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LANGUAGE AND CONTENT IN ENGLISH TEACHING



Content Based Instruction in EFL Contexts

Stephen Davies

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Content based instruction (CBI) is a teaching method that emphasizes learning about something rather than learning about language. Although CBI is not new, there has been an increased interest in it over the last ten years, particularly in the USA and Canada where it has proven very effective in ESL immersion programs. This interest has now spread to EFL classrooms around the world where teachers are discovering that their students like CBI and are excited to learn English this way.

<http://iteslj.org/Articles/Davies-CBI.html>



Content-Centered Language Learning

Joann Crandall

This Digest discusses the rationale for integrating language and content instruction and provides an overview of some of the program models and teaching techniques that focus on this approach.

<http://www.cal.org/resources/Digest/cranda01.html>



Authentic Materials and Cultural Content in EFL Classrooms

Ferit Kilickaya

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This paper aims to answer the questions of when and how authentic materials should be used in EFL classrooms, and how cultural content may be included in the curriculum. To address these questions, the paper is organized in two parts. In the first part, the definition of authentic materials is given. Then advantages and disadvantages of the use of authentic materials are discussed. In the second part, the definition of culture is given and then, why and how cultural content should be used is discussed.

<http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Kilickaya-AuthenticMaterial.html>



Content Based ESL Curriculum and Academic Language Proficiency

Clara Lee Brown

It is critical for ESL teachers to move beyond the functional English syllabus and to start providing a content-rich, high-standards curriculum that prepares ESL students to become academically successful in content learning. This article provides a critical needs rationale for implementing a content-based ESL curriculum and discusses ways to implement it.

<http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Brown-CBEC.html>



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Larry M. Lynch

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<http://bettereflteacher.blogspot.com/2008/01/using-famous-personalities-and.html>



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40 content based ESL lesson plans for beginning through intermediate students
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Larry Ferlazzo's English Themes For Beginners and Early Intermediate

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