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Teacher Training at Clubclass - Using Film in the EFL Classroom



Research has shown that audio-visual aids like films are tools that can benefit our students as they enhance the learning process. Films are contextual and so, it is much easier to learn and remember the English. They are also a fun and very enjoyable way of learning and improving English grammar, vocabulary and listening skills. As films provide students with authentic, natural English they help students with stress, intonation and pronunciation. Rohan Eyre, a highly qualified teacher at Clubclass, led an interactive in-house training session that looked at ways that teachers could use films in the EFL classroom to create a concrete link between things being learnt in class and their practical application. He also explored different ways to help students better understand films.

Junior Programmes

The Junior Programmes at Clubclass, which include Teenskool (all inclusive) for teenagers aged 12 - 17 years and the Parent and Child for children aged 7 - 16 years started on the 14th June and will run until the end of August. Students from Bulgaria, France, Hungary, Italy, Russia, Spain and Switzerland are currently enjoying their language learning experience and making new friends with each other in Teenskool classes. Our Parent & Child programme has welcomed families from different countries, including Bulgaria, Italy, Kazakhstan, Poland, Russia and Spain. Both parents and their children are following separate classes in the mornings, whilst enjoying their leisure time together in the afternoon!



Student Mix - June 2010



In June 2010, students from over 30 different countries were attending a course in English at Clubclass. The top 10 nationalities were from - Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Italy, Korea, Poland, Russia, Spain and Turkey. In June we also had our first students from Egypt for 2010.

Student Testimonials

Kamshat Mizanbekova, 22 years

Kazakhstan

"I've learned a lot of new interesting stuff here. Also I think it was good experience for me and gave me a lot in learning (improving) my English".

Gulay Dinler Koucu, 26 years

Turkey

"The course has lots of hardware. Teachers are very experienced. Lessons are very engrossing".

Miriama Balazova, 24 years

Slovakia

"I enjoyed my open discussions and the way how teaching is done - true friendship".

Word of the Month - Trolleyology



noun [U]

the study of how the contents of a person's shopping trolley show something about that person's behaviour or personality

trolleyologist noun [C]

'I saw a really good-looking man in the supermarket recently, but I was turned off when I peered into his basket and realised it was packed with lager and frozen hamburgers. He smacked of being a slob who spent his life in front of the TV watching football. It is called

"trolleyology"- making judgements about people from their shopping.' The Mirror January 1997

The term trolleyology was originally coined by American anthropologists. The idea is that what you put in your supermarket basket or trolley in some way shows something about your personality and behavioural patterns. If your trolley is full of junk and convenience food, then maybe you don't like cooking or don't have a kitchen. If it's full of crème fraiche and fresh herbs, then the chances are you're some kind of amateur gourmet, or you live with someone who is.

Trolleyology has become a real craze in America, and in popular magazines or on the Internet, we can see it being discussed as a means for people to find out whether someone is their ideal partner, or indeed for portraying a particular impression of your personality to potential partners. Of course, one thing that trolleyology can't do is reliably predict whether people will be physically attracted to each other, since there's always the chance that someone else is pushing their trolley for them!

The Farsons Great Beer Festival - 23 July to 1 August



The Farsons Great Beer Festival is once again being held at Ta' Qali Park. This event is one of the largest and most diverse festivals organised throughout the year in Malta. The ten-day open-air festival starts at 8pm every night and offers a selection of different bars, the best in Maltese entertainment, great food and what's more, entrance is free! This festival offers great entertainment for all the family as it also provides a safe, fun and educational area for children, leaving parents free to enjoy the music, food and beer. Superb performances by Malta's leading singers and bands on two different stages, guarantee to keep visitors coming again and again.

Mediterraneo Marine Park

Mediterraneo Marine Park, offering a variety of marine species, has become one of Malta's leading entertaining attractions for tourist and locals alike. In a tranquil setting offset by the Mediterranean sea and gardens, Mediterraneo has created the right environment to reveal "the secrets of the sea". Besides Dolphins, the park today boast a large selection of different species including Sealions, Parrots, Green wing Amazons, Cockatoo, Snakes, Tortoises, Turtles and Lizards as well as a new collection of insects. There is a dolphin show, a sea lion show and a very entertaining parrot show. You also have the opportunity of a lifetime - swimming with dolphins! Mediterraneo also offer an interactive programme which allows you to get up close and personal with the various animals at the park.

