

**Your favourite website:**

As a writer, the ones I use the most are online dictionary sites, and in particular <http://www.macmillandictionary.com/> and <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/> I also use <http://www.phrasesinenglish.org> quite a lot too, as a quick and easy way of accessing corpora data. Obviously, I also use Google all the time! In terms of ELT-related blogs, I really like <http://leoxicon.blogspot.co.uk/>, <https://thesecretdos.wordpress.com/> and <http://www.eltresearchbites.com/>, among many others. Oh, and I find <https://stronglang.wordpress.com/> ridiculously enjoyable!

**A gadget you can't live without:**

I hate to admit it, but over the years my iPhone has become this thing!

**Something you'd never throw away:**

My integrity.

**Who or what inspires you?**

As a teacher or as a human being? As a teacher, the main answer would be a trite but true one: my students and also the many amazing teachers I've worked with, met and become friends with over the years.

**Useful teaching tool:**

A board pen.  
Failing that, some chalk.  
And coffee.

**Your favourite lesson:**

Given the last question below, I'm assuming this means something that I have taught before that I love to re-use, right? If so, then I can't answer as I don't really think about teaching like that.

**Your favourite bit about your talk:**

I'm doing two talks actually, one more theoretical one about ways of thinking about what it means to be modern in the language classroom, and another far more practical one looking at what we can do to help students get more from speaking practice slots in class.

To be honest, my favourite bits usually occur when I go of on little tangents as a result of some comment that comes up from the audience or a thought that pops into my head while I'm up there talking!

**A lesson you've learnt while teaching:**

There are loads, but maybe the most important is that you're only as good as your next lesson! Like football, teaching is not a space where you can rest on whatever laurels you think you may have managed to accrue over the years.