

InThinking English B Workshop

For Experienced IB DP Teachers

Barcelona, Spain

Friday 19th February - Sunday 21st February 2010

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Overview

The workshop is designed to provide a refreshing and stimulating review of all aspects of teaching English B. While there will be specific sessions dedicated to the assessment components, including discussion of marking procedures and standards, the majority of the programme is concerned with what goes on in the classroom: materials, activities, student development, intellectual challenge, and the uses of technology. Discussions will take into account both the current programme and the new Subject Guide which will be introduced in 2011 - focusing on how current practice may be adapted to new requirements. The overall purpose is share ideas on how to make the teaching of English B more stimulating and more effective.

Agenda

Session 1: Introductions, issues, priorities

What are participants' principal concerns and interests?

How can the workshop best answer participants' needs?

Session 2: News from IBCA : New programme(s), new approaches

A review of the new Subject Guide

Comparison of the present and the new programmes

Session 3: Course design ... stimulating the student

What arouses student interest ?

Combining materials, activities and tasks into units and projects

Session 4: Paper 1 Texthandling

How do we handle the teaching of reading?

Written Response: marking exercises & discussion

Session 5: Classroom organisation

Review of activities & tasks

Intellectual development & TOK

Session 6: Orals: Interactive Oral Activity & Individual Interview

Good practice in all aspects of Oral Internal Assessment

Marking exercises, reviewing use of the Criteria

Session 7: Paper 2 Written Production

How do we teach writing - and why?

Marking exercises, reviewing use of the Criteria

Handling Extended Essays in English B

Session 8: Diagnosis & action

The student with problems - how we deal with remedial teaching?
Making complex grammar active
The difficult job of extending vocabulary range

Session 9: Technological exploitation

Computer Verbs : what do computers DO ?
Google, Moodle and Blog
Using the internet - good practice & sites

Session 10: Conclusions, recommendations

What conclusions do we draw from our discussions?
Are there recommendations to be passed to the IB ?

Participants should bring:

Please bring the following items with you to the workshop:

- a copy of the current language B Subject Guide
- details of useful materials or interesting websites, to share with other participants