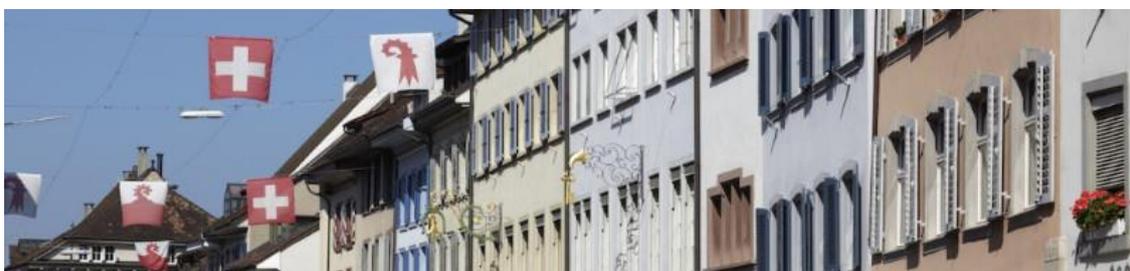


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ETAS August e-Newsletter



Dear *|FNAME|*,

Did you know that ETAS is celebrating its 35th Birthday in 2018? We believe that is really something worth shouting about!! We will be celebrating this momentous occasion at the **2018 PD Day in Liestal on 15th September** and would love you to join us! If you haven't already signed up, take a look at the **programme** and register for this wealth of professional development! We look forward to seeing you there!



Plenary Speakers at ETAS PD Day: Hugh Dellar and Jon Hird

Did you know? As ETAS is an associate of IATEFL, our members have the golden opportunity of applying for or renewing an **IATEFL Basic Membership for £22.00** (Full Membership is £61!). To apply for IATEFL membership, log in to our website, then complete [this form](#) online and click *SUBMIT*. When IATEFL receives the form confirming your current membership, they will send further instructions directly to you. If you would first like to find out more about IATEFL, explore their *About IATEFL* section on their [website](#).

In this issue of your e-Newsletter you'll find, among other things, information about [books for review](#), upcoming [ETAS events](#) in St. Gallen, Lausanne, Bern and Basel, [other ELT events](#) in Switzerland and abroad, and an [open-access resource](#) from Canada that offers a global guide to ELT Journals. If you're a fan of the [Twitter ELT recap](#) and can't wait to read last month's most popular tweets, click [here](#) or scroll down to [ETAS in the Social Media](#).

Kind regards,
Your ETAS Team





ETAS Journal News

Expand and Use Your Skills!

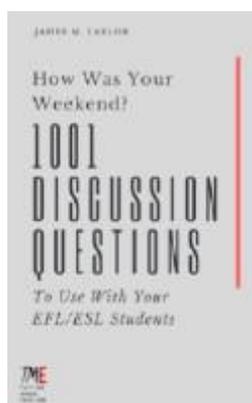
The Publications Team is looking for new volunteers: people like you who are willing to edit, proofread, source articles, write articles or provide general support. We also need an Online Content Editor. If any of these tasks interest you, or you would like to contribute in any way at all, please get in touch with Helena at publ@e-tas.ch for more details. We'll train you!

Have Your Say about SEND!

The Journal's **Summer 2019 Special Supplement** will be on the subject of ***Inclusive Practices and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities***. See [here](#) for the call for papers if you would be interested in writing an article. Supplement editor Rachael Harris would like to hear your stories now and create a platform of shared worries, stories, ideas and resources that will feature in the Journal, and if demand is there, may appear on our website. Please contact Rachael at ylteens@e-tas.ch with your thoughts.

Write a Book Review for ETAS Journal!

Amazing news from our former Publications Team member James Taylor: he has published an e-book called ***How Was Your Weekend? 1001 Discussion Questions To Use With Your EFL/ESL Students***. James wrote it as a way of avoiding asking that question over and over again - a problem that many English teachers are regularly confronted with. Would you like to review it? Contact [Helena](#).



We have more on offer: The Publications Team aims to reflect the content of our Special Supplements with relevant materials' reviews. For upcoming Special Supplements in 2019, we would like reviews of the following Teacher Resource books, kindly offered by OUP and Express Publishing:

Focus on Learning Technologies

by Nicky Hockly, OUP

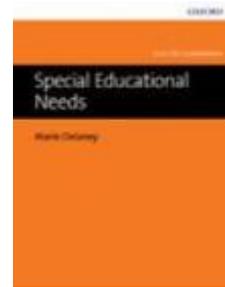
Focus on Learning Technologies helps teachers understand the role of digital technologies in supporting language learning for second or foreign language learners aged 5-18.



Special Educational Needs by

Marie Delaney, OUP

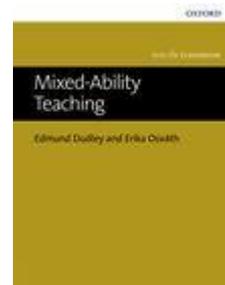
Special Educational Needs provides teachers with strategies and practical teaching ideas for including students with special educational needs in mainstream language classrooms.



Mixed-Ability Teaching by Edmund

Dudley and Erika Osváth, OUP

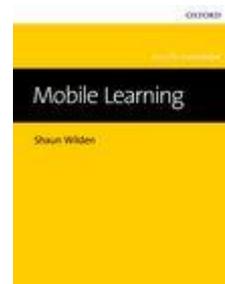
Mixed-Ability Teaching shows how collaborative ways of working can promote a positive classroom atmosphere and offer support and challenge for every student.



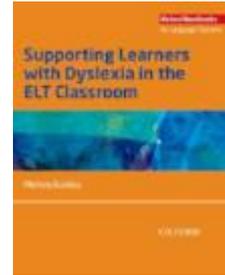
Mobile Learning by Shaun Wilden,

OUP

Mobile Learning provides clear guidance and essential support for teachers who want to use mobile devices in and outside the language classroom. Full of practical ideas and activities, it emphasizes the power of the mobile device as a tool for language learning.



***Supporting Learners with Dyslexia
in the ELT Classroom*** by Michele
Daloiso, OUP



This book provides specific support to teachers who need to accommodate learners with dyslexia in their ELT classrooms - guiding them through the main steps of the process with clear explanations, suggestions, and practical tools.

If you would like to take this opportunity to review excellent teacher resource books written by experts in their field, contact **Helena** at bookreview@etas.ch. Please note that ETAS does not publish unsolicited book reviews.

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Upcoming ETAS Events

St. Gallen, 31st August: Academic Reading Group



The ELT Academic Reading Group in St. Gallen, Switzerland has been meeting monthly since January 2016. The aim of the group is to discuss a different academic article each month related to various aspects of English Language Teaching. The group is open and free to all teachers from any background. All you need is a keen interest in all things related to English teaching. It's a great place to meet like-minded teachers and share ideas. The meetings are on the second / third Friday of every month (depending on everyone's availability) at **9.30 in the Migros Bahnhof Cafeteria. The next meeting is on Friday, 31st August** and we'll be discussing *How to establish good rules and relationships in new classes.*

Lausanne, 1st September:

Workshop on *Making Classes More Socially Interactive* featuring Tim Murphey



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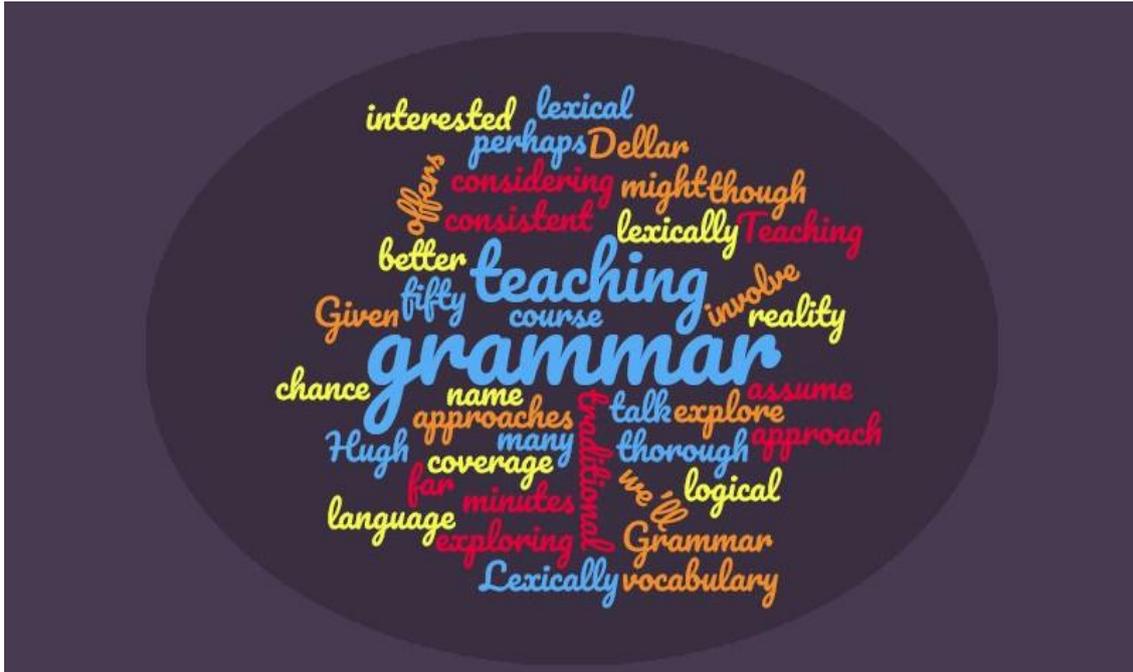
The next workshop in Vaud is an event entitled ***Making classes more socially interactive*** featuring **Tim Murphey**. It takes place at the **University of Lausanne** on **Saturday, 1st September** from **approximately 9.30 to 12.30**. Save the date and register at vaud@e-tas.ch!

Bern, 5th September: ELT Springboard



This is the start of the third year of our after-work discussion and networking group, which is open to ETAS members and non-members. Teachers of all languages and at all experience levels are welcome! Come join us on **Wednesday, 5th September, at 8pm near the train station in Bern** (exact location to be announced soon), for lively discussion, networking, and a step forwards in your professional life! Please visit the [ELT Springboard blog](#) for more information and don't forget to RSVP!

Basel, 11th September: Teaching Grammar Lexically by Hugh Dellar



Given its name, it is perhaps logical to assume that a lexical approach to language teaching is more interested in vocabulary than grammar. In reality, though, it offers the chance for a far more consistent and thorough coverage of grammar than many more traditional approaches. In this talk Hugh Dellar will be considering what teaching grammar lexically might involve - and exploring why it's better! In the course of fifty minutes, we'll explore:

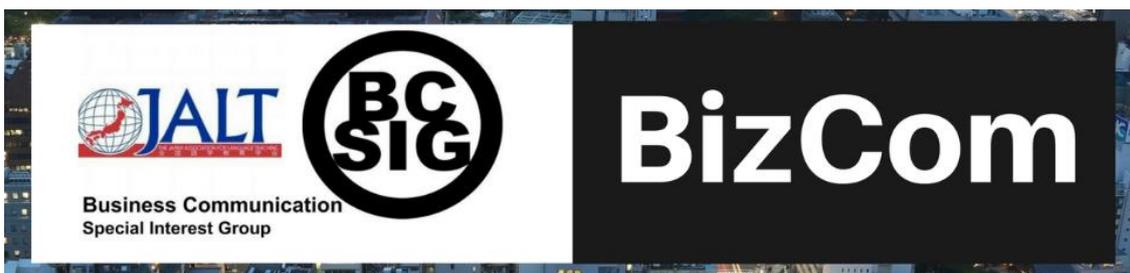
- the problems of a traditional structures plus words approach for the learning of both grammar and vocabulary
- the lexical limits of much grammar
- the importance of teaching grammar as lexis, particularly at lower levels
- co-text and contexts of use
- how teacher reformulation of student output contributes

The event is taking place at **academia, Schiffplände 3, room 24 from 7pm to 9pm**. ETAS members and academia staff will be charged 20 CHF, all other participants 30 CHF. Please register by 10th September. To register, contact basel@e-tas.ch.

Other ELT Events

Tokyo, 8th-9th September:

JALT BizCom SIG Annual Conference



For those of you who travel far for their professional development or are planning a trip to Japan anyway, this may be interesting:

The **Japan Association for Language Teaching - Business English Special Interest Group** will hold their **3rd Annual International Conference in Tokyo on 8th and 9th September** in collaboration with Tokyo University and IATEFL Business English Special Interest Group. The theme of the conference is ***The Spark: Igniting Innovations in Communication for Global Businesses***. It aims to explore synergies between international business, business communication and innovative technologies. For more information check out [this page](#).

Bern, 6th October:

British Council: Teaching Techniques for a High Score Band in IELTS

This British Council IELTS training day is taking place in **Bern, Hildanusstrasse 3 on 6th October**. It has four workshops, each of which focuses on teaching techniques for one of the four main skills in the academic

version of IELTS to help students achieve high score bands. The workshops will be practical and concentrate specifically on skills acquisition, rather than a description of exam content, and will give participants tools for integrating exam preparation elements in their English lessons.

The trainer **Sam McCarter** has written numerous publications. His interactive app *IELTS Skills* won the *English Speaking Union President's Award 2013 for innovation and good practice in English language teaching and learning* and was shortlisted for the *ELTons Award 2014 for Digital Innovation*.



For more information and to sign up for the event, please get in touch with ielts@britishcouncil.ch.

IATEFL & SIG Events



IATEFL has uploaded a list of Special Interest Group events that are taking place all over Europe this year. Find more information and register online [here](#).



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Our [Group](#) has attracted the interest of thousands of teachers in Switzerland and around the world with almost 1400 members.

If you have any questions, please contact [Hannah McCulloch](#) or [Coco Frei](#).

Follow ETAS on Twitter

ETAS is also present on 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 are not familiar with Twitter or don't know why it's such an amazing resource for teachers, [this blog post](#) has some handy tips.

Last Month's Most Popular Tweets Were:

- [How to access ELT relevant research](#) via @Clare2ELT
- [The ups and downs of listening instruction](#) via @ResearchBites
- [How to Make Conversation Classes More Meaningful for your Students](#) via @eflmagazine
- [Establishing the ground rules](#) via @TeachingEnglish
- [Getting into Materials Writing](#) via @MaWSIG

Teacher Tips

Open-Access Research in English Language Teaching



[ORE: Open-Access Research in English Language Teaching](#) is a global directory of ELT-related journals. It is a volunteer-produced online publication created in Canada and intended for use by researchers, ELT institutions and organisations, and libraries around the world. Continually updated, its purpose is to improve access to journals that uphold the best practices of online academic publishing and provide free online access to all of their content.

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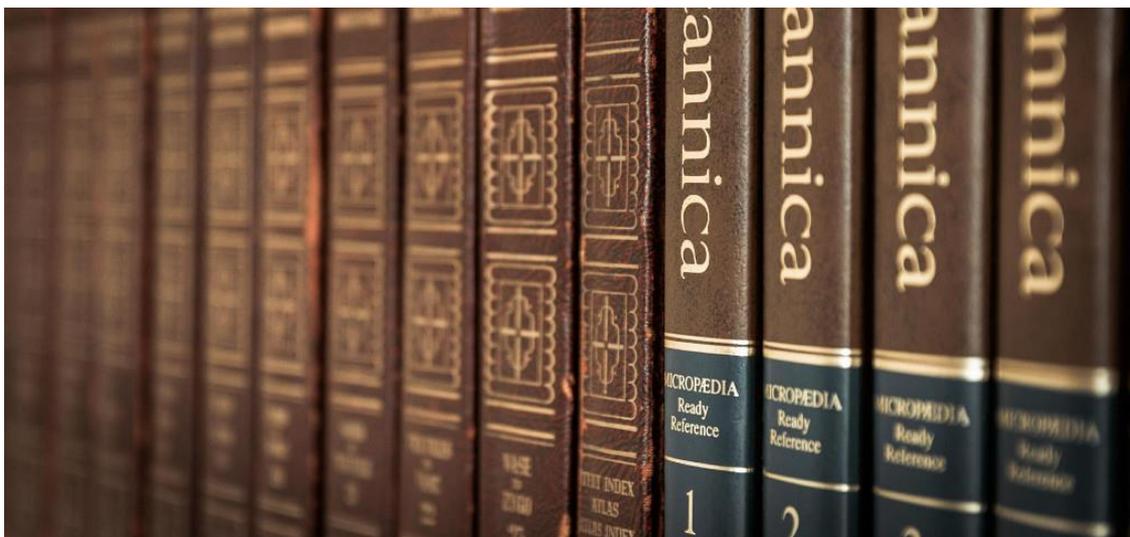


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ETAS Library

The ETAS Library has a wealth of useful and relevant ELT titles available for you to borrow. Don't forget to check out the [online Library catalogue](#). Click on the image to find out more about Library terms of use and payment.

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