Orientation to
Panamá Bilingüe ASP
Teacher Training Modules

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Welcoming Remarks

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Introductions

Introduce yourself to at least two teachers next to you and discuss:

- Names

- Where do you teach ASP?

- How long have you been teaching?

- What areas would like to improve in your teaching?

Goals for Teacher Training Modules

Teacher Education

Innovation

Networking

Teacher Education

- Effective teachers are life-long learners
- Important to keep up-to-date on new advancements in the TESOL field
- Learn new techniques, strategies and materials for the classroom
- Inspiration for professional growth

Innovation

- Emphasis on issues that are common to ASP teachers

- Focus on creative strategies that can be implemented in the ASP classroom

- Ideas on how to make English fun and motivating to students

Networking

- Exchange ideas that work in the classroom
- Share personal challenges and successes
- Collaborate and create networks of support
- Inspiration for action and change

Content of Training Modules

Topics that reflect needs and realities of ASP classrooms

– Building student motivation

– Increasing speaking practice

– Effective classroom management techniques

Content of Training Modules

Creative ideas to teach language skills

- Oral language development

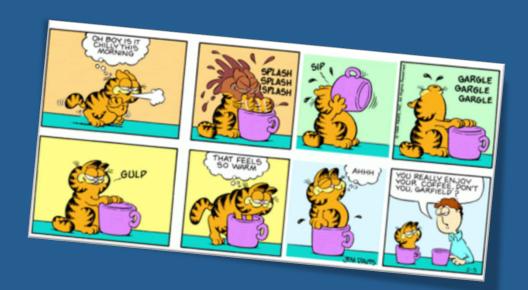- Meaningful grammar practice

- Engaging reading activities

Content of Training Modules

Innovative materials and strategies

- Visuals to enhance communication
- Drama/theater techniques
- Utilizing comics to increase motivation and fun

How to Participate in the Training Modules

- The modules are offered online so you can participate from home when you have free time

- You will need a computer (or tablet/phone) with access to the Internet

- If possible, work together with other colleagues at your school/region so you can exchange ideas and support each other

Structure of Training Modules

Each module follows a three-step structure:

1. Print the presentation slides for easy note-taking

2. Watch the video presentation (webinar), reflecting on how you can implement the ideas in your ASP classroom

3. Try out one or two ideas with your students, and participate in the discussion forum. Describe what you did and share photos/videos of your classroom

Video Presentations

- The webinars come from the "*American English*" program.
- Originally presented live with teachers participating from around the world.
- Used chat boxes and polls to encourage participation, but you will not have the opportunity to use these features with the recorded webinar.
- The teachers in the live webinar had to submit their attendance so they could later receive a certificate. This does not apply to you.

Video Presentations

- Print the Power Point slides so you can take notes as you watch the video presentation.

- The speaker will stop the presentation at certain points to ask questions and opinions. If you are watching the video with other colleagues, discuss your answers with them.

- If you are watching the video alone, write down your answers and reflect on how the ideas presented relate to your classroom.

Discussion Forum

- After you watch the video presentation, make plans to implement at least one idea/activity in your own classroom.

- Take photos/videos of your students doing the activity and reflect: What worked well? How can I improve this activity next time?

- Participate in our Discussion Forum. Briefly describe how you implemented the activity, share a video or photos of your students, and discuss successes/ challenges.

- Ask questions, exchange ideas, and share experiences with other ASP teachers from all the regions of Panama!

How to Earn a Certificate

- After you complete at least four modules (and participate in the discussion forums), please send an email to Tathiana Sanjur at tsanjur@panamabilingue.gob.pa

- We will confirm the completion of all requirements and send you a certificate

Hands-on Practice

Let's go to:

http://panamabilingueasp.weebly.com/

- Explore the training modules
- Register for the Discussion Forum

Thank you!

- Thank you for your participation
- We look forward to a rich exchange of ideas online!