

Teaching and assessing mediation



Mediation in language education refers to the ability of the learner to help construct and convey meaning in interactions with other people using both the language they are learning and their first language. It includes activities such as explaining, simplifying or summarising a text, translating, note-taking, managing and negotiating conversations all of which are things learners will need to do as users of a second language in social and professional settings. The course will explore what mediation is, why it is important for language learning and how teachers can incorporate mediation activities in their lessons. This course will give teachers skills and ideas for teaching and assessing mediation activities and strategies in meaningful and engaging ways.

This course is for:

- This course is for teachers, academic managers, teacher trainers and materials writers.
- Participants with an **advanced (C1)** language level or above.



What you will gain by attending the course:

- A greater familiarisation with mediation and the 2017 CEFR mediation descriptors.
- A deeper understanding of mediation and how the use of L1 can help learners to acquire a second language.
- Enhanced ability to identify mediation activities in course materials and adapt and design materials to include mediation.
- Practical ideas and activities for teaching mediation at advanced levels.
- Improved ability to assess learners' mediation when speaking and writing.

Course content

- What is mediation and how does it fit into language learning process?
- Types of mediation (mediating a text, mediating concepts, mediating communication)
- Mediation strategies (verbal and written)
- Teaching mediation skills and strategies in writing lessons (summarising, amplifying, note-taking, analysing, critiquing, linking to previous knowledge etc.)
- Teaching mediation skills and strategies in speaking lessons (summarising, collaborating as part of a group, adapting language, managing multi-lingual discussions, facilitating communication in sensitive situations)
- Adapting course books to include mediation
- Integrating mediation into academic English lessons
- Using learner training to develop mediation skills
- Using L1 in the language classroom in a principled way to enhance language learning
- How can we test mediation skills? Methods for assessing spoken and written mediation skills
- Using success criteria to assess mediation skills

Please note that each course we run is tailored by our expert tutors to the professional needs and priorities of the participants so content may be adapted to best suit the needs of your group.