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Preview of the Next Episode

EPISODE 75: COMPREHENSIFYING AND EXTENDING
AUTHENTIC RESOURCES WITH KARA JACOBS

Occasionally, language teaching enthusiasts at conferences or on social media get into debates about what is better for language students: entirely comprehensible texts written specifically for language learners by an educator OR authentic resources written by members of the target language community for use within that community. For those of us who can see the benefits of both kinds of texts, this interview with Kara Jacobs is a breath of fresh air. This week, tune in as Maris Hawkins interviews Kara about how to use comprehensible input and a focus on proficiency to do what Kara calls "comprehensifying and extending" authentic resources. After you listen, we would love to hear about how you get the most out of authentic resources in your classroom!

Music and movies have been my favorite and my students' favorite authentic resources. So, those are some of the things that I like to create and then share with other teachers.

-Kara Jacobs



LOOK BACK AT EPISODE 74: DIRECTING A LANGUAGE PROGRAM AND BEING TEACHER OF THE YEAR WITH BRENNA BYRD

I love interviewing different teachers of the year to hear about how they think about language teaching and what it's like to be teacher of the year. In this interview, Dr. Byrd also shares about the innovative pedagogy training program she employs at the University of Kentucky and how she made the switch to OERs (Open Educational Resources). After you listen, tell us what you think in the comments section on our website or on social media!



Resource Corner

- Brenna shares a lot of her German 101 resources on Pinterest.
- For intermediate learners, check out these movie resources.
- This website has a lot of infographics to use in German classes.
- Finally, this German magazine has many useful articles to use as well.



Reactions to past episodes:



claritaosito
OCTOBER 16, 2018 AT 3:52 AM

I was just talking to a English teacher friend about Google Translate and less widely spoken and indigenous languages. One aspect of Google Translate, that is really interesting is the preservation of less widely spoken through Google Translate communities. Google Translate has done drives to encourage native and fluent speakers to record their language as a way to preserve it for future generations. If you look at the languages Google Translate now includes, some of which have very small populations of speakers, like Frisian, Corsican, and Scots Gaelic. Our own region in the north-east of England, has Northumbrian dialect and Geordie speech. Records of the original Northumbrian language, dating back to about AD 700, exist to this day in writings of the monk Saint Bede the Venerable and also the Lindisfarne Gospels. Would be great to see more languages added to Google Translate, which thanks to technology can bring together speakers from all of the world.



Fabiana
OCTOBER 15, 2018 AT 12:07 PM | EDIT

Thanks a lot for this podcast. I'm Argentinian and it was a lovely surprise to hear an Argentinian colleague is doing such a great job .



Gretchen Mancuso
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Replying to @CatherineKU72 @weteachlang

I just listened to/from work today. @CatherineKU72, I have learned so much from reading your site and posts to the point that I am now teaching my colleagues about tech! It was wonderful to hear you in person on this podcast! Merci!



Sara-E. Cottrell
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Following

@Mr_Fernie 1) awesome to hear you chime in on @weteachlang podcast. 2) My #CSCTFL19 session is "Teaching from Bell to Bell When All Your Plans Go... Awry" and I will be sharing your recent post! TY!

As always, share your reactions to this episode with us on Facebook, Twitter, or in the comments section on our website weteachlang.com!

Updates from Contributors



The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) announced that Stacey Margarita Johnson will be the newest editor of their publication, The Spanish and Portuguese Review. She will start in 2019!



Linda Egnatz (episode 63) has written an article in the latest edition of Language Magazine. In this article, she discusses how adopting the Seal of Biliteracy can improve your world language and ELL programs.