

Imagination, Originality, and ELT

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Aims





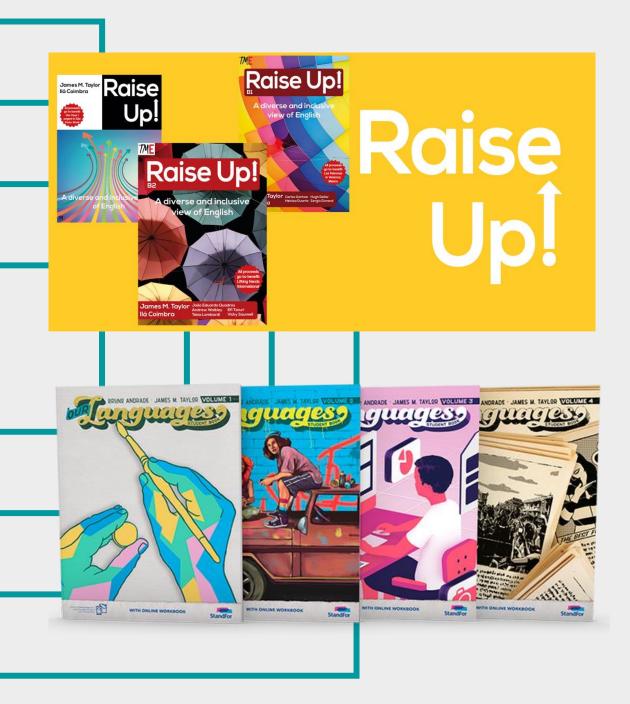


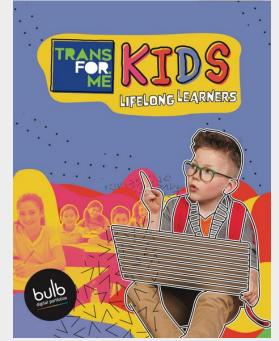
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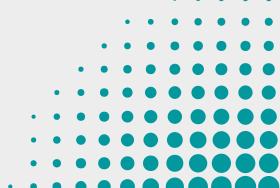
Understanding creativity

Look to the future



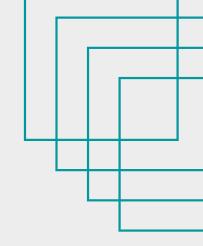








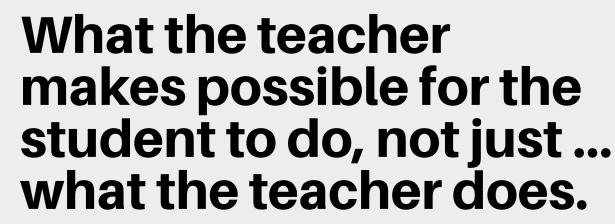
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Benefits of creativity

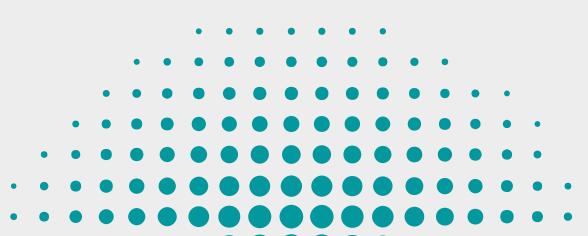
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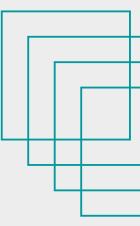
Motivation

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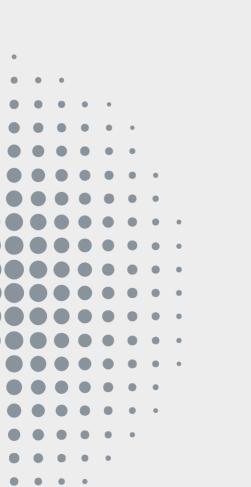
• Transcends language

- Facilitates interaction
- Readiness





Teacher identity



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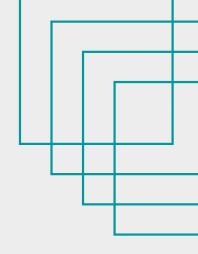
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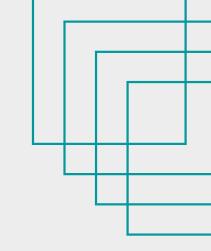
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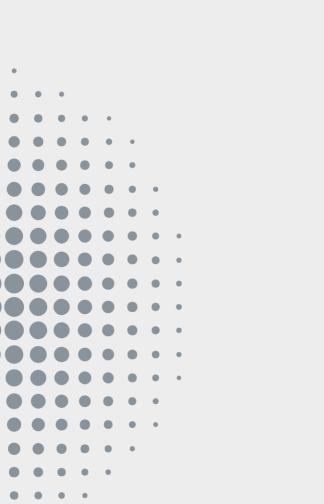
Each time a language teacher enters a class, a silent experiment in hope and creativity is taking place: hope that the lesson will make a difference to at least one of its learners in some way.



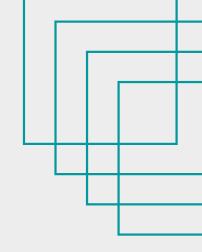




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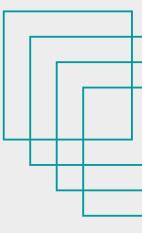


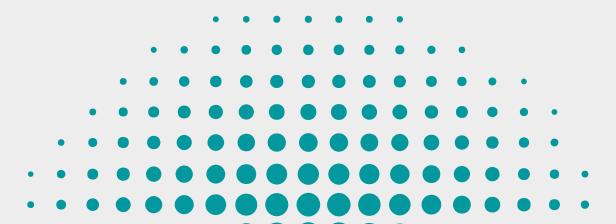
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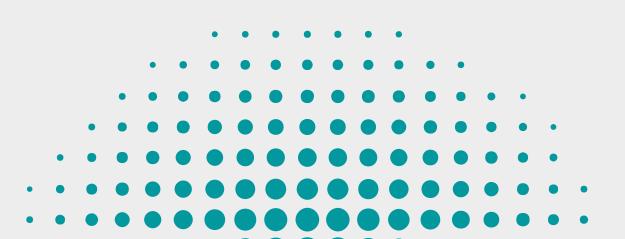
There is an inherent tension in language teaching between conformity and creativity.

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nas saudações e despedidas: dar beijos no rosto (1, 2 ou 3 beijos, dependendo da região) tomar todas: beber muito, especialmente bebidas alcoólicas ser arroz de festa: estar em todas as festas

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Kat and Lea are visiting The Museum of Bad Art (MOBA) in Massachusetts, USA. Read their conversation.

Listen to an interview with the executive director of MOBA. What's the main purpose of the museum?

- Celebrate art that fails, according to traditional standards.
- **b** Make fun of bad art, according to the standards of art critics.

According to Louise, what can make a piece of art fail? Circle all that apply.

- **a** A bad idea.
- **b** Bad execution.
- c Poor choice of colors.
- **d** The person doesn't know what they're doing.
- e The person has no skills.
- f Ugly composition.

What's the museum's criteria for choosing their art? Circle all that apply.

a It communicates something.

- **b** It's original.
- c It's sincere.
- **d** The artist is famous.

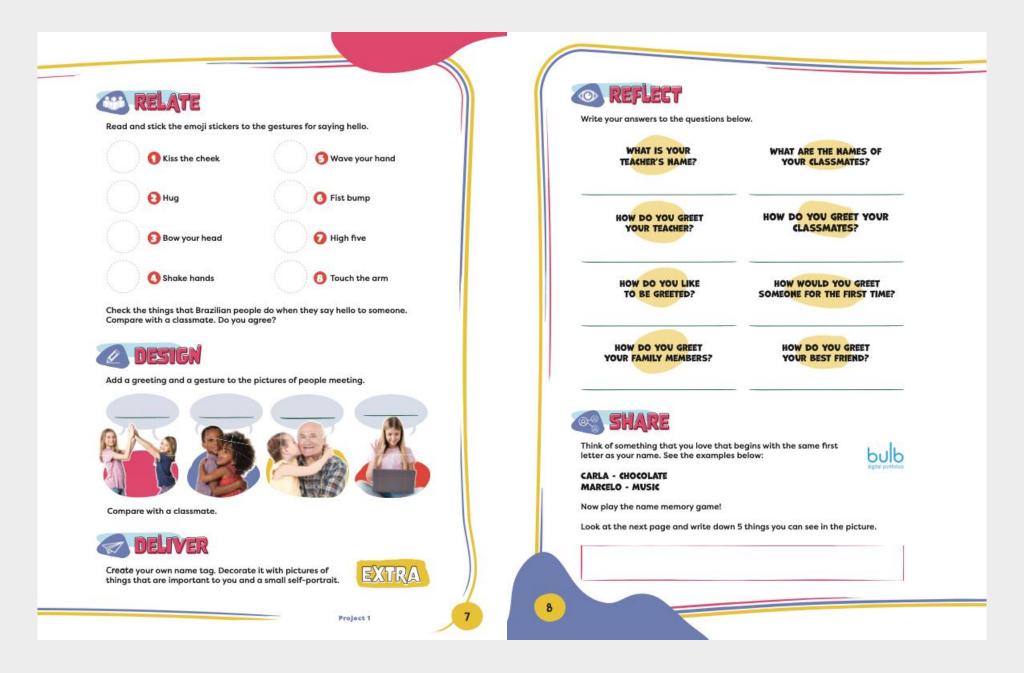
Study the painting and ask questions using wh-words and the verbs from the list in the present progressive.

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a _____ the cat _____ ? In front of a river.

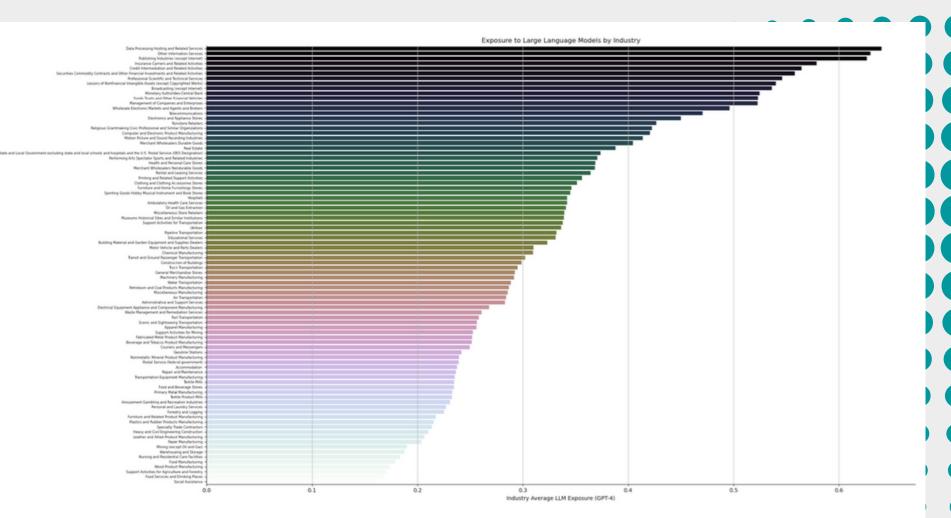
b _____ the cat _____ The people looking at the painting.

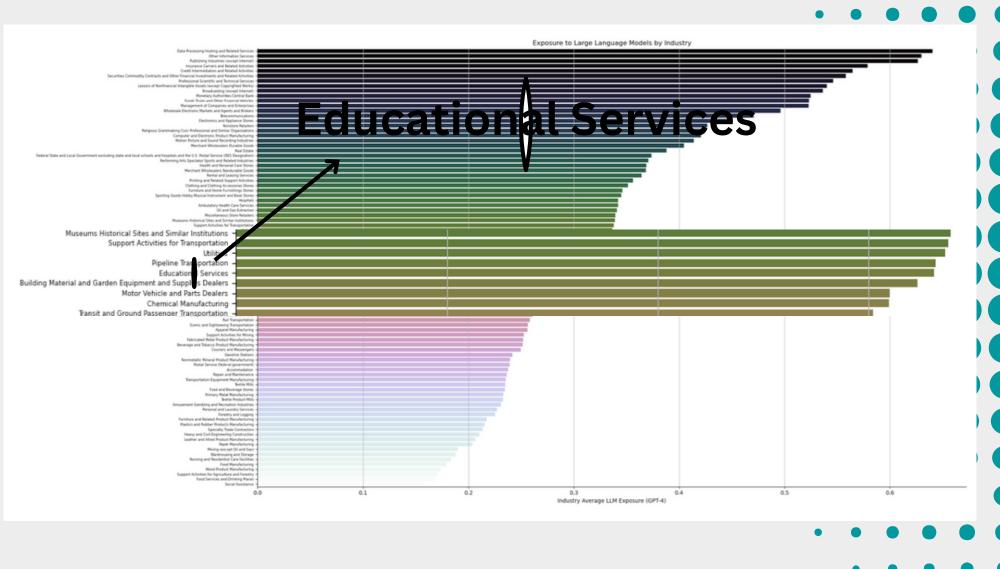
- c _____ the dog _____ over the mountains?
- Because it's a ghost.



Artificial Intelligence





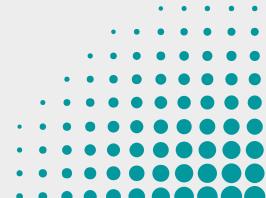




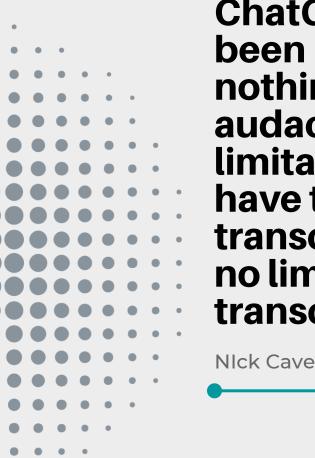
IELTS Feedback

Based on the IELTS Task 1 marking criteria, I will provide an evaluation of your original response in terms of the four assessment categories:

Task achievement: Your response effectively summarizes the main features of the graph and makes relevant comparisons. You meet the minimum word requirement (150 words) and focus on the key trends and changes. Your response is on-topic and provides a clear overview of the data. You would likely score well in this category.



'Inner being'



ChatGPT has no inner being, it has been nowhere, it has endured nothing, it has not had the audacity to reach beyond its limitations, and hence it doesn't have the capacity for a shared transcendent experience, as it has no limitations from which to transcend.

How to future proof yourself





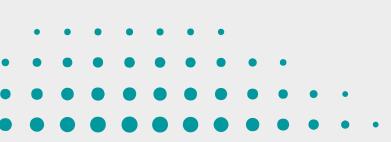
How to future proof yourself

Connection
Collaboration
Diversity
Openness
Discipline
Knowledge
Practice
Expectation
Challenge
Imitation





1. Connection







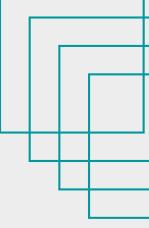
What is the greatest reward a writer can have? Isn't it that day when someone rushes up to you, his face bursting with honesty, his eyes afire with admiration and cries, "That new story of yours was fine, really wonderful!"

Ray Bradbury

2. Collaboration



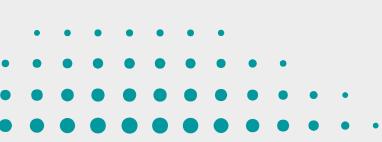




It's a collaboration with the art that's come before you and the art that will come after. It's also a collaboration with the world you're living in. With the experiences you've had. With the tools you use. With the audience. And with who you are today.

Rick Rubin

3. Diversity





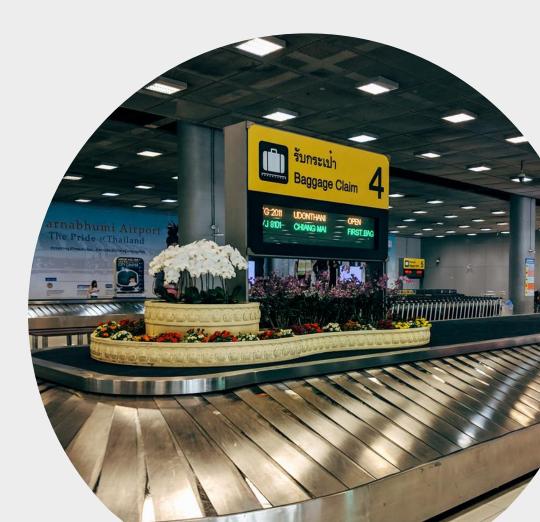


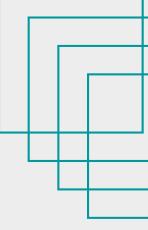
Diversity' should just be called 'reality.' Your books, your TV shows, your movies, your articles, your curricula, need to reflect reality.

Tananarive Due

4. Openness







Read. Read as much as possible. Read the big stuff, the challenging stuff, the confronting stuff, and read the fun stuff too. Visit galleries and look at paintings, watch movies, listen to music, go to concertsbe a little vampire running around the place sucking up all the art and ideas you can.

Nick Cave

5. Discipline



I think it's dangerous to concern oneself too damned much with "being an artist." It's more important to get the work done. You don't have to concern yourself with it, just get it done.

Maya Angelou

6. Knowledge







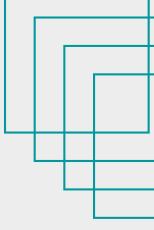
Whether I went to school or not, I would always study.



7. Practice







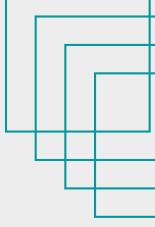
But why shouldn't my work be hard? Almost everybody's work is hard. One is distracted by this notion that there is such a thing as inspiration, that it comes fast and easy.

Leonard Cohen

8. Expectation









Striving for excellence motivates you; striving for perfection is demoralizing.

Harriet B. Braiker



9. Challenge



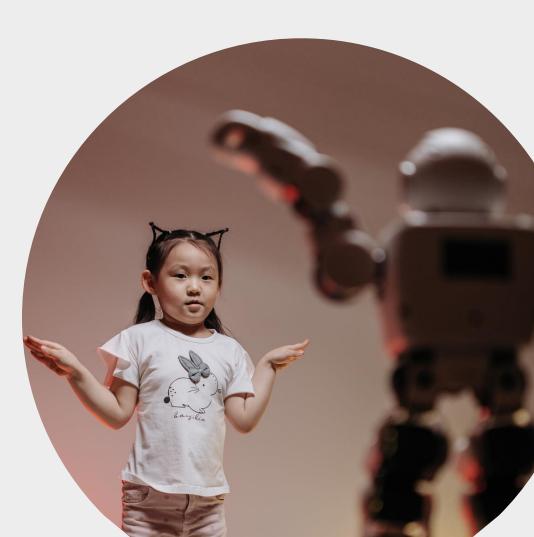


If you feel safe in the area you're working in, you're not working in the right area. Always go a little further into the water than you feel you're capable of being in. And when you don't feel that your feet are quite touching the bottom, you're just about in the right place to do something exciting.

David Bowie

10. Imitation







Steal from anywhere that resonates with inspiration or fuels your imagination.

Jim Jarmusch

Creativity is an endangered species in the current model of education, which is increasingly subject to institutional, curricular and assessment constraints.

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