

Engaging Exam Exercises



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Everyone needs their B1 or B2, whether it's to finish university, teach bilingually or get a place on an ERASMUS course. How can we make our exam preparation classes more engaging for our learners? What skills can we encourage them to use whilst personalising topics and linguistic points we expect to see at each level? This practical workshop will give you a number of ideas to help your learners enjoy exam preparation.

There's no handout for this session, though the activities we'll be practising are on the blog (or will be soon after!).

Picture descriptions

We'll look at ways of giving learners a structure to follow when working with picture descriptions and also giving classmates a reason to listen.

Working with prepositions and particles

Our learners often struggle with dependent prepositions, as well as phrasal verbs, so we'll see a couple of activities which we can use to review language through competitive exercises.

Listening

Adding a fun element to listening tasks can motivate learners and we'll also look at how we can introduce our learners to distractors.

Board games

We'll play a dice game to practise typical language learners are expected to use in the ISE Foundation exam, then look at how we can use four-in-a-row to practise word formation and verb patterns.

Story writing

Our learners can often be incredibly creative, but sometimes their stories lack structure and cohesion. We'll look at how we can use visualisation and dictation to create an end-product with a clear development.