



Lexical Lab Summer School

Developing Materials

All courses take place at London Metropolitan University, Holloway Road campus. It is right next to a Piccadilly Line tube station, which takes you to Holborn, central London in 8 mins, and a 10-minute walk from Highbury and Islington, which is on the Victoria line and has a range of overground services. We suggest you check <https://citymapper.com/london> for journey times and routes.

Course dates

16th July – 20th July

Combination Developing Materials and Better testing & Assessment

16th July – 27th July

Course Fees

€460

€880

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€160 Euro Registration Fee This covers all materials, entrance to timetabled visits (not transport), admin, certification and charges for euro pricing.

An accommodation booking fee of **€130** is charged for those who ask us to organise accommodation.

Airport transfers are charged at a flat rate of **€110** where requested.

Accommodation

One week single room

Student Residence

€400

We organise this accommodation through our partner agency [London Homestays](#). They have some studio and twin-room options. There is very limited availability of homestays. If this is essential, please contact us directly. It is also cheaper for all accommodation options to book directly through London Homestays. You may wish to arrange your own accommodation through websites such as [airbnb](#) and [student.com](#), [homestay.com](#) or [expedia](#). A 7-day travel card for zones 1-3 costs £38.00.

Course Outline

Most teachers will write for their class at some point, whether it's a vocabulary quiz or a discussion task, a lesson based around an authentic text or even a whole course. Guided by Hugh and Andrew, with their vast experience in materials writing and publishing, this course will help you produce better materials. We consider the principles underlying materials and how materials will be used in class by you and other teachers and provide workshops where you bring your own material to get advice on and develop. We expect you to bring your own device to work on these materials, but please contact us if this is a problem. We also believe that the process of writing materials will make you a stronger teacher.

Content

All participants will receive a questionnaire before the course to explain their teaching background and interests regarding the course. Based on this there may be some variations to content and timetable.

Principles of teaching, learning and language
Defining outcomes, language and skills
Making use of inventories and level resources
Material based on vocabulary
Material based on grammar

Material based on texts
Material aimed at productive practice
Writing rubrics and teachers notes
Developing a course
The publishing process



Outcomes

At the end of the course, you will:

- leave with improved materials you bought for your class
- be clearer about your own principles underlying your teaching and materials writing
- be better able to think about how your material fits with outcomes
- take more users more into account when producing material
- have an insight into the professional publishing process.

Example timetable

The timetable is a sample only and open to change.

	9.00-11.00	11.30-13.15	14.00-1500	Open Social programme
Mon	Principles of teaching, learning and language	Course and lesson outcomes and backward planning	Workshop - editing and setting goals	Afternoon tour: Local area
Tues	Vocabulary material, purpose and choices	Considering other teachers: rubrics answer keys and teacher notes	Workshop: Developing your materials	
Weds	Grammar material, purpose and choices	Level, grading inventories and issues	Workshop: Developing your materials	Theatre
Thurs	Authentic texts. Purpose and choices	Productive practice Teacher notes and training	Workshop: Developing your materials	
Fri	Publishing / Fitting into a series of lessons	Participants request	Presentations + Course Evaluation	Tate Modern and South Bank

Certification

All participants can receive a Lexical Lab attendance certificate detailing course content covered and number of course hours.

Check it's the course for you:

I am a teacher of English with at least C1 level and have tried writing material.

I have some specific material I want to share, get advice on and develop .

I want to discuss some theory of language and language learning to help develop my material.

If it's not for you:

I am specifically interested in developing test materials – try **Better testing and Assessment** or why not combine the two courses and save.

I want to develop various pieces of material for my organisation, organise group training or a bespoke course – **contact Andrew Walkley** on Andrew@lexicallab.com.

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