

Welcome to the 62nd BBC Active Tutors' Club Newsletter!

And hello to those of you who joined the Club at the CILT AE Show in Beaumanor Hall the other week! It was a great chance to chat to you all and to show off *Talk 2*, which will be hitting the shops this month. Get your copies of *Talk 2* at £3 off at W H Smith's and top up your *Talk* resources with great offers from Waterstones on *Talk* packs and, from our online shop, on *Talk* DVDs!

We've also got the advanced LZ schedule that runs until the end of the year, and lots more exciting news, events and resources. Remember, if you have an event or a resource you think other tutors will be interested in, just drop me an email at susanna.jones@pearson.com.

Susie

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NEWS FROM BBC ACTIVE

New Tutors' Catalogue from BBC Active

Any day now, copies of our brand new Tutors' Catalogue will be landing on your desk. If you haven't received one and would like your personal copy, with full details of all our language teaching and learning courses and how to order evaluation copies of our major courses, please contact me on susanna.jones@pearson.com.

TALK 2 HAS LANDED!

Finally, the moment you've all been waiting for...*Talk 2* is hitting the shops this month! Perfect for students who have some experience of French, Italian or Spanish - whether from an introductory course such as *Talk*, a first-level class or time spent in the relevant country - and who want to build on what they've learnt. *Talk 2* enables learners to make the progression from using basic phrases to starting to manipulate language, describing and understanding and giving simple opinions and preferences.

Click on the packshots below to find out more and to see **sample pages**:



Talk 2 is going for a song at Smith's!

From July-September, W H Smith is offering £3 off on all *Talk* level 1 packs and all new *Talk 2* packs! Find your nearest W H Smith store at http://www.whsmith.co.uk/whs/go.asp?menu=WHSmithnet&pagedef=/ourstores/home/index.htm&promotion=nav_ourstores

Like *Talk 2*? Get the whole first level of *Talk* at bargain prices!

Our bestselling *Talk* series is going cheap at Waterstones until 2nd August! All the published CD packs will be available to buy at **£5 off**. *Talk* is the ideal course for absolute beginners, offering a clear, simple and successful way of learning, and each pack contains a 128-page course book and 2 60-minute CDs.

The discount includes all the CD packs in the *Talk* range: French, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Go to <http://www.waterstones.com/waterstonesweb/displayFindBranch.do> to find your nearest store.

This offer is complemented by a fabulous discount on *Talk* DVDS!

Available for a limited period only at an amazing **50 % off**, get the whole BBC TV series for the first level of *Talk French* and *Talk Spanish* on DVD. Each DVD comes complete with exciting new interactive activities, and is yours for just **£10** if you simply go to <http://www.pearsoned.co.uk/bookshop/voucher.asp> and enter voucher code **VR002L** to start shopping!



Make French Fun all the way through Key Stage 2

This month also sees the launch of **Primary French is Fun 2: Let's Continue**, the latest product in the Whiteboard Active range for your interactive whiteboard. Following up the success of Primary French is Fun 1: Let's Begin, Primary French is Fun 2: Let's Continue covers birthdays, where I live, directions, sports and hobbies and much more!

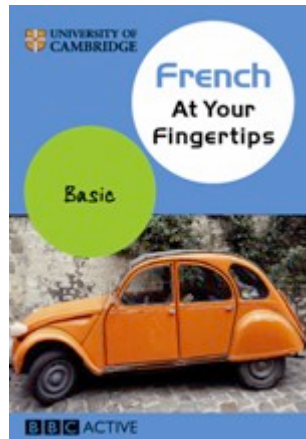
Read more about Primary French is Fun 1: Let's Begin at <http://www.whiteboardactive.com/primary-french-is-fun-1.html>

Read more about Primary French is Fun 2: Let's Continue at <http://www.whiteboardactive.com/primary-french-is-fun-2.html>

Cambridge and BBC Active give you French and Spanish programmes At Your Fingertips!

French and Spanish At Your Fingertips are the latest in multimedia supported learning from Cambridge University Language Centre and BBC Active. Totally flexible and non-linear, you can use the packages as supportive or self-study resources, or as the core part of your lesson plan, no matter how long or short the course that you're teaching.

To read more about French At Your Fingertips and Spanish At Your Fingertips, and to see a comprehensive guide to what each programme contains at Basic and Intermediate levels, visit our website or click on the packshots below! You can also email me for more information on susanna.jones@pearson.com.



NEWS FROM THE BBC

"For every language that becomes extinct, an image of man disappears." - Octavio Paz, Mexican writer

Tour de France

Peloton ? L'étape de plaine ? Get set for one of the biggest sporting events in the world, the Tour de France, with our cycling vocab, quiz and games. Get your French into gear now:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/mafrance/html/tour_de_france/

Ma France on You Tube

Brush up your rusty French with this popular, interactive broadband video course. Try the exercises while enjoying 24 entertaining short films shot in Provence, the Alps and Lyons .

Learn to talk about your holidays while watching snowshoeing in the Alps, available now on You Tube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCmsvS1T2-k>

And don't miss your last chance to download Ma France podcasts - available until 22nd July:

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

Talk Spanish

¿Qué van a tomar? If you're off to the Costas or looking forward to a Spanish city break this summer, try a lively, fast-track introduction to everyday Spanish set in the ancient city of Valencia. Practise what you've learnt with a series of short quizzes and activities. Talk Spanish now! <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish/talk/>

Quick Fix Croatian

Dobar dan. Drago mi je! Off to Croatia? Get a Quick Fix before you go with our handy 'packable' phrases with audio. Print them off or download them to your MP3 player and take them with you: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/quickfix/croatian.shtml>

ADVANCED Learning Zone Schedule

Tuesday 3 rd July	02.00 - 06.00	<i>Ma France 1-4</i>
SUMMER HOLIDAY		
Tuesday 11 th September	02.00 - 06.00	<i>Sueños World Spanish 1-16</i>
Tuesday 18 th September	02.00 - 06.00	<i>Sueños World Spanish 17-20; Working with the Spanish; Make Spanish Your Business 1-2; Eurograffers: Spain</i>
Tuesday 25 th September	02.00 - 06.00	<i>Talk Portuguese 1-6; Brazil Inside Out 1-5</i>
Tuesday 2 nd October	0200 - 0600	<i>Deutsch Plus 1-16</i>
Tuesday 9 th October	0200 - 0600	<i>Deutsch Plus 17-20; Deutsch Plus II; Make German Your Business 1-2</i>
Tuesday 16 th October	0200 - 0600	<i>Italianissimo 1-16</i>
Tuesday 23 rd October	0200 - 0600	<i>Italianissimo 17-20; Eurograffers: Italy; Italy Inside Out 1-5</i>
Tuesday 30 th October	0200 - 0600	<i>The French Experience 1-16</i>
Tuesday 6 th November	0200 - 0600	<i>The French Experience 17-20; The French Experience 2 1-10; Eurograffers: France</i>
Tuesday 13 th November	0200 - 0600	<i>Japanese Language and People 1-8</i>
Tuesday 20 th November	0200 - 0600	<i>Real Chinese 1-10; China Close up 1-6</i>
Tuesday 27 th November	0200 - 0600	<i>Hindi Urdu Bol Chaal 1-10</i>
Tuesday 4 th December	0200 - 0600	<i>Talk French 1-6; France Inside Out 1-5</i>
Tuesday 11 th December	0200 - 0600	<i>Talk German 1-6; Germany Inside Out 1-5</i>

Please remember to set your recorder the night before. Please note that the above schedule is provisional only and may be subject to change. For up-to-date details of all programmes to be shown on BBC Learning Zone, check the online schedule at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/>.

NATIONAL NEWS

Report points at 'dumbing down' of curriculum

A recent report by Civitas has concluded that the school curriculum is being 'corrupted' by politics. The effects of this are far-reaching and include the 'educational apartheid' in the teaching of languages

Read more here <http://www.civitas.org.uk/press/prcsCorruption.php>

And <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/06/12/nteach112.xml>

Bilingual babies give insight into language learning

Four month olds give a fascinating insight into

language <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/main.jhtml?xml=/earth/2007/05/25/scibaby25.xml>

Why adults are staying away from colleges

Research into why nearly a million fewer are now enrolling has come up with some surprising findings <http://education.guardian.co.uk/egweekly/story/0,,2100261,00.html>

Following European example on multilingualism

What might Scotland learn from other European countries about supporting the growing range of community languages in use among our schoolchildren?

http://www.tes.co.uk/search/story/?story_id=2394702

Advice for primary languages

A recent Guardian article reviewing resources for interactive whiteboards, including Primary French is Fun from BBC Active!

<http://education.guardian.co.uk/elearning/story/0,,2105786,00.html>

Primary Languages website praised

http://www.tes.co.uk/search/story/?story_id=2394676

Schoolgirl wins fight for French

A teenager who took her campaign to study GCSE French to the Prime Minister has won her battle.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/education/6225796.stm>

One Francophile's cross-cultural classroom project

How an English teacher in France struggled to improve her language skills as well as those of her pupils.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/global/main.jhtml?xml=/global/2007/06/20/edufurry.xml>

Catalans are 'persecuting' the language of Cervantes

Gregorio Salvador, the deputy director of the Royal Spanish Academy, has claimed that the language of Cervantes is being "persecuted" by nationalists in Catalonia.

<http://news.independent.co.uk/europe/article2594158.ece>

SSAs urged to adopt language of the future

All the country's 250 specialist language schools have been told by a government adviser that they should put Mandarin on the curriculum as 'the language of tomorrow'.

<http://education.independent.co.uk/news/article2578493.ece>

Sudan goes Chinese-crazy

Products, companies and restaurants from China have flooded into Sudan in recent years and now the Chinese language has become the latest import.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/africa/6745323.stm>

Police get Polish pointers

Police in Durham are being given flashcards to help them communicate with the increasing Polish population.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/wear/6743491.stm>

Génial! Language learning linked to DNA

Differences between languages could be influenced by the gene groups that speak them, according to a study that marks the first case of a causal link between DNA variations and the features of language.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/main.jhtml?xml=/earth/2007/05/29/scilang29.xml>

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/science/article1851794.ece>

Downing Street resorts to cyber-spin

The latest version of the Downing Street website has been launched...in Arabic.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/main.jhtml?xml=/news/2007/06/10/narab110.xml>

Thomas Cook feel Welsh wrath

Thomas Cook have attracted the ire of the Welsh Language Society after they insisted that all business conversations should be conducted in English.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/wales/6757597.stm>

EVENTS

Junior CULP: the national perspective - free seminar

The recently published Dearing Report emphasised the need for a diverse and flexible language provision. One of the specific Projects that the Report makes reference to is *Junior CULP*. The aim of this seminar is to disseminate awareness of *Junior CULP* to a wider HE audience highlighting the advantages of this scheme so it can serve as a model for a nationwide network for the provision of language study additional to that normally available in schools.

The seminar is to be held on Tuesday 10 July 2007 at Homerton College, University of Cambridge, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2PH.

See <http://www.cilt.org.uk/cpd/20070710jculp.htm> for more information and to register.

Arabic and Urdu training

Moseley School are offering free training for teachers of Arabic and Urdu on **2nd July**. For more details, contact Ute Offermann ofu@MOSELEY.BHAM.SCH.UK.

Community languages: Developing practice for the 21st Century

On Thursday 5 July, 2007 at the NSPCC National Training Centre, Leicester, the second national conference on community languages education will take place. It is aimed at managers and classroom teachers in the primary and secondary sectors, in mainstream and supplementary schools, as well as local authority representatives and adult education colleagues. For further details or to apply for a place at this conference, download and complete the application form available at www.cilt.org.uk/cpd/le0707cl.html. If you have any queries or require more details, email your name, postal address and contact phone number to conferences@cilt.org.uk or tel: 020 7379 5101 x287.

ALL South Yorkshire - Primary and AE events

Thursday, 5th July 2007, 14.00 - 16.30 - LANGUAGES in the PRIMARY SCHOOL and the Implications for Key Stage 3
and

Saturday, 7 July 2007, 10.00 - 12.00 - STRATEGIES ON SCREEN: Supporting and Stimulating Adult Language Learners

All events take place at King Edward VII School and Language College in Sheffield. Contact evalamb@hotmail.com if you are interested in either of these events.

Be INSPIRED! for free by European Projects

On Thursday 5 July, 16.00 - 18.30, the Comenius Centre (Yorkshire and the Humber) Trinity and All Saints, Leeds, is offering a free after-school event giving participants the opportunity to try out results of European projects relevant to them, get hands-on experience of online resources from EU projects, hear from colleagues who have run successful European projects in the past and find out how their school could become involved in European projects in the future. For further information or to register for the event, please contact conferences@cilt.org.uk or ring 020 7379 5101 ext 287

Edinburgh Fringe Festival

The Scotland-Russian Forum has highlighted the fact that the Edinburgh Fringe is putting on a number of different Russian/Ukrainian/Georgian acts this year. Find out more or see what's on for your chosen language at <http://www.edfringe.com/>.

Russian Summer Camp

Russian- speaking summer camp for Russian ex-compatriots in France, Courchevel, 31 July-13 August 2007. For more information, contact Olga Bramley, Eurolog UK 02084586077, olga@RUSSIANSCHOOL.FSNET.CO.UK

Japanese GCSE resources event

The JFLLC is pleased to announce that we are organising a session entitled '*Getting to Grips with the new Chikara Resources: Seminar and Workshop for Teachers of Japanese*'. The session will take place at the JFLLC on 28th June 2007. More information will be available on our website very soon at <http://www.jpof.org.uk/language/>.

2007 Japan Foundation Group Study Tour for Secondary Teachers and Administrators

The Japan Foundation is inviting applications from full-time secondary school teachers in the humanities, and from those working in the administration of secondary education with previous teaching experience, to its annual two week fully-funded Study Tour to Japan. The Tour offers a valuable introduction to Japan's education system, society and culture, aiming to deepen participants' understanding of the country and to enhance their teaching resources. The Study Tour includes visits to schools and places of educational and cultural interest and also a one-night homestay with a Japanese family.

Period of Visit: **5 to 19 December 2007**

Deadline for Applications: **8 August 2007**

For full details about the tour and the application process, please [click here](#) or contact Esther Williams for an application form: esther.williams@jpf.org.uk

Japan Ex

You may be interested in taking your students, or simply telling them about the Japan Exhibition at ExCel London on 21st-22nd July. JapanEx aims to give the UK public an insight in to Japan and its people, and there will be specific zones dedicated to a variety of aspects of Japanese life. These are travel, martial arts, technology, fashion, food and drink, manga and anime, modern pop culture, music, games, traditions and culture. For more information about the event see <http://www.mcmexpo.net/japanexlondon/> or investigate the PDF brochure about the event on the jle-UK homepage, www.mailtalk.ac.uk/jle-uk.

Did you miss ISWI?

If you missed ISWI (Germany's largest international biennial international student conference), you can catch up on the conference speeches at <http://streaming.fem.tu-ilmenu.de/portal/category.query?id=40&order=desc>

French film conference

Southampton University are hosting a French film conference in September. See more details at <http://www.film.soton.ac.uk/francebritain/index.html>

PLAN IN ADVANCE! Book these dates in your diary NOW!

2nd-4th November 2007 - The Language Show, Olympia <http://www.thelanguageshow.co.uk/>

11th-12th April 2008 - Language World, Oxford Examination Schools

RESOURCES

Joe Dale and advice for ICT in MFL

For those interested in finding out more about ways of using wikis, blogs and podcasts in MFL, have a listen to the interview Joe did with Chris Fuller at the UK National eTwinning conference in Nottingham.

http://joedale.typepad.com/integrating_ict_into_the_/2007/06/interview_with_.html

Joe has also been blogging about different free web services which could be useful for extending speaking skills in the classroom. Click on the following links to find out more:

http://joedale.typepad.com/integrating_ict_into_the_/2007...

http://joedale.typepad.com/integrating_ict_into_the_/2007...
http://joedale.typepad.com/integrating_ict_into_the_/2007...

If you are interested in listening to the grammar podcasts from Joe Dale's Year 7 group have been creating over the last few weeks, click here:

http://joedale.typepad.com/integrating_ict_into_the_/2007/06/nodehill_french.html

Guide to the French Government

Helen Myers has spent much time putting together an invaluable guide to the new French Government http://www.all-london.org.uk/faq_french.htm#Gouvernement alternatively, there is a less glamorous version available here http://www.premier-ministre.gouv.fr/IMG/pdf/composition_gouvernement.pdf

A German guide to Google Earth

As featured in a recent blog <http://www.littlecompany.de/blog/googleearth-erweitern/>

Presse Und Sprache

Another tutor recommended this German monthly digest of news and press:

<http://www.schuenemann-verlag.de/sprachzeitungen/>

Japanese GCSE resources

The next set of the *Chikara* GCSE Resources are now available online! The resources in *Town and Social Life* are designed to be used when teaching the 'Social Activities, Fitness and Health' area of the syllabus.

The resources have been created by JFLLC Japanese Language Advisors, and they include sample texts and exercises, ICT exercises, and sound files. Visit

<http://www.jpflc.org.uk/language/exercises/list.php> now to start downloading. See also the related event in the 'Events' section of this newsletter!

Russian around London for useful resources

The SCRSS library is a unique collection of over 35,000 books, journals and pamphlets in English and Russian covering Russia and the former Soviet Union. It houses an important research-level reference library and photographic archive that provide a complete visual and documentary record of one of the most important periods of the 20th century - the Russian Revolution of 1917 and the Soviet Union. Its extensive loan library is available to members. The large reference library is available to students and researchers.

For details of membership, research fees, events and all other enquiries, please contact: Society for Co-operation in Russian and Soviet Studies (SCRSS), 320 Brixton Road, London SW8 6AB, or +44 (0) 20 7274 2282, or ruslibrary@scrss.org.uk. See www.scrss.org.uk.

CILT tries to get everyone *Speaking the Same Language*

Speaking the same language: A CILT guide to partnership practice in adult learning, by Henriette Harnisch and Pauline Swanton, was launched by CILT at their Adult Education Show on 8th June. It is a guide to making operational and strategic partnerships and collaborations work for the benefit of all the organisations involved. The authors examine case studies from a variety of language organisations, which illustrate how working together has helped institutions to find effective solutions to their common problems.

Speaking the same language is available to order for £12 from Central Books. For further details see <http://www.cilt.org.uk/publications/speakingsamelanguage.htm>

ALL resources from Helen Myers

Read Helen's report on the recent ALL London event here http://www.all-london.org.uk/june_2007.htm, or check out her provisional diary of ALL London's events for next year here: <http://www.all-london.org.uk/diary.htm>

Dutch listening online

The Dutch Language School's guide to the best online audio clips:

<http://portal.omroep.nl/>

<http://www.uitzendinggemist.nl/>

<http://www.rtl.nl/service/gemist/home/>
<http://www.av5.be/>
<http://www.nos.nl/nosjournaal>
<http://www.youtube.com/uitzendinggemist>
<http://www.nos.nl/jeugdjournaal/voorpagina/index.html>
<http://www.nosheadlines.nl/forum.php/video>
http://www.vtm.be/nieuws/index_bekijkonline.htm

SURVEYS AND COMPETITIONS

HE language lessons from USA

A tutor from the University of Exeter has recently flagged this report by the MLA (the American Modern Language Association) re: how Foreign-Language Departments in American universities work in the light of the national 'languages deficit' that's come to light since 9/11. Read more at <http://www.mla.org/mlaissuesmajor>.

ALL Members' Survey 2007 - the issues according to you!

The results are in from the annual survey of ALL Members. Big issues identified by members included Primary languages, curriculum content, motivation, the debate over making languages compulsory in KS4 and severe grading. Read more at <http://www.all-languages.org.uk/all%20members%20survey%202007.doc>

Multilingualism boosts European competitiveness

CILT, along with its research partner, InterAct International, have now completed their research into the Effects on the European Economy of Shortages of Foreign Language Skills in Enterprise. <http://www.cilt.org.uk/research/projects/employment/elan.htm>

Routes in to Languages - HE Institutions

Further funding has now been made available by the DfES in response to the recommendations of the Dearing review of languages. The Programme has a particular focus on the continuation of language studies post-14. It also aims to support the national role of HE languages as a motor of economic and civic regeneration.

Proposals are invited from English HEIs to lead a regional consortium in each of the following regions: East of England, East Midlands, Greater London, South West, Yorkshire and the Humber. The Routes into Languages Programme is an England-wide HEFCE and DfES initiative, to increase and widen participation in language study in higher education funded by HEFCE as part of its programme of work to support strategically important and vulnerable subjects.

Full text of the Call for Bids, the Frequently Asked Questions, and sample successful bid papers are available on the website www.routesintolanguages.ac.uk.

What would be your Seven Wonders of the World?

A survey to produce a list of the new Seven Wonders of the World is currently underway. You can vote for anything on the shortlist at

<http://www.new7wonders.com/index.php?id=409&L=0>. Read why the Instituto Cervantes thinks you should vote for the Alhambra here

http://www.cervantes.es/new7wonders/alhambra_spain.html. I'm sure your students will be able to come up with their own contenders and reasons!

HEBREW WEBSITES

The first three websites have been recommended by a member who teaches Hebrew. Do you have any useful websites you would like to share with other members, or a language or topic you would like to see covered? If so, let me know on susanna.jones@pearson.com! All suggestions gratefully received.

- Site for the words of many modern Israeli songs <http://www.shiron.net/homepage.aspx>

- Short stories from modern Hebrew literature, read in Hebrew by actors and musical accompaniment, a few accompanied by transcripts
<http://msradio.huji.ac.il/wwwroot/ulpanpatuach.htm>
- How to write the Hebrew alphabet, both printed and cursive, with sound and animation
<http://www.levsoftware.com/alefbet.htm>

- More advice regarding the Hebrew alphabet can be found here
<http://www.jewfaq.org/alephbet.htm> and the history of the alphabet here
<http://www.omniglot.com/writing/hebrew.htm>
- Information on Hebrew culture, including the origin of some key words such as 'Torah'
http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/12_home.html
- University of Texas language lab with some useful links and resources for students of Hebrew
<http://www.laits.utexas.edu/hebrew/>
- Download information on Hebrew fonts, key Hebrew phrases, learning to read and write Hebrew and much more
<http://babel.uoregon.edu/yamada/guides/hebrew.html>
- The National Centre for Hebrew Language in America provides a 'Word of the Day' feature, as well as poetry discussions and much more
<http://www.ivrit.org/>
- Jewish Funland has a lot of games about Jewish culture and history, but also some about the Hebrew language as well
<http://www.business.ualberta.ca/yreshef/funland/funland.html>
- Tongue twisters in Hebrew
<http://www.uebersetzung.at/twister/iw.htm>
- Interesting information about Jewish names and their meanings
http://judaism.about.com/library/3_lifecycles/names/bl_names.htm
- Academic links from Columbia University Libraries
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvm/hebrew.html>
- Basic information about the Hebrew language and alphabet
<http://www.crystalinks.com/hebrew.html>

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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