“Our classes are filled with grammar and we’re not learning how to communicate.”
Goal

To provide various strategies, activities and resources to have on hand to enhance lessons, practice skills and fill in gaps during a session or class.
Workshop Participants will be able to:

• Learn, review and practice strategies for practicing Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing.
• Create and adapt tools to use with learners at different levels of English proficiency.
• Modify activities and strategies to use in different learning environment such as 1:1, small group, class and Talk Time.
• Interact with other volunteers to share ideas, challenges and best practices.
AGENDA

❖ Introduction and Overview
❖ Warm-up(s)
❖ What can we physically put in our toolkit?
❖ What strategies and activities can we put in our toolkit?
❖ Small group challenge
❖ Resources
WARM-UPS

- Find someone who
- Line up Activities
- 4 corners
- Item on my back. Who am I?
- 21 Questions
- Question patterns. What did you do this week?
- Other ideas?
What can we physically put in the toolkit?

- Picture File
- Index Cards
- Dice
- Scissors
- Games and Game Boards
- Maps
The toolkit continued...

- White Board
- Kindle/Phone/iPad
- Oxford Picture Dictionary
- Food, mail, etc
- What else do you always have on hand?
Strategies & Activities
QUESTION HIERARCHY

Yes/No
Either/Or
Concrete- Wh and H Questions
Inference/Open-ended
GAMES

- Bingo
- Circular Game Board
- Finite Game Board
- Pictionary
- Games from Home
GRIDS

Matching
Copying
Cloze
Simple Questions
Open-ended questions
Paragraph and short story assignments
DIALOGUES

A. Hello, I am here for a job interview
B. What is your name?
A. My name is ________________________________
B. What job did you apply for?
A. I applied for the housekeeping job.
B. Please have a seat and wait for your name to be called.
A. Thank you.
Small Group Challenge!
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https://www.tacomacommunityhouse.org/literacy-now-online-resources/
https://www.tacomacommunityhouse.org/literacy-now-downloadable-materials/
http://bogglesworldesl.com
http://puzzlemaker.com
https://www.newreaderspress.com/news-for-you-online (subscription required)
http://azargrammar.com
http://handouthub.com
http://englishclub.com
http://www.englishforeveryone.org/
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http://www.usingenglish.com
www.caela.org An archive of useful short articles on ESL teaching topics.
www.apsva.us/reep has lesson plans on common topics
www.iteslj.com Has a useful list of conversation questions
www.eslcafe.com/ The “ideas cookbook” has lots of tasks and activities
http://a4esl.org/
http://iteslj.org/cw/
http://aspiruslibrary.org/literacy/literacy.htm
http://www.eastsideliteracy.org/tutorsupport/
www.eslhq.com
THE END (of Part 1)!