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Fluent in 3 Months - Benny Lewis 2014-03-11
Benny Lewis, who speaks over ten languages—all self-taught—runs the largest language-learning blog in the world, *Fluent In 3 Months*. Lewis is a full-time "language hacker," someone who devotes all of his time to finding better, faster, and more efficient ways to learn languages. *Fluent in 3 Months: How Anyone at Any Age Can Learn to Speak Any*

Language from Anywhere in the World is a new blueprint for fast language learning. Lewis argues that you don't need a great memory or "the language gene" to learn a language quickly, and debunks a number of long-held beliefs, such as adults not being as good of language learners as children.

Becoming and Being an Applied Linguist - Rod Ellis 2016-10-03

Becoming and Being an Applied Linguist contains narrative accounts of the lives of thirteen well-established applied linguists. Their professional autobiographies document the development of some of the key areas of applied linguistics – second, language acquisition, motivation, grammar, vocabulary, testing, second language writing, second language classroom research, practitioner research, English as a lingua franca, teacher cognition, and computer-assisted language learning. The book tells how these applied linguists grew into their areas of specialization. It will be of interest to any would-be applied linguist. The book also provides a readable overview of the whole field that will be of value to students of applied linguistics.

Language Testing

Reconsidered - Janna D. Fox
2007-06-01

Language Testing Reconsidered provides a critical update on major issues that have engaged the field of

language testing since its inception. Anyone who is working in, studying or teaching language testing should have a copy of this book. The information, discussions, and reflections offered within the volume address major developments within the field over the past decades, enlivened by current "takes" on these issues. The real value of this collection, however, lies in its consideration of the past as a means of defining the future agenda of language testing.

Oxford Young Learners Placement Test - Oxford
2013-02-14

Place your young learners at the right level quickly and reliably. By offering the right mix of challenge and fun, your students enjoy a positive testing experience.

Placement Test for Occupational German Language Courses - Ina Pfortner
2017-12-31

This placement test - German language proficiency assessment - is specially designed for the language-

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based placement of scholars in occupational training courses of the German language, including Business German. It is based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Language (CEFR). Using this test, it is possible to reliably assess the proficiency in the German language in the CEFR levels A1 to C1. As all indications for handling the test are written in English, staff of an institution using this test do not require German language skills themselves. The test is designed to perform the grading of all members of even very large groups of students, simplifying the correct placement of participants to the appropriate classes. Furthermore, the test allows the easy review of the level of proficiency also during a language class. Reading and writing skills play a particularly important role on the labor market. Therefore, this test is focused on the optimum assessment of these skills by checking the vocabulary and the reading skills. The test is

based on a scalable format, which means that the level of difficulty is stepped up with each single exercise. Immediately after the test, the user, for example a member of staff of a language training center, can calculate the result using the scoring sheet integrated into the brochure. Target group are language schools and other educational institutions of all sizes, which aim to perform an optimized placement of language course participants.

ECEL2013- Proceedings for the 12th European Conference on eLearning - Dr Mélanie Ciussi
2013-01-09

ECEL 2016 - Proceedings of the 15th European Conference on e-Learning -

Proceedings of the 15th European Conference on e-Learning (ECEL 2016)

Defining and Assessing Lexical Proficiency - Agnieszka Leńko-Szymańska 2019-11-05

This comprehensive account of performance-based assessment of L2 lexical proficiency analyzes and compares two of

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the primary methods of evaluation used in the field and unpacks the ways in which they tap into different dimensions of one model of lexical competence and proficiency. This book builds on the latest research on performance-based assessment, which has most recently pointed to the application of more quantitative measures to L2 data, to systematically explore the qualitative method of using human raters in assessment exercises and the quantitative method of using automatic computation of statistical measures of lexis and phraseology. Supported by an up-to-date review of the existing literature, both approaches' unique features are highlighted but also compared to one another to provide a holistic overview of performance-based assessment as it stands today at both the theoretical and empirical level. These findings are exemplified in a concluding chapter, which summarizes results from an empirical study looking at a range of lexical and

phraseological features and human raters' scores of over 150 essays written by both L2 learners of English and native speakers. Taken together, the volume challenges existing tendencies within the field which attempt to use one method to validate one another by demonstrating their capacity to indicate very different elements of lexical proficiency, thereby offering a means by which to better conceptualize performance-based assessment of L2 vocabulary in the future. This book will be of interest to students and researchers working in second language acquisition and applied linguistics research, particularly those interested in issues around assessment, vocabulary acquisition, and language proficiency.

Free Voluntary Reading -
Stephen D. Krashen 2011
An eye-opening look at the latest research findings about the success of free voluntary reading in developing high levels of literacy. * Presents and organizes information in

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reprints of articles written by Stephen Krashen and published in journals worldwide * Addresses 83 generalizations about research that point to the success of FVR in developing literacy

Advanced Research in Technologies, Information, Innovation and Sustainability - Teresa

Guarda 2021-11-17

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the First International Conference on Advanced Research in Technologies, Information, Innovation and Sustainability, ARTIIS 2021, held in La Libertad, Ecuador, in November 2021. The 53 full papers and 2 short contributions were carefully reviewed and selected from 155 submissions. The volume covers a variety of topics, such as computer systems organization, software engineering, information storage and retrieval, computing methodologies, artificial intelligence, and others. The papers are logically organized in the following

thematic blocks: Computing Solutions; Data Intelligence; Ethics, Security, and Privacy; Sustainability.

CEFR-informed Learning, Teaching and Assessment - Noriko Nagai 2020-07-21

This book is a practical guide to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR) (Council of Europe 2001) and the CEFR Companion Volume (CEFR/ CV; COE 2018), which have increasingly been used to inform the language policies and teaching practices of countries within and outside of Europe. It helps practitioners to (i) grasp essential and core concepts of the Common European Framework of Reference, (ii) identify parts of the CEFR and the CEFR/CV as well as other CEFR-related resources and documents that are relevant for readers' different purposes, and (iii) utilise and adapt these resources for their own needs. Written by practitioners for practitioners, this hands-on guide covers the philosophy of

the CEFR, curricula, assessment, learner autonomy, the task-based approach, and teacher development. Logically explaining all aspects of the framework and its application, this manual helps readers deal with many of the difficulties encountered when using CEFR and the CEFR CV. The book will appeal to a wide audience, including teacher educators; curriculum and materials developers; examination boards unfamiliar with the CEFR; university language departments and language centres responsible for developing their own curricula, teaching/learning approaches and assessment instruments; and policy-makers wanting to learn more about the implications of adopting the CEFR. It is a guidebook, a reference book and a workbook all in your hand.

Exploring Language

Frameworks - Evelina D.

Galaczi 2013-01-10

This volume explores the impact of language frameworks on learning, teaching and assessment, viewed from the

perspective of policies, procedures and challenges. It brings together a selection of edited papers, based on presentations given at the 4th International Conference of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE) held in Kraków, Poland, in July 2011. The selected papers focus on the conference's core themes as follows: the effect of frameworks on teaching, learning and assessment; the value of frameworks for teachers, learners and language policymakers; the contribution of frameworks towards describing particular languages.

Current Issues in Language Evaluation, Assessment and Testing - Christine Coombe

2016-03-08

Current Issues in Language Evaluation, Assessment and Testing: Research and Practice is a collection of research papers, most of which were presented at the 17th World Congress of the International Association of Applied Linguistics (AILA), which was held in 2014 in Brisbane,

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Australia. The volume comprises 15 chapters presenting current research projects and discussing issues related to language testing and the development of language assessment instruments in a variety of contexts around the world. This anthology will be of use to both new and seasoned researchers within the field of Applied Linguistics and TESOL. Teacher educators, language teachers, and language assessment professionals will find this volume equally useful as the papers present current trends in testing and evaluation.

English for Specific Purposes in Higher Education through Content and Language Integrated Learning - Elena Kováčiková

2020-03-04

English language teaching (ELT) in higher education serves mainly to enhance the professional language competences of students. It can take several forms, including English for Specific Purposes (ESP) and Academic English (AE). The objectives of ESP

courses in higher education are to prepare students for their professional lives by developing communicative language skills. Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) methodology offers the potential to combine the learning of a foreign language with the content of professional subjects. Moreover, it also offers a new dimension in thinking and deepening foreign language competences within non-linguistic subjects. These aspects contribute towards ELT modernization with the aim of developing a learner's autonomy and building bridges between educational institutions and the professional world. This book focuses on applying CLIL methodology within the context of ESP classes, highlighting the possible benefits that might be applicable in any higher educational institution.

Aligning Tests with the CEFR - Waldemar Martyniuk
2010-11-11

The Council of Europe released a preliminary version of the Manual for Relating Language

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Examinations to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in 2003. Over the next 5 years a wide range of institutions and individuals undertook case studies to pilot this draft version. Towards the close of the piloting phase, a two-day colloquium was held in Cambridge, UK enabling practitioners and academics to reflect on and share their experiences of applying the Manual procedures. Insights from this colloquium informed the Manual revision project during 2008/2009. This volume features selected case studies presented at the Cambridge Colloquium in December 2007. They include the linking of a single test to the CEFR, the CEFR-linking of suites of examinations at different levels and large scale national projects undertaken by examination boards and specialist research institutes. Some studies focus on part of an examination, while others involve all test components. Some apply one or two of the procedures - familiarisation,

specification, standardisation, and empirical validation. As well as describing their studies and reporting their findings, contributors reflect and comment on their experience of using the draft Manual. A clear and comprehensive introductory chapter explains the development of the CEFR and the draft Manual for linking tests, and discusses its relevance for the future. The volume will be of interest to examination boards, language test developers and educational policy-makers, as well as academic lecturers, researchers and graduate students interested in the principles and practice of aligning tests to the CEFR.

Multimodality across Communicative Settings, Discourse Domains and Genres - Veronica Bonsignori
2017-01-06

This volume focuses on multimodality in various communicative settings, with special attention to how non-verbal elements reinforce and add meaning to verbal expressions. The first part of

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the book explores issues related to the use of multimodal resources in educational interactions and English language classroom teaching, also involving learners with disabilities. The second part, on the other hand, investigates multimodality as a key component of communication that takes place in different specialized domains and genres. The book reflects a variety of methodological approaches that are grounded in both quantitative and qualitative techniques. These include multimodal discourse analysis, multimodal transcription, and multimodal annotation software capable of representing the interplay of different semiotic modes, such as speech, intonation, direction of gaze, facial expressions, gestures and spatial positioning of interlocutors. The research collected here highlights the increasingly important role of multimodality in communication across different genres and communicative contexts, and

offers new perspectives on how to exploit multimodal resources to enhance the learning of English for both general and specific purposes.

The Diagnosis of Reading in a Second or Foreign Language - J. Charles Alderson 2014-10-03
The *Diagnosis of Reading in a Second or Foreign Language* explores the implications of language assessment research on classroom-based assessment practices by providing an in-depth look at the little-examined field of diagnosis in second and foreign language reading. This volume examines the development of second and foreign language reading and how subsequent research findings, couched in this knowledge, can help facilitate a more-informed teaching approach in second and foreign language classrooms. By contextualizing the latest in classroom settings and presenting implications for future research in this developing area of linguistics, this book is an ideal resource for those studying and working in applied linguistics, second

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language acquisition, and language assessment and education. About the NPLA Series: Headed by two of its leading scholars, the series captures the burgeoning field of language assessment by offering comprehensive and state-of-the-art coverage of its contemporary questions, pressing issues, and technical advances. It is the only active series of its kind on the market, and will include volumes on basic and advanced topics in language assessment, public policy and language assessment, and the interfaces of language assessment with other disciplines in applied linguistics. Each text presents key theoretical approaches and research findings, along with concrete practical implications and suggestions for readers conducting their own research or developmental studies.

English Language Proficiency Assessments for Young Learners - Mikyung Kim Wolf 2017-05-25
English Language Proficiency Assessments for Young Learners provides both

theoretical and empirical information about assessing the English language proficiency of young learners. Using large-scale standardized English language proficiency assessments developed for international or U.S. contexts as concrete examples, this volume illustrates rigorous processes of developing and validating assessments with considerations of young learners' unique characteristics. In this volume, young learners are defined as school-age children from approximately 5 to 13 years old, learning English as a foreign language (EFL) or a second language (ESL). This volume also discusses innovative ways to assess young learners' English language abilities based on empirical studies, with each chapter offering stimulating ideas for future research and development work to improve English language assessment practices with young learners. English Language Proficiency Assessments for Young Learners is a useful resource

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for students, test developers, educators, and researchers in the area of language testing and assessment.

The Oxford English Dictionary - John Andrew Simpson 1991

WESTECH 2018 - Robbi Rahim

We are delighted to introduce the proceedings of the first edition of Workshop Environmental Science, Society, and Technology. This Workshop has brought researchers, developers and practitioners around the world who are leveraging and developing of Environmental for Society and Technology for life. We strongly believe that Workshop Environmental Science, Society, and Technology provides a good forum for all researcher, developers and practitioners to discuss all science and technology aspects that are relevant to Digital Society. We also expect that the future Workshop will be as successful and stimulating, as indicated by the contributions presented in this volume.

English Education at the

Tertiary Level in Asia - Eun Sung Park 2017-03-16

This is the third volume of a trilogy on English Language education in Asia within the Routledge Critical Studies in Asian Education. Put together by editors and contributors selected by Asia TEFL, this book provides a timely and critical review of the current trends in tertiary level English education in Asia. It foregrounds the developments and trends, policies and implementation, as well as research and practice. Written by ELT scholars and educational leaders, this book presents articles on China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. While the authors focus on their own local issues, providing an overview of the state of tertiary English teaching in their respective territories, they also provide insights from their successes and failures which can help inspire solutions to similar challenges faced internationally in the field.

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Chapters in the book include: • Heading toward the global standardization of English education in Korean universities • English in tertiary education in India: A Janus-faced perspective with special reference to University of Delhi • Developing English language skills in the Singapore higher education context • ELT at tertiary institutions in China: A developmental perspective This book will be valued by administrators, researchers and scholars interested in bilingualism, language policy and planning in higher education.

Reflexive Ethnography -

Charlotte Aull Davies

2012-08-06

Reflexive Ethnography is a unique guide to ethnographic research for students of anthropology and related disciplines. It provides practical and comprehensive guidance to ethnographic research methods, but also encourages students to develop a critical understanding of the philosophical basis of

ethnographic authority. Davies examines why reflexivity, at both personal and broader cultural levels, should be integrated into ethnographic research and discusses how this can be accomplished for a variety of research methods. This revised and updated second edition includes: a new chapter on internet-based research and 'interethnography' chapters on selection of topics and methods, data collection and analysis, and ethics and politics of research practical advice on writing up ethnographic study new and updated research examples. Postmodernist relativism can lead to an over-emphasis on reflexivity that denies the possibility of social research. Reflexive Ethnography utilises postmodernist insights - incorporation of different standpoints, exposure of the intellectual tyranny of meta-narratives - but proposes that reflexive ethnographic research be undertaken from a realist perspective. Reflexive Ethnography will help students

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to use and understand ethnographic research practices that fully incorporate reflexivity without abandoning claims to develop valid knowledge of social reality.

The CEFR in Practice - Brian North 2014-07-10

This volume gives an overview of the practical impact of and theoretical debate surrounding the CEFR.

Assessing English Proficiency for University Study - J. Read 2015-01-27

This book focuses on strategies and procedures for assessing the academic language ability of students entering an English-medium university, so that those with significant needs can have access to opportunities to enhance their language skills.

Cross-linguistic Influences in Multilingual Language Acquisition - Danuta Gabrys-Barker 2012-05-22

This volume depicts the phenomenon of cross-linguistic influences in the specific context of multilingual language acquisition. It consists of articles on various

issues relating to the syntactic and lexical development of foreign language learners from different L1 backgrounds, in many cases involving languages which are typologically distant from English, such as Russian, Croatian, Greek and Portuguese. Individual chapters highlight different areas expected to be especially transfer-prone at the level of grammatical and lexical transfer in particular contexts of language contact.

Student's Book B2 with Online Practice and Student's EBook - Jeremy Day 2021-03-31

New Close-up help learners get closer to the world through dynamic photography, video and real-world stories from National Geographic. Relevant, global topics, paired with a comprehensive four-skills syllabus, promote the key language and life skills teenagers need to succeed in international exams, in the classroom and in their future careers.

Corpus linguistics on the move

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- María José López-Couso
2016-07-11

Corpus linguistics on the move: Exploring and understanding English through corpora comprises fourteen contributions covering key issues in English corpus linguistics, including corpus compilation and annotation, original perspectives from specialized corpora, and insightful discussions of various grammatical and pragmatic features.

Language Assessment for Classroom Teachers - Lyle Bachman 2018-01-25

This book provides teachers with an entirely new approach to developing and using classroom-based language assessments. This approach is based on current theory and practice in the field of language assessment and on an understanding of the assessment needs of classroom teachers. The following key questions are addressed: • Why do I need to assess? What beneficial consequences do I want to help bring about? How can my assessments help my

students learn better and help me improve my teaching? • When and how often do I need to assess? What decisions do I need to make to help bring about these beneficial consequences? • What do I need to assess? How can I define the abilities that I want to assess? • How can I assess my students? What kinds of assessment tasks should I create? How can I score my students' responses to these tasks? The authors guide the reader step-by-step through the process of developing and using classroom-based assessments with clear explanations and definitions of key terms, illustrative examples, and activities for applying the approach in practice. Extra resources are available on the website: www.oup.com/elt/teacher/lact Lyle Bachman is Professor Emeritus of Applied Linguistics at the University of California, Los Angeles. He serves as a consultant in language testing research projects and in developing language assessments for universities

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and government agencies around the world, and he conducts courses and training workshops in language assessment. Barbara Damböck was Director of Studies of the English Department at the Teacher Training Academy in Dillingen, Germany, from 2003 to 2011. From 2003 to 2017 she supervised the training of oral examiners for the certification examination for elementary school English teachers in Bavaria. She has extensive experience as a classroom teacher, teacher trainer, and teacher of teacher trainers. She conducts courses and workshops for teachers and teacher trainers around the world.

Communicative proficiency and linguistic development -

Inge Bartning 2010

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) has become the yardstick for teaching and testing language skills in Europe and elsewhere. Yet little is known about the relationships between the communicative levels

established using the can-do statements of the CEFR and the developmental stages of grammatical and lexical development described by Second Language Acquisition (SLA) research. This book presents empirical research by members of the SLATE network (Second Language Acquisition and Testing in Europe), aimed at bridging this gap. The studies deal with several target languages, including Dutch, English, Finnish, French, Italian, Norwegian and Spanish, with adult, adolescent and child learners in both formal and informal contexts.

Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Foreign Language Education - Donald F. Staub 2019-08-01

Greater student mobility, increasing demand for access to tertiary education, as well as policy changes have spurred rapid expansion of the global higher education sector. However, with increased demand comes considerable variation in the quality of the supply. As higher education is

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an expensive endeavor for all stakeholders - governments, funders, employers, and families - there are also increasing expectations for accountability and demonstrations of quality. English as a foreign language (EFL) programs, in particular, are under considerable pressure to substantiate their value, resulting in a significant rise in interest around their quality. This volume is the outcome of a May 2018 international conference on quality and specialized accreditation, held in Turkey. The book's three sections take the reader from the global to the program level, examining trends and best practices in quality assurance and accreditation in EFL programs. The book's geographic focus is primarily the Middle East and Turkey, yet the issues discussed herein are quite global in nature. This volume will be of interest to educational administrators at the institutional or program level, educational leadership programs focusing on higher

education, language teacher preparation programs, and administrators in centralized education systems or accrediting organizations.

Pathways Through Assessing, Learning and Teaching in the CEFR -

Enrica Piccardo 2011-01-01

Pathways presents an innovative way of reflecting on the multidimensionality of assessment, learning and teaching in line with the CEFR. It has been designed to support professionals at all levels. The two main components of Pathways - guide and kit - integrated by various indexes, mind maps and examples of scenarios, encourage users to work in a non linear way and to select and customize. The guide addresses those fundamental concepts in the CEFR that may not be readily transparent and that especially warrant "unpacking" for educational practices in a way that is clear and accessible for professionals, both in their pre- and in-service teacher education. The kit offers 107 worksheets, which serve as a

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bridge for teacher educators and teachers, to reflect on these concepts and to relate them appropriately to pedagogical practices.

Quick Placement Test -
2001-07-11

An electronic placement test for learners of English, produced in collaboration with the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (formerly UCLES). Pen and paper version also available.

Communication Theory -

James Arthur Anderson
1996-05-17

This book provides a thorough analysis of the scientific, critical, and cultural questions at the foundation of theory-building in communication and other social sciences. Any claim to knowledge, the author explains, can be analyzed in terms of a series of characteristics: the object of its explanation, the explanatory form and evidentiary method employed, its characteristic explanations, the scope of its performance, and its consequences of value. From identifying basic

epistemological questions to exploring the impact of the "knowledge industry" on society, the volume offers readers the analytical tools to understand, compare, and evaluate theories and their use both inside and outside the classroom. The book also includes a systematic analysis of communication's most influential theories and traces their genealogies across different content fields and disciplines.

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, assessment - Council of Europe
2020-05-05

The CEFR Companion volume broadens the scope of language education. It reflects academic and societal developments since the publication of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) and updates the 2001 version. It owes much to the contributions of members of the language teaching profession across Europe and beyond. This volume contains:

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aspects of the CEFR for teaching and learning; ► a complete set of updated CEFR descriptors that replaces the 2001 set with: - modality-inclusive and gender-neutral descriptors; - added detail on listening and reading; - a new Pre-A1 level, plus enriched description at A1 and C levels; - a replacement scale for phonological competence; - new scales for mediation, online interaction and plurilingual/pluricultural competence; - new scales for sign language competence; ► a short report on the four-year development, validation and consultation processes. The CEFR Companion volume represents another step in a process of engagement with language education that has been pursued by the Council of Europe since 1971 and which seeks to: ► promote and support the learning and teaching of modern languages; ► enhance intercultural dialogue, and thus mutual understanding, social cohesion and democracy; ► protect linguistic and cultural diversity

in Europe; and ► promote the right to quality education for all.

Translation in Language Teaching and Assessment -

Georgios Floros 2013-09-11

The aim of this volume is to record the resurgent influence of Language Learning in Translation Studies and the various contemporary ways in which translation is used in the fields of Language Teaching and Assessment. It examines the possibilities and limitations of the interplay between the two disciplines in attempting to investigate the degree to which recent calls for reinstating translation in language learning have borne fruit. The volume accommodates high-quality original submissions that address a variety of issues from a theoretical as well as an empirical point of view. The chapters of the volume raise important questions and demonstrate the beginning of a new era of conscious epistemological traffic between the two aforementioned disciplines. The contributors to the volume are academics,

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researchers and professionals in the fields of Translation Studies and Language Teaching and Assessment from various countries and educational contexts, including the USA, Canada, Taiwan R.O.C., and European countries such as Belgium, Germany, Greece, Slovenia and Sweden, and various professional and instructional settings, such as school sector and graduate, undergraduate and certificate programs. The contributions approach the interplay between the two disciplines from various angles, including functional approaches to translation, contemporary types of translation, and the discursive interaction between teachers and students.

Focus BrE 5 Student's Book for MyEnglishLab Pack -

Vaughan Jones 2017-04-28
Focus is a rich, varied, carefully leveled course for upper secondary students. Specially designed to motivate older teens, it helps them to track their level and achieve the exam results they need. With its unique blended

learning package, Focus is the flexible course that gets results.

Blended Learning. Enhancing Learning Success - Simon K.S. Cheung 2018-07-21

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Blended Learning, ICBL 2018, held in Osaka, Japan, in July/ August 2018. The 35 papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 94 submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections named: Experiences in Blended Learning, Content Development for Blended Learning, Assessment for Blended Learning, Computer-Support Collaborative Learning, Improved Flexibility of Learning Processes, Open Educational Resources, and Pedagogical and Psychological Issues.

Language Use, Education, and Professional Contexts -

Barbara Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk 2022
This present book addresses language and its diverse forms in an array of professional and

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practical contexts. Besides discussing the intricacies of specialized settings such as legal, medical, technical or corporate, the collection also focuses on the role of education in relation to professional contexts ranging from challenges in professional university teaching and translation didactics to business environment requirements.

English Tertiary Education in Vietnam - James Albright
2018-06-27

As part of a long series of Vietnam's policy objectives, English education has been identified as key to improving the quality of its rapidly expanding tertiary institutions and is crucial to the larger aim of modernising and internationalising its economy. Bringing together a wide range of Vietnamese and foreign English education scholars, and tertiary educational practitioners, this book documents the significant progress and challenges in the realisation of Vietnam's English language policies as they are

enacted in the higher education sector. Changes to Vietnam's higher education system remain unstable, unsystematic, and insubstantial. This book provides insights into how recent Vietnamese government policy is providing for a substantial and comprehensive renewal of Vietnam's tertiary education as part of their 2020 plan. Academics and students of English education, language policy, and nation building within the context of increased globalisation and marketisation in developing nations and Vietnam, in particular, should find this book valuable.

Diagnosing Foreign Language Proficiency - J.

Charles Alderson 2006-11-01
This book addresses the need for tests that can diagnose the strengths and weaknesses in learners' developing foreign language proficiency. It presents the rationale for, and research surrounding, the development of DIALANG, a suite of internet-delivered diagnostic foreign language tests funded by the European

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Commission. The word 'diagnosis' is common in discussions in language education and applied linguistics, but very few truly diagnostic tests exist. However, the diagnosis of foreign language proficiency is central to helping learners make progress. This volume explores the nature of diagnostic testing, emphasizing the need for a better understanding of the nature of appropriate diagnosis. The book starts with a debate about how diagnostic testing might most appropriately be developed. Charles Alderson argues that the field has

neglected to construct diagnostic tests, partly because other forms of testing have dominated the field. Alderson examines how proficiency has been diagnosed in the key areas of language: reading, listening, writing, grammar and vocabulary. The value of self-assessment is discussed and exemplified as a key component in developing learners', and teachers', awareness of the complexity of language learning. The book ends with a consideration of and recommendations for future developments in the diagnosis of foreign language proficiency.