

Welcome to the 54th BBC Active Languages Tutors' Email Club Newsletter!

As many of you may know, Tony Hammond, the man who created the newsletter and ran it very successfully for six years, has now retired. He has entrusted the running of the newsletter to me, so please let me know if you have any comments or ideas as to what you would like to see in future newsletters to help me carry on Tony's excellent work!

Susie Jones

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NEWS FROM BBC ACTIVE

Online *Talk* resources for tutors

The **Talk website is up and running!** The website, which accompanies the best-selling **Talk** series is available here www.bbcactive.com/languages/talk/default.htm. It offers practical ideas and free, downloadable worksheets for tutors who use **Talk** courses in the classroom. These resources are available in all the current **Talk** languages – French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.



It is also not too late to take advantage of the **special offer** on **Talk French** and **Talk Spanish DVDs**, featured in the last newsletter.

The DVDs normally retail at £19.99. However, with this fantastic offer they can be yours for only £13.99 – a saving of £6!

All you need to do is order your bargain DVDs from our online shop at www.pearson-books.com and click on the 'voucher code' link. This will take you to another page where you can enter the special offer code ZP034C. Just click apply and you will then be taken to a special offer page where the DVDs will be available at the 30% discount.



We still have some tickets to the Language Show up for grabs! The Show is set to run from Friday 3rd-Sunday 5th November and will be held at Olympia, London W14.

This Show is a fantastic opportunity for tutors and linguists alike to gain insights into all the latest ideas to make the most of your lessons, whatever the level. With over 80 free presentations, talks, seminars and tasters, many of which are aimed directly at tutors, the 2006 Language Show is bound to be both entertaining and educational.

We are also offering a Show discount of 30 % on all our language products if you come and order online from our stand, number 134. See you there!

All you need to do to claim your free ticket is contact me on susanna.jones@pearson.com with your name and postal address, and your ticket to the latest in language learning will soon be winging its way to you.

NEWS FROM THE BBC

"The limits of my language are the limits of my universe." - Ludwig Wittgenstein

Ma France - French broadband video course

The glossary and syllabus have now been added to our broadband video course. Brush up your rusty French with the entertaining, interactive exercises and enjoy 24 short films shot in Provence, the Alps, and Lyons:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/>

Survival phrases for your mobile

Going abroad on a short break or business trip? Download essential survival phrases to your mobile now. You can access our Quick Fix phrases in French, Spanish, German, Italian and Portuguese on your mobile phone, wherever and whenever you want to.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/mobile/>

Lost for words

Find out if French and English cows can understand each other.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/yoursay/200607/17927.shtml>

And what made German students experience a strange game of golf?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/yoursay/200608/18031.shtml>

Languages on TV - BBC TWO Learning Zone

Languages programmes are on TV throughout the night. Set your videos to long play mode as the complete session of programmes will last approximately 5 hours.

07 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 06 November

0100 – 0330 The French Experience 2

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/experience2/>

07 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 06 November

0330 – 0530 French Journey

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/journey/>

07 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 06 November

0500 – 0600 Eurografterers - France

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/forwork/gettingthere/>

14 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 13 November

0100 – 0200 Deutsch Plus 2

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/dplus/>

14 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 13 November

0200 – 0300 Make German Your Business – Part 1

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/forwork/beingthere/>

14 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 13 November

0300 – 0400 Make German Your Business – Part 2

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/forwork/beingthere/>

14 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 13 November

0400 – 0430 Working with the Germans

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/forwork/beingthere/>

14 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 13 November

0430 – 0500 Eurografterers – Germany

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/forwork/beingthere/>

14 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 13 November

0500 – 0520 Cityscapes: Berlin
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/>

14 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 13 November
0520 – 0600 Talk the Talk: Compilation
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german/>

21 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 20 November
0100 – 0600 Buongiorno Italia!
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/>

28 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 27 November
0100 – 0430 Buongiorno Italia!
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/>

28 Nov: set video on the evening of Mon 27 November
0430 – 0600 Talk Italian
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/italian/talk/>

Look at the full schedule: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/langtravel/>

BBC Learning Zone advanced schedule January-March 2007

Tuesday, 9 th January	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Ma France (1-4)</i>
Tuesday, 16 th January	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Talk Spanish (1-6); Spain Inside Out (1-5)</i>
Tuesday, 23 rd January	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Talk Italian (1-69); Italy Inside Out (1-5)</i>
Tuesday, 30 th January	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Talk German (1-6); Germany Inside Out (1-5)</i>
Tuesday, 6 th February	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Sueños World Spanish (1-16) (subtitled)</i>
Tuesday, 13 th February	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Sueños World Spanish (17-20); Eurografters: Spain; Working with the Spanish; Make Spanish Your Business (1-2)</i>
Tuesday, 20 th February	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Real Chinese (1-10); Talk Portuguese (1-6)</i>
Tuesday, 27 th February	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Talk French (1-6); France Inside Out (1-50)</i>
Tuesday, 6 th March	01.00 – 06.00	<i>The French Experience (1-16) (subtitled)</i>
Tuesday, 13 th March	01.00 – 06.00	<i>The French Experience (17-20); Eurografters: France; Working with the French; Make French Your Business (1- 2)</i>
Tuesday, 20 th March	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Deutsch Plus (1-16)</i>
Tuesday, 27 th March	01.00 – 06.00	<i>Deutsch Plus (17-20) (unsubtitled); Deutsch Plus II; Make German Your Business (1-2)</i>

BBC World Service Learning English for Teachers

The BBC World Service site features many resources for teachers. There are links to different resources such as lesson plans and quizzes that can be downloaded and used in the classroom. We also have a section where teachers can send in their comments about the material on the site and also share tips and lesson plans. Please visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/teachingenglish/> for further information.

IN THE NEWS

YouGov Survey on Business Attitudes to Language

A new YouGov survey on business attitudes to language learning has found that 80% of employees have never been offered the opportunity to learn a second language at work, despite EU expansion and tougher competition from European businesses.

Other findings include:

- Scottish businesses are the worst offenders - only 8% of Scottish employees had been offered language learning by their employers, with this figure rising to 15% in London.
- Just 7% (2% in Scotland) of respondents believed language skills are the most important factor to consider if their company relocated overseas
- French and German were considered the most relevant languages to learn for business

Read more at http://sourcewire.com/releases/rel_display.php?relid=27259&hilite

HEFCE announces £4.5 m to build 'Routes into Languages'

The Higher Education Funding Council of England (HEFCE) have launched a 4-year programme to enthuse students to carry on studying languages at university.

Led by the UK subject centre for languages, linguistics and area studies (LLAS), hosted by the University of Southampton and in partnership with the University Council of Modern Languages (UCML) and CILT, the National Centre for Languages, the 'Routes into Languages' programme will involve:

- setting up regional networks to allow HE institutions to work together, with schools and colleges, to enthuse people about studying languages
- investigating the role the Olympics can play in driving the promotion of languages, culture and internationalism
- examining the role universities/colleges have in preparing communities for Olympics and promoting interest in schools
- setting up national consortia to promote translation and interpreting as careers; research projects commissioned to help universities develop programmes in community languages and enterprise
- funded activities such as undergraduate ambassadors, e-mentor schemes, language graduates talking about their experiences to students in schools and colleges, summer schools for non-Western European languages and taster days.

Read more at

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/5379198.stm>

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/higher/news/story/0,,1880676,00.html>

http://www.tes.co.uk/search/story/?story_id=2287358

Independent observer extols importance of language learning

In an article entitled 'Speaking Languages Will Open Up Your Future', Dan Poole of *School Leavers* magazine has praised the virtues of learning a foreign language. The list he gives includes gaining a better understanding of a foreign culture, securing better job prospects and upping your brainpower. Read Dan's article at:

<http://education.independent.co.uk/magazines/article1772268.ece>

MFL 'likely' to be next subject submitted for cyber-assessment at GCSE

After the launch of the 'e-assessed' science GCSE earlier this month, OCR's head of e-assessment, Patrick Craven, has said that MFL were the next likely subjects to be fully e-assessed because all the components - reading, writing, speaking and listening - could potentially be done with the use of the "common media" of a computer.

Read about this here <http://education.guardian.co.uk/gcses/story/0,,1891858,00.html>

Arabic and Mandarin to be added to curriculum

Schools are increasingly putting Mandarin Chinese and Arabic on the curriculum as students become ever more interested in understanding the political situation of the world around them and improving their job prospects, the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust has announced.

Read the full story here <http://education.independent.co.uk/news/article1816829.ece>

For more on how Asset Languages and the Languages Ladder are influencing how Arabic is taught in the classroom, go to <http://education.independent.co.uk/schools/article1897743.ece>

To read about how Mandarin is working its way onto the Scottish curriculum, go to <http://www.theherald.co.uk/news/72540.html>

Government launch language consultation

Education Secretary Alan Johnson has commissioned Lord Dearing to lead a review of the Government's strategy on teaching modern foreign languages in England's schools. This follows the Minister's comments last month that the decline in numbers of students taking foreign languages was alarming and quite possibly exacerbated by Government policy.

Lord Dearing is due to submit preliminary findings before Christmas and his final report by the end of February.

Read more at:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/6043990.stm>

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/gcse/story/0,,1920917,00.html>

<http://education.independent.co.uk/news/article1868077.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2006/10/13/nedu13.xml>

http://www.cilt.org.uk/news/latest/2006/10_06_lorddearing.htm

http://www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2006_0144

But Estelle Morris still believes that axing compulsory languages at GCSE was the right decision <http://education.guardian.co.uk/schools/columnist/story/0,,1929391,00.html>

Securing job is key to course choice

Students are choosing to take degrees in subjects that are more likely to secure them good jobs after graduation, with the number of students taking languages up by 2 %.

For more information see: <http://education.independent.co.uk/news/article1902178.ece>

RESOURCES

New Languages Work Spanish website launched

A new language-specific area has been developed for the dedicated careers website, Languages Work. The new suite of resources makes the case to teachers, advisers, parents and learners (particularly teenagers) that Spanish skills can make you more employable.

The new Languages Work Spanish materials include a factsheet, posters and webpages to provide advice, facts and real examples of people using languages in their work to place language learning in context.

Languages Work Spanish has been developed in collaboration with the Spanish Embassy Consejería de Educación and was launched on Spain's national day, Día de la Hispanidad (12th October).

Materials are available to order free of charge via the Languages Work website www.languageswork.org.uk.

Experience Japanese through a Mini-Drama!

Grasp the flow of a natural Japanese conversation by watching a mini-drama based at a Japanese High school. The Japan Foundation, together with NHK, has produced an educational series of 25 episodes targeted at young people who are learning Japanese. The title of the series is "Erin ga chousen! Nihongo dekimasu" (Erin's Challenge! I Can Speak Japanese!).

The program includes skits by rising actors and fun and easy explanations by anime characters, and it is designed to help viewers not only to learn the language but also to cultivate an attitude of cultural understanding.

For more information visit

<http://www.mailtalk.ac.uk/cgi-bin/filearea.cgi?LMGT1=JLE-UK>

Videoconferencing in the classroom

MFL teacher Joe Dale's 11th blog contribution 'Videoconferencing in the classroom' is now live on the TES website at <http://www.tes.co.uk/blogs/blog.aspx?path=/ICT/&post=2291017>. He invites you to post a comment if you have been involved in videoconferencing yourself.

New guidance from Languages ICT

Are you looking for new ideas for using ICT effectively in language teaching? Or are you just getting started and aren't sure how ICT can make a positive contribution to your classroom? Visit the Languages ICT website [<http://www.languages-ict.org.uk>], which offers differentiated routes to ideas and guidance for teachers with varying levels of experience and confidence. Previous visitors to the site should look out for new content, including:

ICT news update

The autumn 2006 [http://www.languages-ict.org.uk/news/ict_news_update.htm] issue from ALL features articles on podcasting, classroom research, new resources from the BBC and Channel 4 and a list of UK events on ICT for language teachers, including BETT 2007.

Languages ICT Action Research

Colleagues in more than 20 schools have been working with a CILT-appointed mentor to develop action research projects [http://www.languages-ict.org.uk/partners/partners_project.htm] on the use of ICT in the languages classroom, such as class voting systems, digital audio and the interactive whiteboard. Read about their experiences and how ICT is being integrated into their practice.

Partners in progress

If you are keen to share your own ICT practice with others, visit Partners in progress [http://www.languages-ict.org.uk/partners/partners_in_progress.htm] to find suggestions for getting involved and information on funding opportunities, together with links to key research papers and guidance on action research principles.

Technology for languages

As well as ideas for using particular technologies in the languages classroom, you can access information on a growing range of ICT, such as talking word-processors, MP3 files, digital video, web page creation and DVDs in Technology for languages [http://www.languages-ict.org.uk/technology/technology_for_languages.htm].

Links to report on 'Integrating ICT into the MFL Classroom' conference

http://joedale.typepad.com/integrating_ict_into_the_/2006/10/conference_day.html

http://joedale.typepad.com/integrating_ict_into_the_/2006/10/conference_podc.html

SURVEYS AND COMPETITIONS

Opportunity to win for linguists in the North of England!

The Regional Language Networks (RLNs) are conducting an online survey to identify the availability of foreign language skills for business in the North East, North West, and Yorkshire & Humber. This is the first survey of its kind and it will provide valuable data for businesses looking to relocate in the three regions.

All eligible questionnaires (from residents of the North East, North West, Yorkshire & Humber aged 16+) will be entered into a prize draw, where they can win £250 Thomson holiday voucher, Jet2 flights to Krakow, iPod nanos and more!

The survey closes on the 1st December 2006. To complete the survey, visit:

www.languagesurvey.co.uk.

For more information on the RLNs, including the LMI Service, visit the RLN websites:

www.rln-northeast.com/lmi www.rln-northwest.com/lmi www.rln-yh.com/lmi

CILT summons stakeholders to have their say

CILT, the national centre for Languages, has launched a nationwide consultation inviting anyone interested in shaping the future work of the Centre to share their views.

The consultation asks for views on priorities for the future as well as an assessment of how well the Centre has achieved its aims to date.

The consultation is available on-line at www.cilt.org.uk/cpconsultation until 31 December.

Rossica Translation Prize: award for excellence in Russian to English literary translation

Academia Rossica is inviting submissions for the Rossica Translation Prize, the only award for literary translation from Russian into English in the world. It is awarded for the best new translation of a high-quality Russian literary work into English. The literary work must be written in Russian by any author, present or past, and published in 2005 and 2006. The prize is open to works published in any country and awarded biennially: £3,000 to the translator and £1,000 to the publisher.

The closing date for submission is 31 December 2006. 4 copies of the English translation and 3 copies of the Russian original must be submitted to Academia Rossica. More information at <http://www.academia-rossica.org/>, or contact ACADEMIA ROSSICA, rossica-prize@academia-rossica.org

151 Kensington High Street London W8 6SU; tel +44 20 7937 5001

Results of 'migrant word' search to be published in November

The Deutscher Sprachrat (German Language Council)'s international search for 'migrant words' drew to a close at the end of September. The Council were inviting submissions of words and expressions that have migrated, i.e. those that have a German origin but have been adopted by, and frequently also adapted by, other languages. The most interesting words and their histories will be published in a book in November 2006 by the Max Hueber Verlag.

"Word Migrations" is part of the international project of the Goethe-Institut "The Power of Language".

For more information, see [Deutscher Sprachrat - "migrant words"](#) 

EVENTS

Chinese Day 30th October, 1000-1500 hrs

Teachers and managers interested in discussing teaching and managing Chinese in a variety of contexts should attend the Chinese day on Monday 30th October at the Ashcombe School, to which all are welcome.

To see details and download an invitation, click on the link below

http://www.all-london.org.uk/chinese_day_2006.htm

To book a place, get in touch with: Mrs Alison Owen, Language College Secretary, The Ashcombe School, Ashcombe Road, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1LY
email: ao@ashcombe.surrey.sch.uk
phone 01306 886312

European Day of Languages 2006 report

This year's European Day of Languages saw CILT distribute 60,000 postergames, 100,000 sheets of stickers, 25,000 button badges and over 800 T-shirts. **Some are still available to download free** at <http://www.cilt.org.uk/edl/downloads.htm>. CILT marked the day with the prize-giving ceremony for the European Award for Languages, which you can view at Holyrood TV - <http://www.holyrood.tv>. Details of how to apply for an Award in 2007 will be available from the CILT site later in the year (www.cilt.org.uk/edl)

Over 140 of the 500 events registered across Europe were from the UK.

CILT's competition to win a class set of Oxford dictionaries runs until the end of the month, so there's still time to enter if you haven't already done so, see

http://www.cilt.org.uk/edl/competitions_oup.htm for your chance to win.

If you have any feedback on CILT's materials or ideas for next year, then let them know at

<http://www.cilt.org.uk/edl/feedback.htm>.

13th Italian Film Festival, 17th-26th November 2006

The 2006 Italian Film Festival will involve a season of films screened at Riverside Studios Cinema, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, London W6 9RL, and presents the best of contemporary Italian cinema complete with special guests. Call the box office on 020 8237 1111 and ask about concessions for members of the Italian Cultural Institute.

http://www.icilondon.esteri.it/IIC_Londra/webform/SchedaEvento.aspx?id=83&citta=Londra
<http://www.riversidestudios.co.uk/cgi-bin/season.pl?f=2006%20Italian%20Film%20Festival>

The Japan Foundation encourages schools to StepOut into Japanese

Are you interested in arranging a Japanese Language taster at your school? Sign up to the Japan Foundation's StepOutNet Programme and they will assist in arranging a school visit. The Stepping Out Programme (to be re-launched as StepOutNet) has been one of the core programmes undertaken by the Japan Foundation London Language Centre (JFLLC) to date, and involves a structured programme of school visits to help introduce or support the teaching of Japanese in UK schools.

StepOutNet is open to private tutors, teachers, volunteers and other enthusiasts interested in arranging and running Japanese taster lessons at primary and secondary schools in their area.

For more information, go to <http://www.jpff.org.uk/language/courses/teachers.html>.

Alternatively email sophie.lane@jpff.org.uk for more information.

Become a StepOutNet volunteer! A training day will be held on **Thurs 23rd November**. It is absolutely free and designed to give participants the opportunity to meet other members of the network, familiarise themselves with the Japanese teaching scene at UK schools, find out about resources and learn to deliver Japanese taster lessons. A draft programme for the day is available here: <http://www.jpff.org.uk/language/courses/download/draftprogramme.pdf>.

Why we need multilingual London 2012 Olympic Games – join the debate!

In 2012 London will 'welcome the world' when we host the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Games will rely on the best possible communication in the capital and with people and organisations across the globe: they give a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a lasting legacy for languages in London and across the UK.

Jane Collis, Regional Language Network London Manager, will give an overview of the opportunities and challenges associated with hosting this most prestigious event and make the case for multilingual Games in 2012 at an event hosted by the Society of the Chartered Institute of Linguists. The event will be held on **Monday 13 November 2006 at 7.15pm** at the Reserved Bar Lounge (ground floor, near the shop and lifts), Union Jack Club, Sandell Street, SE1.

To book, send an e-mail to RSharma105@aol.com or ring/fax Rannheid Sharma 01277 651365 no later than 24 hrs before the event. If you are not already a member of the London Society, please pay £3 at the door.

NICILT seminar: 'La France des 12 derniers mois' - Full-day seminar for Teachers of AS/A2 French

30/11/06 1000-1530, Cathcart Room, School of Education, Queen's University, 69/71 University St, Belfast. Subsidised fee: £25. Apply by 17th November

Use of New Technologies in Foreign Language Teaching (UNTELE 2005) conference at L'Université de Technologie de Compiègne

On **29-31 March 2007**, the seventh Compiègne conference on the Use of New Technologies in Foreign Language Teaching will be taking place. Its principal themes will be cross-cultural communication, global networking and second language acquisition.

Proposals for papers on the following topics are invited:

Tool design uses

- software development,
- language centres,
- on-line chat,
- videoconferencing,
- multi-user systems for collaborative learning (MUVE, MOO, MUD),
- virtual reality games and simulation for collaborative learning,
- distance education,
- e-mail,
- discussion forums / blogs

Theoretical perspectives on which role for which tool?

- the implications for second language acquisition,
- task-based language learning,
- collaborative language learning,
- theoretical frameworks for designing virtual environments,
- ICT in teacher education.

All other proposals on the use of information technology and systems in second language teaching and learning will also be considered. **Deadline for papers is November 22nd 2006.**

Contact: Abdi Kazeroni, TSH, Université de Technologie de Compiègne, BP 60319, 60203 Compiègne, cedex, France. Tél : 03 44 23 52 08 (from abroad + 33 3 44 23 52 08), Fax: 03 44 23 52 12 (from abroad + 33 3 44 23 52 12), e-mail: untele@utc.fr
For further information, please visit <http://www.utc.fr/~untele/left.html>

Languages 14 – 19: Feel the future! Inspiring teachers to motivate students

The CILT 14-19 national conference – 'Feel the Future!' – is an important event for all those involved in language provision including teachers in secondary schools of all specialisms, heads of department and others with responsibility for languages. We are especially keen to see a large contingent from both FE and sixth-form colleges.

This event will take place on **Thursday 16 November 2006, at the Manchester Conference Centre**. The day will begin with registration at 9 am and the programme will close at 4.30pm. For further information & a booking form please contact conferences@cilt.org.uk or by telephone 020 7379 5101 Ext 287

FEATURED LANGUAGE: POLISH

This month the featured language is **POLISH** to coincide with Poland's Independence Day celebrations on November 11th.

Polish Independence Day marks the restoration of Poland's independence in 1918. After 123 years of partitions Poland reappeared on the map of Europe as a sovereign democratic state. For more information, see <http://poland.pl/news/article.htm?id=135804>.

<http://www.poland.pl/> and <http://www.polska.pl/> have special features on Polish wildlife (including an interactive stork-colouring site!) and an archive of historical Polish documents <http://www.polishculture.org.uk/> The Polish Cultural Institute – featuring news of coming cultural events in London and Poland

<http://www.london.polemb.net/index.php?document=18> The site of the Polish Embassy in London, available in both English and Polish. Featuring basic information and a link to 'info about Poland' <http://www.poland.gov.pl/index.php?document=2>, which includes a feature on famous Poles, information on the country's history and links to Radio Poland and Polish news in English and Polish.

<http://golem.umcs.lublin.pl/users/ppikuta/lessons/links.htm> - has a host of links to Polish radio broadcasts and Polish-English dictionary links

<http://www.culture.pl/en/culture/indeksy> - specialises in Polish culture, with special features on literature, music, architecture, visual arts and information on Polish cultural journals

<http://www.tes.co.uk/resources/Resource.aspx?resourceId=422> – this new feature on the TES website is a cache of resources posted by teachers for teachers. This particular resource features English/Polish flashcards prepared by a teacher with two Polish children in her class who spoke very little English.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/quickfix/polish.shtml> Essential phrases in Polish

<http://www.polandtour.org/> Polish tourism website with information on the different areas of Poland and links to sites of cultural interest

http://www.ampolinstitute.org.ic.pl/engine/page_render.asp The American Institute of Polish Culture – some useful links and information

<http://home.nycap.rr.com/polishlit/> A guide to Polish literature published online and in translation

<http://www.wp.pl/> Virtual Poland – website in Polish

<http://www.president.pl/x.node?id=479> website of the President of Poland – also available in Polish

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/poland.htm> The British Council's Polish website, with features on Polish culture and society, events in Poland and UK, and information on learning Polish

Do you have a language you would like this feature to cover? If so, let me know on susanna.jones@pearson.com! All suggestions gratefully received.

What do YOU think?

We want to make this newsletter as useful as possible, so your opinions matter! What would you like to see in the newsletter? If you have any comments or feedback (good or bad!) then please let me know at susanna.jones@pearson.com. It is **your** newsletter – have your say!

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