum it gets difficult. Attending these kind of webinars reminds to make a conscious efforts.

I find this topic and discussion to be quite a welcome change for the usual ELT training ethos of Pakistani think tank.

insightful and informative looking forward to more sessions

Arrange more workshops which can help teachers to improve further



SPELT RAMAZAN SPECIAL 2026

1.5- Hour Webinar

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Socratic Sparks: Using Pop Culture Artifacts to Teach Critical Thinking



Najia Nazir

Lecturer, Yanbu Industrial
College, Saudi Arabia

Fee: PKR 800/	Limited seats on first come, first served basis
February 21, 2026	E-Certificate will be provided
3:00 to 4:30pm	



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Feedback from Participants

It was a highly informative session, with enough presenter talk and opportunities to share audience responses and questions. Overall, the session was engaging and informative.

Comprehensive workshop that introduced me to an entirely new teaching strategy.

It was such interesting webinar. I learn a lot of new techniques which helps me to be a best teacher in future .inshallah

Content was effective and relevant, strategies shared were practical and engaging. But presenter in the beginning the presenter was speaking a bit fast, so it was difficult for me to grasp the points.

It was really interesting and informative, help us to be an informed teacher.

Was very informative

I learn Socratic questioning technique

The webinar conducted by Ms. Najia Nazir was on a crucial current topic. The session was interactive, impactful and thought provoking and provided teachers with a toolkit of strategies to practice Socratic reasoning and questioning in the classroom with students. Overall, an excellent 90 minutes of learning! Thank you!

It is an effective and imperative addition of teaching any subject or at any level.

It was very informative, and I look forward to more sessions.



ACD Session No: 494

FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS

GRAMMAR-RICH, SPEECH-POOR: THE MISSING LINK



SUKAINA KAZIM



Saturday, January 31, 2026

Feedback from Participants

It was insightful session. And this is really the problem that majority of our students face. She presented it nicely giving time to many participants share their ideas. More practical ideas need to be presented for the teachers to implement in their classes.

The session was engaging and focusing, emphasis was given on improving speed-speaking skills.

It was such a wonderful and informative session. I learnt much more and also applied on my classroom too.

Highly grateful for knowledge and sharing of experience Ms. Sukaina Kazim and appreciate SPELT for such a wonderful session with a hope for further events!

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It was really engaging and interactive. Had an amazing time.

The ACD session was very interesting. It taught me about different techniques that I can use in my class to encourage my students.



ACD WEBINAR NO. 496

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FREE ACADEMIC SESSION FOR TEACHERS

IMPROVING ENGLISH SPEAKING SKILLS: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR PAKISTANI LEARNERS

Despite years of English-medium education, many Pakistani university students struggle to articulate their thoughts effectively in academic and professional contexts. This challenge often stems from an examination-oriented approach to language learning, fear of making errors or being judged, overemphasis on accuracy, and limited access to credible speaking platforms. At the same time, evolving market trends in Pakistan increasingly favor individuals who demonstrate confidence, clarity, and eloquence in English communication, particularly in professional responsibilities such as participating in meetings and interacting with clients or guests.

This webinar reframes the discussion around spoken English for Pakistani ESL learners by highlighting learners' untapped potential and practical pathways for improvement. Participants will explore low-resource, classroom-friendly strategies including roleplay, structured prompting, project-driven presentations, and semi-controlled drilling to encourage meaningful speaking practice. The session will also introduce self-directed approaches that learners can adopt beyond the classroom to strengthen their spoken discourse independently.

Designed for college and university students, ELT (English Language Teaching) students, and English language teachers, this session aims to bridge the gap between classroom-based English instruction and real-world communicative competence, while fostering a broader academic dialogue on improving spoken English across learner and teacher communities.



Muhammad Naeem Riaz Based in Islamabad, Muhammad Naeem Riaz specializes in IELTS and PTE preparation and coaches students for study-abroad interviews. He has taught English for specific and academic purposes at the tertiary level and actively supports Pakistani ESL learners online in developing their speaking skills.

<p>Day, Date Saturday, February 28, 2026</p> <p>Time 12:00 to 1:00pm</p>	<p>Join Zoom Meeting</p> <p>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87221313209?pwd=rDp4c2Xq8o0IQ5cuG6y6Y6Avdbr82X.1</p> <p>Meeting ID: 872 2131 3209 Passcode: ACD-496</p>	 <p>Click here to register</p>
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Feedback from Participants

Interactive strategies have been introduced and explained	Very good strategies	Fruitful session
Excellent session. Very useful strategies. I only wish the session had been longer to cover each strategy more comprehensively.		
The session on Improving English Speaking Skills was interactive, practical, and informative.	The session on Improving English Speaking Skills was interactive, practical, and informative.	
Such a knowledgeable session, explained all points very well.	Great session! I have learnt lots of fruitful strategies.	

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Themes 2026

Month	Teachers	Teacher educators	Evergreen themes for teachers*
January–March	Managing the lesson	Managing teacher learning	
April–June	Understanding my context	Planning teacher learning	
July–September	Knowing the subject	Knowing the subject	
October–December	Understanding my professional identity	Contributing to the profession	

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/community/top-stories>

*Themes that are included in our professional development opportunities throughout the year



TeachingEnglish

Training courses for teachers 2026

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Managing the lesson			Understanding my context			Knowing the subject					My professional identity
Organising the classroom			How to adapt resources (NEW)			Understanding language systems					Classroom research
Managing learners and resources			Communication skills			Teaching English in primary					Building understanding through dialogue
Classroom management for primary			Creative resources for primary			Communicative tasks (NEW)					Focus on professional development
Teaching English to refugees and displaced learners											
Digital competences for teaching English			Integrating digital technologies			Digital competences for teaching English					Digital competences for teaching English
English in the multilingual classroom			Gender in language education			Including learners' languages (NEW)					
Climate action in language education			Inclusive classrooms			Climate action in language education					
How to teach writing			Assessing learning			Feedback and error correction (NEW)					
How to teach vocabulary			How to teach listening			How to teach reading					
			How to teach pronunciation			Classroom management for primary					
Helping teachers to learn (for teacher educators)											

<https://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/training/courses>

Our Teaching English team have released their 2026 theme and training courses calendars! Take a look at what they will be focusing on in 2026 and share with your networks of teachers and teacher educators.

Find out more: <https://lnkd.in/eAsKC5wZ>



SPELT is a story of success in the midst of adversity. I congratulate the organizers and workers on their expertise and dedication. Best wishes.

Prof. Dr. Ruqaiya Hasan,
*School of English, Linguistics & Media Macquene University
November 28, 1996*

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