

Getting the most out of your Interactive Whiteboard: Approaches and Pedagogies

with Pete Sharma

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Introduction

There are various approaches to teaching with an Interactive Whiteboard (IWB): using the board to run PowerPoint, the Internet, and regular EFL programs such as CD-ROMs in class; using the vast range of software which comes with the board; using 'whiteboardable' material, so-called 'interactive course books'; and of course, creating your own materials. As teachers become familiar with using the IWB, they begin to marry the use of the hardware and software with their own pedagogical know-how in new and exciting ways. Innovative ideas on presenting, practising and reviewing language start to emerge as the technology becomes normalised.

Session outline

This day comprises three parts. Part one provides a review of the various approaches to using IWBs, and includes an introduction to peripherals such as Learner Voting devices and slates. Part two presents a range of practical teaching activities, many of them selected from the recent resource book '400 Ideas for using Interactive Whiteboards' in the Macmillan Books for Teachers series. These ideas include grammar teaching, vocabulary, language skills, phonology, games and learner training. Part three is a hands-on workshop, where participants can share ideas and best practice.

Timetable

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| Registration | 10.00 |
| Start Time | 10.30 |
| Approximate End Time | 16.30 |

Lunch and refreshments provided

Session outcome

By the end of the day, teachers will have received input in several areas: running regular EFL programs through the IWB; exploiting the generic software which comes with the board; using interactive versions of ELT software, such as Global Digital and Oxford iTools; and reviewing the five 'basic skills' necessary to create IWB materials. They will have had hands-on experience using an IWB, common peripherals, and exchanged practical ideas. The day will act as both a refresher course and as a stepping stone to developing innovative ideas and 'getting the most out of your IWB'.

Trainer profile



Pete Sharma is a Director of Pete Sharma Associates Ltd. He worked for many years in business English and is currently a lecturer in EAP (English for Academic Purposes) at Warwick University. He is a regular conference presenter. As an author, Pete has co-written books on technology in language teaching, including: *Blended Learning* (Macmillan 2007). He has written multimedia content for Macmillan's *In Company* and *The Business* series. Pete is a committee member of the IATEFL Learning Technologies SIG. Pete's latest book as co-author is: *400 Ideas for Interactive Whiteboards*, Macmillan (April 2011).

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