

## John Hughes

**Your favourite website:** There are too many but I enjoy writing for my own blog when I have time: [www.elteachertrainer.com](http://www.elteachertrainer.com)

**A gadget you can't live without:** My blowtorch for making crème brulee.

**Something you'd never throw away:** Drawings by my children.

**Who or what inspires you?** The teachers who share ideas at conferences.

**Useful teaching tool:** Post-it notes

**Your favourite lesson:** The one where you talk about a topic in English and then after the lesson you can still hear that students are talking about it.

**Your favourite bit about your talk:** The middle bit where the audience have to discover their 'commonalities'

**A lesson you've learnt while teaching:** Beware anyone who tells you at a conference that they have a methodology or approach which works better than anything that's gone before. I find that in reality all lessons require a much more pragmatic attitude which mixes a whole range of methods and approaches - sometimes, you just create your own approach to suit the class you're working with.