

May e-Newsletter 2017

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John de Jong at the ETAS PD Day 2017



Once more ETAS has found a top-notch plenary speaker for one of our events: **John de Jong**, Professor of Language Testing at the VU University in Amsterdam and director of Language Testing Services will be speaking at the **ETAS Professional Development Day in Biel/Bienne on 23rd September**. John de Jong is an expert on empirical scaling of language abilities. At Pearson he developed the Pearson Test of English Academic and the Global Scale of English and led the framework development for PISA 2015, 2018 and PISA for Development. Read more about the PD Day 2017 [here](#).

Call for Papers: ETAS Annual Conference 2018

You can now submit your proposal for a workshop or talk at the **34th ETAS Annual Conference and AGM 2018**. This time the event will take place in the wonderful town of **Zofingen** in the heart of Switzerland. Save the date: **20th and 21st January 2018!** For more information or to hand in your proposal see [here](#).

Call for Papers: ETAS Journal Spring 2018 Special Supplement on Drama and Theatre in Education

Do you work with drama and/or theatre in your English language lessons? Researchers and teacher practitioners are invited to share examples of “best practice”, such as (success) stories, a favourite lesson or drama in education method, an action research report, an aha-moment or a challenge experienced in class.

The ETAS Journal Spring 2018 edition Special Supplement will explore the use and place of drama and theatre in a wide variety of contexts, from kindergarten to university: We are looking forward to getting a glimpse of how teachers and researchers integrate drama and/or theatre into their practice.

Share your story by **31st May 2017**. More information is to be found [here](#).

Call for Papers:

ETAS Journal Winter 2017 Special Supplement on Research conducted by ETAS Members

Have you already conducted research pertaining to your job or as part of a post graduate degree? Have you discovered new insights that you would like to share with the ETAS community? ETAS Journal invites submissions for its Special Supplement on “ETAS does Research” Winter Edition 2017.

Please send submission, including a very brief abstract, a short biodata, and mailing address, as a Word document by email attachment to the Special Supplement Editors [Susanne Oswald](#) and [Lynn Williams](#), who can also be contacted for any queries.

The deadline for submissions is **1st July 2017**.

More Uploads on the ETAS Video Channel

As promised in the last newsletter, another video has been uploaded on the [ETAS Video Channel](#): Don't miss out on **Jeremy Harmer's plenary talk** on disruptions and the future of English language teaching in a rapidly changing world, “Through a glass darkly: does ELT have a future?” (sponsored by Helbling Languages International), which he held at the Annual Conference in January. Those who were there won't forget Jeremy's warning words: “Change is very slow – until it isn't.”

Check out the ETAS Youtube Channel in the coming weeks for more.

ETAS Membership Survey 2016 - Update May 2017

In Spring 2016 ETAS conducted a survey among its members. 162 of our members answered the online questionnaire. Their responses have yielded valuable data, such as what members have enjoyed in the past and what they would like to see in the future. To get access to the survey please follow [this link](#) and then log in as a member. Click on 'Annual Reports and AGM Documents' and on 'Updates and Reports'.

Upcoming ETAS Events

Widen your professional Horizon with ETAS!



Baden, Saturday, 27th May and Lausanne, Saturday, 11th November
Vocabulary Activities for Young Learners

This seminar presented by Graham Workman will be a cornucopia of **ideas and materials for teaching vocabulary**, including **ideas for teaching CLIL for specific school subjects** (Content

and Language Integrated Learning). Graham will demonstrate a wide variety of activities including picture dictations, communicative crosswords, language and content games, specially designed board games, Total Physical Response, as well as websites for Primary teachers.

Graham Workman is a freelance teacher trainer, teacher and materials writer. He runs teacher courses for Primary, Secondary, Business English and Bilingual/CLIL teachers in England and Switzerland.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

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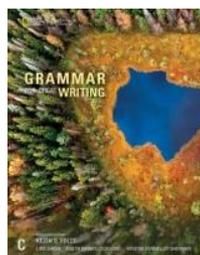
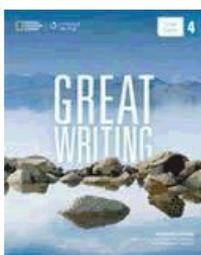


Write a Book Review for ETAS!

How about reviewing materials for your colleagues at ETAS and readers of our website? It's a great way of testing brand new materials free and of honing your own writing skills. Materials reviews are not peer-reviewed; we don't expect purple prose but informative and helpful opinions. We'll help you get started if you are unsure of what's wanted. Here are two books from National Geographic / Cengage Learning which will possibly inspire you and your writing, as well as improve your students' writing skills:

Great Writing (Great Essays) level 4, ISBN 978-1-285-75074-3 (C1), along with

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If you're interested or have any queries, this is the address to write to: bookreview@etas.ch

Discover the author in you!

Have you ever thought of **writing for the ETAS Journal**? Here's your opportunity! ETAS Journal is looking for **practical articles** with **ideas and activities** for the classroom, **anecdotes** you think are worth telling, or perhaps a description of something you tried out in your lessons with an interesting result. Let us know what works with your students and what doesn't. If you're a seasoned teacher, share your valuable experience with your younger colleagues! Are you a newbie in the business? Bring along some fresh thinking! No need to write an epic, short contributions are welcome.

Are you interested? Do you have any questions? Get in touch with the [ETAS Journal Publications Team](#) and we'll be happy to help you.

Join the ETAS Journal Team and boost your professional Development!

The ETAS Journal Editorial Board is always looking for curious and interested minds who are willing to volunteer their time and talent. All you need to be is yourself. It's a wonderful way of networking and creating connections and a great opportunity to work in a fantastic team. Contact the [ETAS Journal Publications team!](#)

ETAS Library Book of the Month

ETAS has a **well-stocked library** members can borrow books from. Each month ETAS suggests and presents one of the many books on offer. Our pick of the month of May:



Five-Minute Activities: A Resource Book of Short Activities, Penny Ur & Andrew Wright, 117 pages, 1992 (Cambridge University Press)

Five-Minute Activities is an invaluable source of ideas for language teachers. It contains resources of over 130 short activities for the language classroom: some are well-tried favourites clearly restated, others are new ideas or variations.

The activities are designed to combine learning value with interest and enjoyment. Most of them can be adapted to suit classes of different levels of ability, and in many cases there are additional suggestions for variations or extensions of the basic activity. Almost all the activities can be student-led.

Order it today - together with two other books from our catalogue!

Information on terms of use and payment as well as ordering can be found in [this section](#) of the ETAS website.

The book of the month of June will be ***Focus on Reading*** by Esther Geva and Gloria Ramirez (OUP 2016). Read more on our website in just a few days!

Teacher Tips and ELT Links



ETAS on Facebook and on Twitter

ETAS is present on Facebook and Twitter @ETAS_CH. Keep up-to-date with the latest developments and ideas in the world of ELT and find magnificent new lesson ideas! If you have no idea how to use Twitter or why it's such an amazing resource for teachers, [this blog post](#) has some handy tips.

The top 5 ELT Tweets of last Month

[Pedagogy Pop-up: What 10 things do you need in order to learn a language?](#) via [@lauraahaha](#),

Podcast: [John Kullman on intercultural problems in coursebooks](#) via [@TEFLology](#),

[My week in Athens](#) via [@ClarkLinz](#),

[S is for Speaking - 5 effective speaking activities](#) via [@thornburyscott](#), and

[The return of translation](#) via [@HanaTicha](#).

External Events

What's going on in Switzerland and Europe?

ELT Springboard in Bern

The next ELT Springboard meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, 30th May at 8 p.m.** and will once again take place at **The Fitting Room in Welle 7**. RSVP if you can.

For a link to the ELT Springboard website please look [here](#).

Cambridge English Language Assessment in St. Gallen: Teaching Young Learners, 14th June

At this event you'll be taking a look at exam levels A1 to A2 and get tips and activities for teaching vocabulary and pronunciation. For more information please click [here](#).

English Language Teachers' Association Frankfurt/Rhine-Main-Neckar (ELTAF) Conference 2017 in Frankfurt, Germany

Our Teens & Young Learner SIG coordinator Rachael Harris will be one of many presenters at the **12th ELTAF Conference 2017**, which will take place on **Saturday, 24th June** at Frankfurt International School (FIS) in Oberursel.

The plenary speaker will be Andreas Grundtvig from Hamburg, who will be talking about the growing family of Englishes. Marjorie Rosenberg and Evan Frenco among others will also be presenting.

Register now to and to see your favourite speakers. For all details including the conference schedule and workshop descriptions see [here](#).

Drama in Education Days 2017 in Konstanz, Germany

Registration is now open for the "Drama in Education Days 2017". The bilingual (English/German) conference is aimed at second/foreign language teachers wanting to learn (more) about incorporating drama into their language teaching.

The 2-day event takes place in **Konstanz, Germany, 30th June and 1st July**.

For more information please go to www.dramapaedagogik.de.

ELT Academic Reading Group

Every month there is an ELT Academic Reading group held in St. Gallen. The group is free and it's open to ETAS members and non-ETAS members. See [here](#) to find out more.

For other external events, be sure to check out [this section](#) on our website.

EFL Webinars

Your opportunity to embark on professional development at home!

Young Learners: Storytelling and Story making, Tuesday, 30th May, 16.00-18.00

Cambridge University Press Webinar: *Storytelling and story-making for Cambridge English: Young Learners* with Karen Saxby. For more details and to register for this event, please follow [this link](#).

How to publish your own Materials, Saturday, 3rd June, 17.00-18.00

IATEFL Materials Writers SIG webinar: *How to publish your own materials - from writing to publishing to marketing* with Nik Peachey. For more information and to register, please follow [this link](#).

Check out [this section](#) of the ETAS website regularly for more interesting EFL webinars.

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