

Gaps and bridges: Connecting education and learner needs

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Abstract:

Most English learners today study the language in order to do something with it – use it as a job, continue their education, or gain access to the wide world English-language material available on the internet. The job of everyone who works in the field of English language teaching (ELT) is to build bridges that help learners cross the gap between their current level of English, and the level they hope or need to attain. This talk will discuss some of the challenges that learners and ELT professionals have always faced, and look at some new challenges brought on by current trends in the field – and in the wider world.

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