

# PDNETwork for English Teachers: Online Workshops by Topic Area



**PDNETwork** is the platform which hosts the NET Section's online workshops for English language teachers:

<https://nets-pd.edb.edcity.hk/>

## Topic areas

There are many workshops and each year, more will be added. The workshops cover a range of topic areas that reflect significant educational trends and EDB emphases.

## Filtering by topic

When browsing workshops, or seeking something specific, you can use the **"filter"** on the browsing page of the platform to narrow your search by **"Topic area"**. Use "Clear filters" besides the "Go" button to return to the full workshop list.

**FILTER**

Topic Area

Difficulty

Clear Filters

Go

## Workshop details

To see more details about a particular workshop, open the online workshop, then click on the **"Unit Overview"** and **"Content"** tabs.

## Topic area descriptions

Topic area	Description
Assessment literacy	Understanding the theory and practice of assessment
Catering for learner diversity	Addressing the diverse needs of different student groups
Curriculum planning	The design of school-based lessons and programmes
e-Learning	Open flexible learning mode involving use of electronic media
Grammar	The teaching of grammar at text level
Information literacy	The ability and attitude that enable students to use information effectively and ethically
Language arts	The creative use of English language (e.g. drama, poetry)
Literacy foundations	The introductory workshops required of teachers new to the NET Scheme
Pedagogy	The art and science of teaching practice, including teaching strategies
Phonics	The teaching of letters and sounds for language
PLPs	Primary Literacy Programmes of the NET Section
RaC	Reading across the Curriculum (across knowledge disciplines)
Reading	The teaching of decoding and comprehension strategies
Self-directed learning	The skills where learners take the initiative and responsibility for learning, with or without assistance
Speaking and listening	The teaching of oral and aural skills
STEAM	The learning experiences and opportunities that apply science, technology, engineering, arts and/or mathematics concepts and skills in an integrated way
Thinking	Models, theories and approaches that enhance students' ability to problem-solve, create and critique in language contexts
Values education	The teaching of proper values and attitudes
Vocabulary	The study of words
Writing	The teaching approach of process writing

## Overview of workshop by topic area

Workshops	Topic Areas																			
	Assessment literacy	Catering for learner diversity	Curriculum planning	e-Learning	Grammar	Information literacy	Language arts	Literacy foundations	Pedagogy	Phonics	PLPs	RaC	Reading	Self-directed learning	Speaking and listening	STEAM	Thinking	Vocabulary	Values education	Writing
Analysing running records	★	★											★					★		
Assessment as learning (AaL) for writing	★	★	★											★						★
Catering for students with SEN: Part 1	★	★							★											
Catering for students with SEN: Part 2	★	★							★											
CCA programme design		★	★	★			★													
Classroom management		★						★	★		★									
*Creating a website for English learning ( <i>Google Sites</i> )				★										★						
Creating an English-rich environment		★						★	★		★									
Creative writing in KS2 ( <i>coming</i> )	★				★		★		★									★		★
Critical literacy: An introduction ( <i>coming soon</i> )					★	★							★				★	★	★	
Drama in the classroom							★		★				★		★					
Effective feedback	★	★												★						
ELL remedial support	★	★		★				★		★			★							★
Filmmaking in the English classroom		★		★			★							★	★					★
Flipped classroom				★					★					★						
Guided reading – Let's go!		★						★			★	★	★							

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Integrating ELE & STEAM		★				★			★							★				
*Interactive formative e-assessment tool ( <i>Mentimeter</i> )	★			★										★						
*Interactive online learning ( <i>Peardeck</i> )	★	★		★																
Introduction to KIP											★									
Introduction to PLP-R/W										★	★									
Language arts Inc							★								★				★	★
Learning English through puppetry ( <i>coming</i> )							★								★					
Learning progression framework	★		★																	
Learning through play									★					★						
Listening and speaking	★														★					
*Making digital games for SDL ( <i>Bitsboard</i> )				★										★						
*Making real-time interactive lessons ( <i>Nearpod</i> )				★										★						
Matching students to book levels	★	★						★			★		★							
*Navigating the world of digital books ( <i>Epic</i> )				★									★	★						
Phonological awareness	★	★								★	★				★					
Project-based learning						★			★			★		★			★			
Quality questions for differentiation		★							★								★			

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Reciprocal teaching of reading									★				★	★							
Strategies for teaching phonics								★		★	★										
Summative assessment	★																				
Teaching coding and computational thinking				★							★					★	★				
Teaching reading overview								★			★		★								
Teaching strategies for reading			★					★	★		★		★								
Teaching writing online				★							★										★
Teaching writing overview								★			★										★
Vocabulary building			★					★					★								★

### Some workshops have been re-titled

\* A number of workshops explore the use of **e-tools and apps** to guide curriculum development, teaching and learning.

Seven have been retitled as shown here.

Former workshop title	New workshop title
<i>Google Sites</i>	Creating a website for English learning
<i>Making use of Nearpod</i>	Making real-time interactive lessons
<i>Mentimeter</i>	Interactive formative e-assessment tool
<i>Peardeck: Active learning</i>	Interactive online learning
<i>Seesaw for English learning and teaching</i>	Using a digital portfolio for students
<i>Self-directed learning using Bitsboard</i>	Making digital games for SDL
<i>Using Epic School</i>	Navigating the world of digital books

## Find PDNET

PDNETwork online workshops platform

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PDNETwork information

<https://nets.edb.edcity.hk/page.php?p=565>



## Getting help

**Feedback** — use the Google evaluation form in each workshop,

**Workshop content and online processes** — your school's Advisory Teacher (mentor) by email or using the “**Comments**” box in the “**Enrol**” tab in a PDNETwork workshop.

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**Advisory teacher** (PDNETwork mentor) for your school