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Language and Methodology: A Refresher Course for Teachers of English

Who is the course suitable for?

- Teachers and other ELT professionals who wish to refresh their working knowledge of English and how it is used
- Participants with a minimum language level corresponding to B2 on the Common European Framework

What are the aims and objectives of the course?

- To review how English is used both inside and outside the classroom
- To review the principles and practice of teaching English as a second or foreign language
- To introduce and critically survey recent developments in methodology and the analysis of language for teaching
- To examine the relationship between language and methodology
- To encourage course participants to re-examine their own teaching.

What will the course include?

All course participants receive a pre-course questionnaire, which should be returned prior to the course. This is to ensure that the areas of most relevance to participants are covered.

The **Language Focus** elements will allow participants to improve their own English in a variety of ways:

- work on grammar at word, sentence and discourse levels
- the grammar of spoken English
- vocabulary extension, including attention to neologisms, idioms, collocations and 'chunks'
- work on fluency and register
- new developments in English
- language in the media
- classroom language

The **Methodology** component will be closely linked to the Language element and will include attention to some or all of the following:

- analysis of methods used by teachers in the language component
- varieties of classroom interaction
- roles of teachers and learners
- developments in language teaching methodology, e.g. task-based learning, learning-centred approaches
- reflective practice and classroom research
- trends in testing and assessment

How long is the course and what approach is used?

The 50-hour course provision includes intensive tuition by trainers who are experts in the fields of language teaching and methodology as well as opportunities for reading and research and guest lectures from well-known figures in the field of ELT.

Classes will be practical and 'hands-on' but with reference to relevant theory.

Classes are held from Monday to Friday and take place as detailed in the course-specific timetable but always within the hours 0915 – 1715.

NILE course participants have free access to an extensive ELT library and a modern suite of computers with a broadband Internet link. The NILE course venues have a wireless (Wi-Fi) environment.

[Sample Timetable](#)