

TEACHER'S CORNER – JUNE 2016

COMMON CHALLENGES IN THE ENGLISH CLASSROOM

For most of us, teaching English is an enjoyable experience, and helping our students is rewarding. However, the English language classroom also presents challenges that can test our patience and ability to be effective.

English teachers around the globe face many of the same difficulties. Our classes can be large, sometimes with over 100 students! We often have multiple English proficiency levels in the same classroom, which makes planning lessons and meeting all our students' needs troublesome. Some of us have limited materials, or have to adapt or create our own. Providing opportunities for students to practice the language can also pose a challenge, especially if we have shy students or big classes.

This month in the Teacher's Corner, we will present strategies to address some of the most common issues in English language classrooms. We will suggest ideas to help you manage large classes, teach students with multiple levels in the same class, and adapt and find teaching materials.