

Your favourite website:

Two blogs, in fact. The first one, by Tom Walton, a teacher from the IH <http://blogs.ihes.com/tech-elt/> where he shares lots of ideas for using technology in the classroom. Tom has recently retired, though, so I don't know whether he's going to throw in new ideas. Another blog I love is the blog from the Pearson Teacher Training Department <http://eltlearningjourneys.com/>, where we also share teaching ideas and some other interesting facts about the English language. Worth checking it out!

A gadget you can't live without: My smartphone, as most people nowadays, although sometimes I try to get away from it and grab a book instead.

Something you'd never throw away: the first baby tooth I lost. I still keep it at my parents'. I don't know why but I like looking at it from time to time. It brings me childhood memories.

Who or what inspires you? A shiny day, quietness, soft music and some teachers that I've had in my life.

Useful teaching tool: I like using Wordclouds for making predictions on a reading or listening, and working with vocabulary, etc. The website I like best to create Wordclouds is <https://wordsift.org/> because it also gives you the context in which words appear, synonyms, etc.

Your favourite lesson: I remember when I was teaching Spanish in the US. I was teaching the past tense and in order to practice the difference between "pretérito perfecto" and "pretérito imperfecto", one of my workmates and I agreed on the following: she should come into my class and steal my purse while I was pretending to look for something. When she left, my students would hopefully report this to me. Then, in class, we all wrote a police report describing the person and explaining what happened. It was really fun!

Your favourite bit about your talk: The four practical ideas to use in class, especially two of them, where students not only have fun but also learn (language and interpersonal skills).

A lesson you've learnt while teaching: Listen to your students and don't take things for granted.