



EPISODE GUIDE

EPISODE 87: A NOVICE DESCRIPTIONS UNIT WITH HEATHER SHERROW

Use this worksheet to take notes before, during, and after you listen and reflect on the ideas presented in the episode.

Before Listening

How do you usually go about creating a proficiency-based unit for novices? Give a few steps in your process.

Name **two** of your go-to activities for novice learners.

Episode Contents

Take notes as you listen to Episode 87!

Interviewer: Stacey Margarita Johnson

Guest: Heather Sherrow

Check out the Show Notes for all the links, resources, guest bios, and contact info:
<https://weteachlang.com/2019/01/11/ep-87-with-heather-sherrow/>

After Listening




How would you **summarize** this episode in 10 words? (We hope you'll post this on Twitter or Facebook and tag @weteachlang and #novicelearners!)

What follow up **questions** do you have for Heather Sherrow (@heather_sherrow on Twitter)?

What are some **points of connection** between what you heard in this episode and your own work?

What **action steps** will you take based on what you heard in this episode?

A few additional resources from Episode 87 & the Midweek News & Updates Issue #41:

-  Now that you've listened to Heather talk about her unit, check out the corresponding resources she provides here: [tinyurl.com/novicedescriptions!](https://tinyurl.com/novicedescriptions)
-  Check out this article on research highlighting the value of conversations in the L2 as a space for less emotional and greater analytical response: <https://news.uchicago.edu/story/communicating-foreign-language-takes-emotion-out-decision-making>
-  Sara Elizabeth-Cotrell also believes that Novice learners can dig in to culturally deep analytic questions as demonstrated in her most beautiful people blog post: <https://musicuentos.com/2015/09/people-beauties/>

Be sure to check out Megan Budke's response to this episode in Issue #41 of the Midweek News & Updates: <https://weteachlang.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/41-WTL-Midweek-News.pdf>