

EAL Tutor Newsletter

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Beginner English Volunteer Training at Brandeis and Tufts Universities

2019 EAL Volunteer Conference



EAL Volunteer Appreciation Evening - December 3rd

POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER

We will re-schedule this event to early 2020.

EAL News

The EAL **Programs Committee** supports EAL learner programs, helps EAL staff evaluate program effectiveness, and plays an important role in the launch new EAL initiatives.

If you are passionate about providing the best possible programs to our learners, please consider joining the EAL Programs Committee.

Visit an upcoming Programs Committee meeting to learn more.

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Free Drop-in Program for English Learners!

Fridays 11:00 - 12:30

Fox Branch Library

175 Massachusetts Avenue

Arlington, MA 02474

This drop-in program is an opportunity for learners to practice English speaking and conversational skills, learn new vocabulary, and practice correct grammar and sentence structure, with native speaker volunteer tutors and other learners.



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Methodology: fossilized errors

Suggestions to help students overcome fossilized errors.

"How can students overcome fossilized errors? By the time they get to upper-intermediate/advanced level, their functionality is adequate for their purposes specially when dealing with other non-native English language speakers so they are reluctant to sacrifice fluency at the expense of accuracy. [MORE...](#)"

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13 Ideas for ESL Speaking Activities (FluentU.com)

Try some new ways to get your learner speaking, including: PechaKucha, two texts, running dictation, taboo, show & tell, and more...

Click [HERE](#) for article

Full Lesson Plan from the [ThoughtCo](#) website:

How to Teach *Have to*, *Must*, and *Mustn't*

This lesson uses daily routines and an interviewing game to help students master these important modal forms.

Click [HERE](#) for lesson plan

Beginner Lesson Plan
from [LinguaHouse.com](#)

Clothes Shopping



This lesson plan covers basic vocabulary for describing clothes as well as practical expressions for clothes shopping. Click [HERE](#) for worksheet

Tutoring Tip:

Techniques for Questioning ESL Students



Within the tutoring session, frequently check students' comprehension to make sure they really understand concepts. ESL students may nod their heads as though they understand when they really don't. Encourage participation and check comprehension in non-threatening ways, and provide cooperative experiences by using the following techniques.

Most Difficult: Wh- questions (Who, What, Where, When, Why, Which & How) "Why is A more difficult?"

Easier: OR questions. "Which is more difficult, A or B?"

Easiest: YES / NO questions check comprehension, but do not rely on this strategy too much. "Is this difficult for you?"

Begin with the most difficult question type. If these cannot be answered by the student, try a less difficult level to help them understand what you're asking; then work toward the more difficult levels.

- Ask the students to give examples when explaining concepts.
- Ask students to become the tutor and explain the concept to you.
- Search for answers to questions with the students.
- Use restatement to clarify students' responses; "I think you said . . ."
- Admit it if there is a communication problem; "I don't understand."
- Write down words the student does not know.

<https://www.cgc.edu/Academics/LearningCenter/Training/Pages/ESLStudents.aspx>

PHOTO GALLERY: Recent EAL Events

October: Meet the student volunteers who teach Beginner English classes at **Brandeis** and **Tufts** Universities!



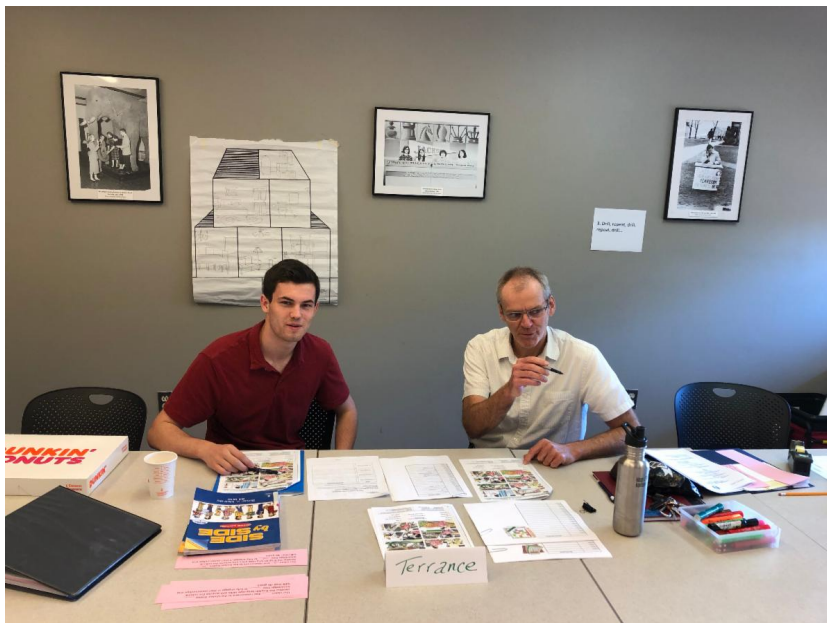
EAL student volunteers at Brandeis University completed their Beginner English teaching workshop, with help from EAL volunteer Mimi Reddicliffe.



Brandeis student volunteers worked in teams to prepare teaching demonstrations

Tufts University Beginner English volunteer teachers prepared teaching demonstrations, with help from EAL volunteer Terrance O'Neil.

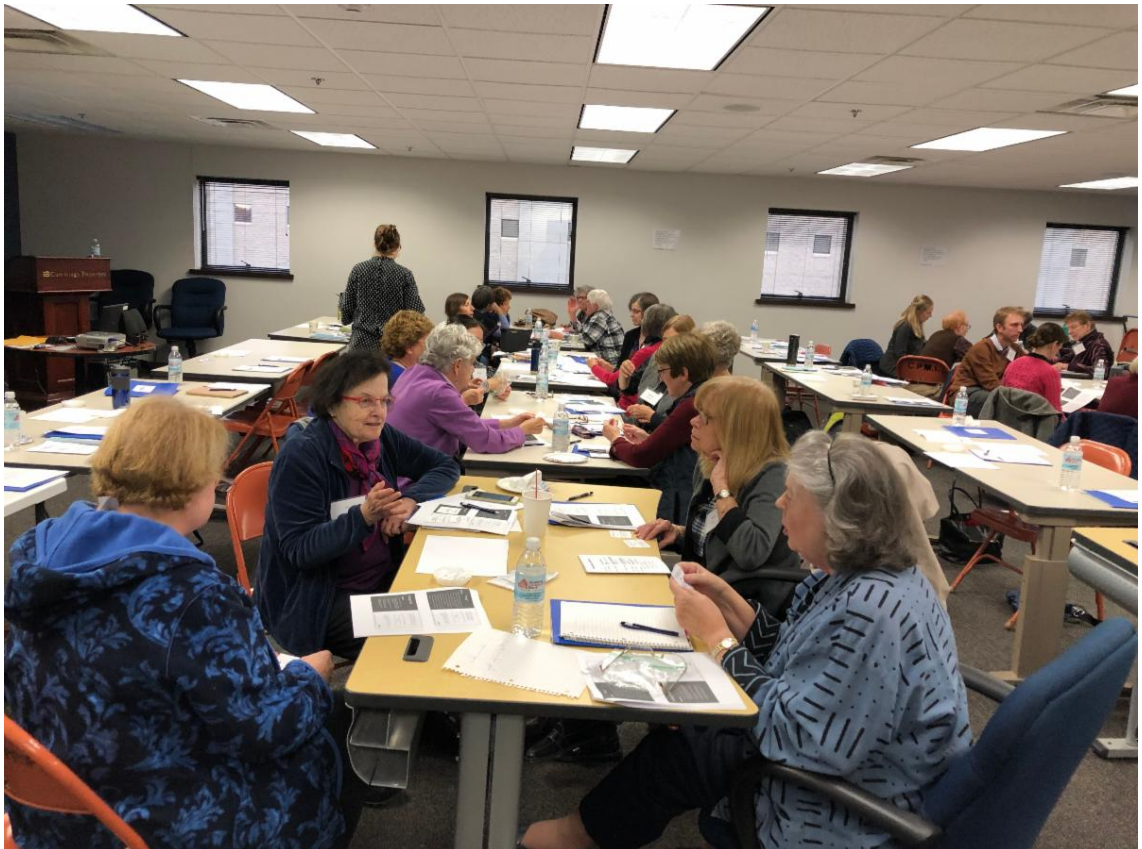


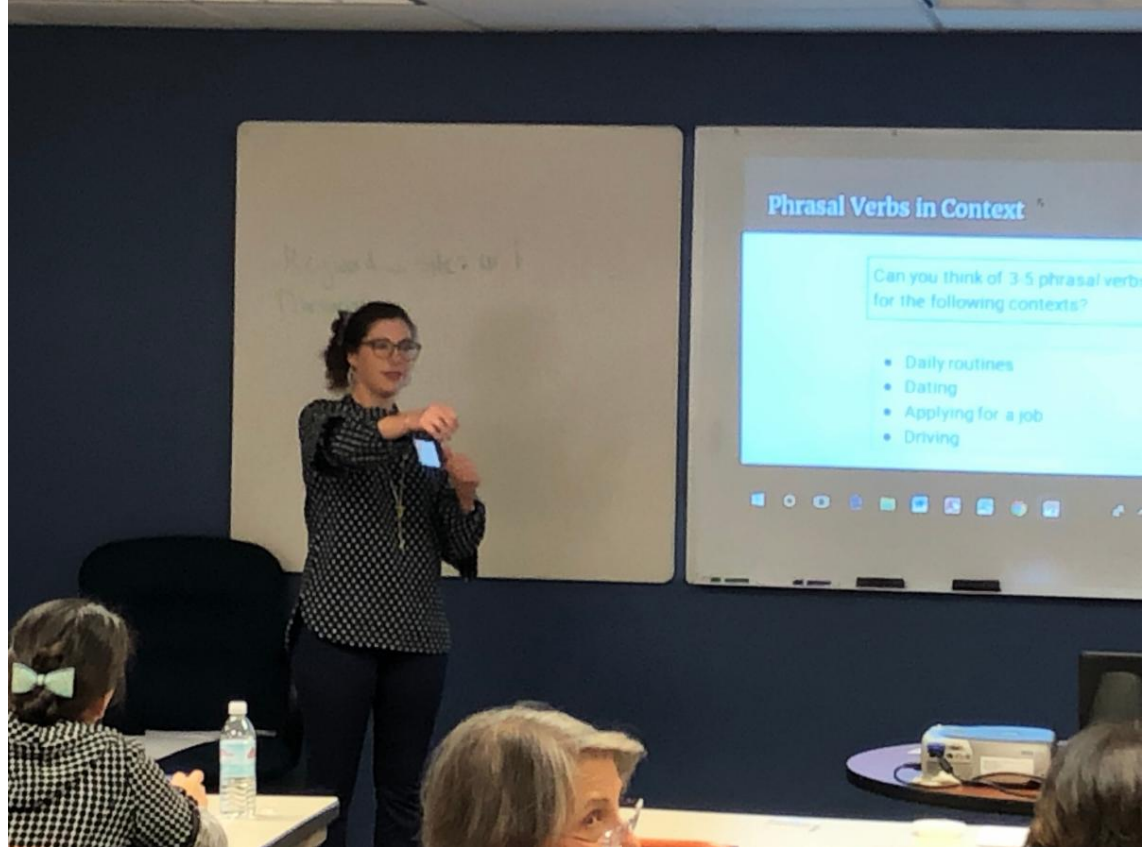


Photos from the EAL 2019 Volunteer Conference - November 7th











Library and Volunteer Panel Discussion: EAL welcomed Library Partners from Burlington, Waltham, Winchester, and Woburn



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