

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

**TARGET AUDIENCE:** All Teachers, Coordinators, Principals and Heads

Until recently, the assumption underpinning much of the methodological discussions surrounding English language teaching has been that new languages are best taught and learned monolingually, without the use of the learners' own language(s). Now, however, a re-evaluation and recognition of own-language use has begun! The emphasis on 'English-only' teaching has been increasingly questioned, alongside the realization that own-language use has continued in many classrooms around the world, no matter what 'the literature' said.

This workshop will examine the changing context for language teaching and learning that has led to the re-evaluation of own-language use and multilingualism in ELT. It will provide you with opportunities to reflect on, and discuss, the use of the learners' own language in your own classroom. You will explore the arguments for and against own-language use, and reflect on your own beliefs and teaching practices. We will discuss what might be meant by 'appropriate' own-language use in your classroom, and you will consider a range of possible ways in which teachers and learners might use the learners' own languages to support language learning.



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

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