

**Your favourite website:** [BBC.com](http://BBC.com) and all its different sections, especially Earth and Future (and Sport but that's a personal obsession).

**A gadget you can't live without:** My smartphone. I was going to say my camera (I love photography) but as smartphones have pretty decent cameras on them nowadays I have to go for the multitasking usefulness of the smartphone.

**Something you'd never throw away:** My photos, although as they are in my house I should say my house keys.

**Who or what inspires you?** Anyone who challenges conventional wisdom.

**Useful teaching tool:** MacBook Air for researching and preparing, iPad when with learners. Both are lightweight and powerful and I can carry them everywhere without breaking my back.

**Your favourite lesson:** One which involves me learning from the people I'm with. That could be anything from interesting facts to how to improve my body language or listen to others better. My work as a teacher should allow me to learn things from my students that I can then feed back into my work so that I improve as both a teacher and as a person.

**Your favourite bit about your talk:** The fact that we have been able to transform the popular [TED.com](http://TED.com) format into a useful tool for talking about our work and airing our concerns and hopes for the future of TEFL.

**A lesson you've learnt while teaching:** If you act as a guide or coordinator rather than a teacher your learners will take on greater responsibility for the success of their learning journey and they will begin to do more to improve their English in the time they have between classes. Eventually this time between classes becomes far more important than the actual classes themselves which instead take on the role of inspiring the learner to scale greater heights and providing the material and motivational support for them to do so.