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TEACHING ENGLISH IN KAZAKHSTAN



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WORKSHOP: Encouraging Learning Through Writing



Over 75 participants heard Dr. David Landis speak about how to use writing to foster learning at the MA TESOL workshop on Oct. 5. Dr. Landis said that writing is a great tool to discover what we are thinking. Since writing gives us a record of our thinking, teachers should let students capture those

thoughts to review and use them in later drafts. Some exploratory techniques include dual-entry diary, writing dialogs between people with opposing views, writing a letter about what the student is thinking, and free-writing. When writing is fun, the ideas flow. For a more details of Dr. Landis's lecture, go to <http://www.kimep.kz/academics/lc/news>.

Next Professional Development Workshop

Please join us **Thursday, Nov. 11, 17:30-19:00** for our next free workshop on how to use the Internet to conduct research by using KIMEP's electronic databases. Kristina Gray will lead a hands-on demonstration in KIMEP's computer lab in Valykanov 335. E-mail nancybur@kimep.kz to reserve a place today. Seating is limited to 36 participants. **Please register by Monday, November 9.**



Free Resources for Teachers

If you have not already found this rich source of free information, go to

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/>.

Maintained by Purdue University, this site offers over 200 sources about writing and teaching writing, doing research (including style guides for APA formatting), grammar, and mechanics. You will find a special link to material especially for English as a Second Language <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/678/01/> and exercises throughout the many sections. The site is easy to navigate and has simple, clear explanations. Something for students and teachers alike.



ENGLISH TEACHING FORUM



English Teaching Forum is a quarterly journal for English teachers published by the US State Department. Each issue focuses on a different US city and provides lots of ideas for lessons. For instance, Vol. 46, No. 2 (2008) has a helpful article titled "Building Vocabulary and Improving Writing while Developing a Tourist Brochure" by Siti Katijah Johari. Your students could create a brochure of their own for tourists to their town or city. All back issues are online—and they're free! <http://exchanges.state.gov/englishteaching/forum-journal.html>

Askar's Teaching Tip:

"I have students research a topic and present that information in class. That way they teach everyone about their topic, and we all learn together. This method shows them that teachers can learn too and that teaching and learning are dynamic processes that can help you explore yourself and your ideas."

Student Profile: Askar Adilkhanov



Askar Adilkhanov was born in Poima, a village near Uralsk. He fell in love with English in high school in part because he had "very good teachers." He attended West Kazakhstan University named after M. Utemisov and spent a year at Troy University in the US on scholarship, where he studied politics and international relations. KIMEP lured him to Almaty, where he earned a master's degree in journalism and has now joined the MA in TESOL program. His studies have helped him think about all the possibilities that stem from earning a teaching degree. He is surprised to find the field so challenging. "This program doesn't teach teaching," he said. "It teaches learning."

Professional Development TESOL Courses

KIMEP offers master's level courses for English teachers at all levels. Courses can be taught on KIMEP's campus or yours. (Discounts apply for groups of 15 or more.)

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TESOL 5403—Curriculum and Materials Design in TESOL

TESOL 5404—Intro to Second Language Learning Evaluation and Assessment

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