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## Online Learning: The Pedagogical Distance Puzzle

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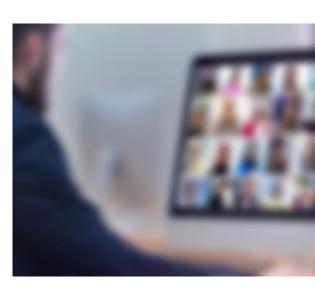




## What is the 'pedagogical distance puzzle'?







Sophia Mavridi, TESOL Spain, 2021







### **Session Aims**

Explore (just) four key puzzles:

- Interaction
- Monitoring
- Flipping
- Motivation





### Terms we'll be using

- Pedagogy / Andragogy / Geragogy
- F2F / in-person / embodied

- Synchronous/asynchronous
- Synchronous online lessons (SOLS)

### Our context(s)

- How teachers implement pedagogy is closely linked to their particular context.
- It can be difficult to see outside your own context.











# The interaction puzzle





## Why is interaction important for language acquisition?

"Language learning evolves out of learning how to carry on conversations, out of learning how to communicate." (Hatch, 1978)





"negotiation for meaning, and especially negotiation work that triggers interactional adjustments by the NS or more competent interlocutor, facilitates acquisition because it connects input, internal learner capacities, particularly selective attention, and output in productive ways" (Long, 1996)







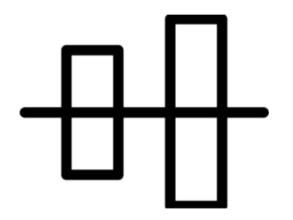
"Just not as interactive and exciting as face to face classroom"

Hughes, 2020

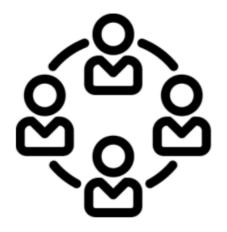




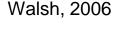
## What is classroom interactional competence (CIC)?







Creating space for students to participate and contribute





### **Shaping contributions**

giving feedback and building on what students say





### **E-Classroom interactional competencies**

1. Setting specific interaction expectations



## Our online classroom interaction code



It's okay to .....

It's good to .....

It's important to...

It's rude to····





### **E-Classroom interactional competencies**

- 1. Setting specific interaction expectations
- 2. Provide longer wait times for learners
- 3. Develop specific questioning techniques to elicit responses



more nomination strategies

offer
possibility for
responses in
different
modes

closed question
with responses
through chatbox
followed by open
questions to
nominated learners
to elicit longer oral
responses

Moorhouse, Li and Walsh, 2021





Speak, Pass, Nominate

Step 1: Set the question

**Step 2:** Choose a learner to answer the question-you can do this at random or you can use a random selector tool if you like

https://www.randomlists.com/name-picker

### Step 3: The chosen learner can either

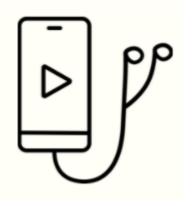
- Speak- and give their answer
- Pass- not answer
- Nominate- choose someone else they'd like to answer.

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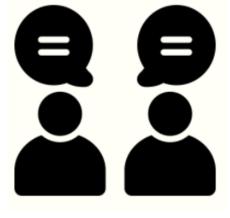








Make notes



Talk it over



**Developing your E-classroom interactional competence** 





# The monitoring puzzle



"Des professeurs- pour quoi faire?"

(Teachers- what for?)

"Des professeurs- pour écouter."

(Teachers- to listen)

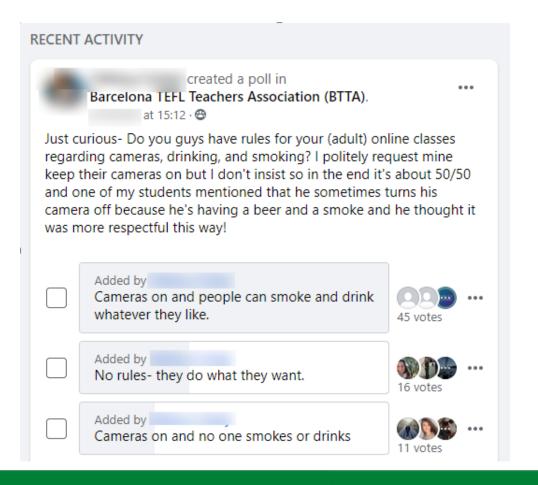
**Yves Chalon** 





## Monitoring – can you use your default technique?









### Some suggestions

Chat box feedback



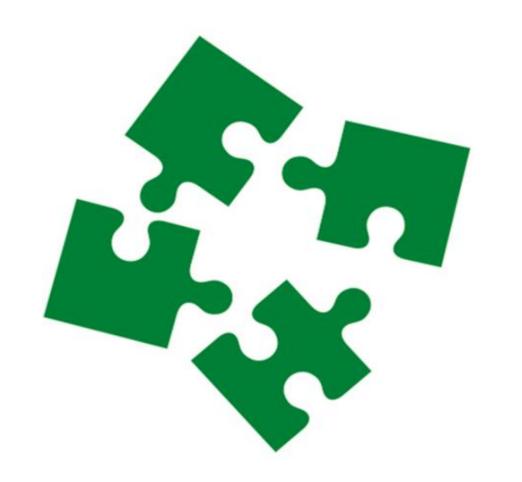
Collaborative google doc

**Individual BORs** 

More rehearsal and prep time needed

## How do you monitor output online? Go to the jamboard and add ideas



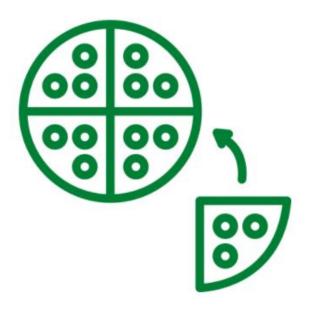


# The flipping puzzle



## Using our time efficiently: which bits should we 'flip'?

- Meaning-focussed input?
- Language-focussed learning?
- Fluency-development?
- Language-focussed output?



(Paul Nation's Four Strands of a well-balanced language course)
Nation, 2007.

## Using our time efficiently: which bits should we 'flip'?

Is it worth "doing reading/listening" in SOLS?

What's the text for?





### What's the text for?

Meaning-focussed input?



From: Roadmap A2+ by Lindsay Warwick & Damian Williams



### What's the text for?

Language-focussed learning?



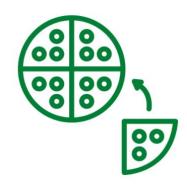
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## What about reading & listening skills development?

 Could be language-focussed (helping the learners with vocab/grammar/phon that prevents understanding)



Could be strategies (e.g. exams)

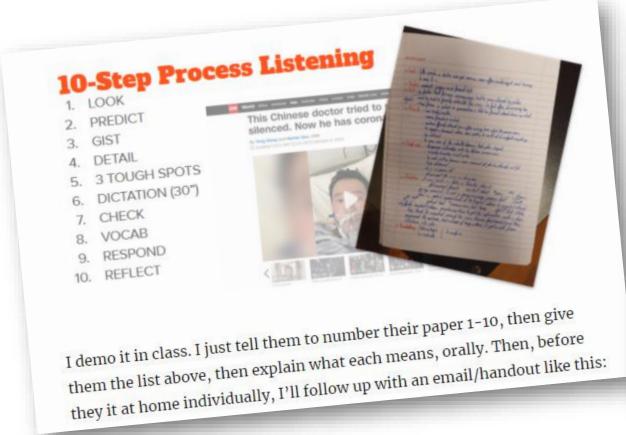


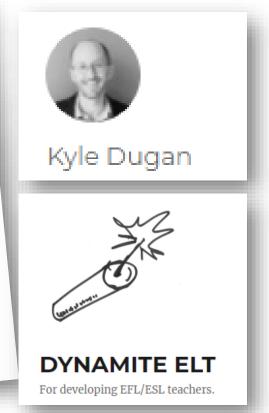
Model in class & set for homework?





# Example: modelling listening skills development





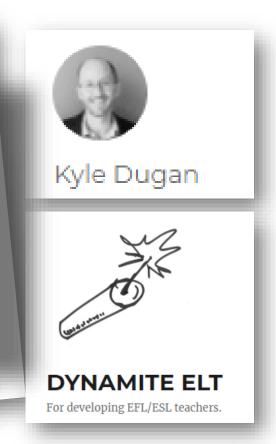
## Example: modelling listening skills development

**5. 3 tough spots:** Identify three spots (minute:second, e.g. 02:45) that are difficult to understand. What's so difficult? Performance (accent, speed, etc.)? Words (unfamiliar words)? Or non-explicit meaning (you know the words, but not the meaning)?

**6. Dictation:** Choose a 30-second section of text and transcribe it word for word

**7. Check.** If there are subtitles/a transcript, listen to check your dictation and understanding. **RED pen** 

I demo it in class. I just tell them to number them I them to number them I them the list above, then explain what each means, orally. Then, before them the list above, then explain what each means, orally. Then, before them to number them I them







## And how do you share the texts in the SOL?

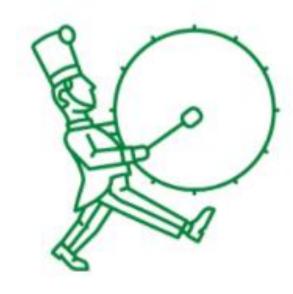
**→** Teacher control & lockstep?

Because it's how we'd usually do it F2F?











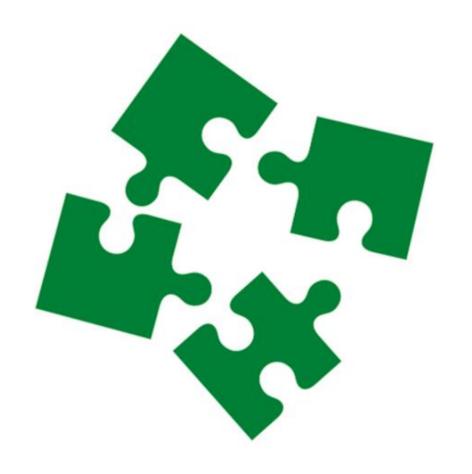


## What about flipping the language?

- Vocab quite easy to shift to self-study.
- Grammar: Do the HOTS in class or the LOTS in class?



# The motivation puzzle



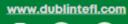


















### Some suggestions

- Spend more time on rapport
- Create and foster community
- Open classroom early & close it later
- Keep it open during breaks with breakout rooms
- Use asynchronous tasks
- Give learners choice and agency
- Get metacognitive
- Include coaching elements



### Types of asynchronous interactive tasks













https://mawsig.iatefl.org/how-to-create-interactive-online-tasks/





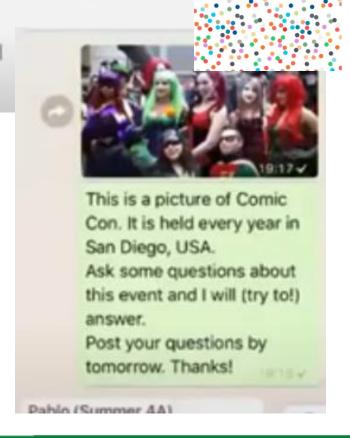
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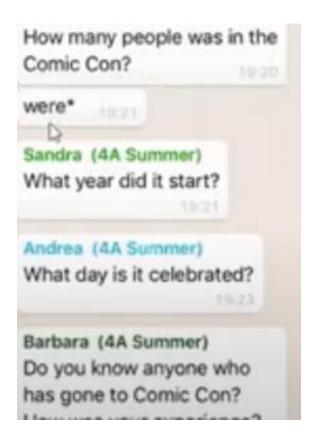


The WhatsApp programme

### Interaction patterns

- Confetti
- Pass the parcel





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## Example: coaching elements & metacognition

### 2. Motivation ARC

Time: 20 mins Level: A1-C2

You think about your motivation to learn English and how you could make it stronger. You may want to do this activity in your own language. Three important factors in Motivation are: Agency (you choose), Relatedness (you connect with other people) and Competence (you know you are getting better). ARC for short!

Step Read the example of Dan talking about a time when he felt very motivated "Recently I did my first half-marathon. A friend and I agreed to do it together. Ten

- Dan weeks before the race, I found a training schedule on the internet which told me when
- and to and how far to run each week. I printed it and put it on the wall in the kitchen. It was magic! That little piece of paper made me run four times a week. Sometimes I trained with my friend, too. I'd been running for a couple of years, but I was never as motivated
- Dan's Think about a time when you felt very motivated about something. It could be at school before. I never imagined I'd be able to run 21 km"
- Dan's Think about a time when you felt very motivated about sometime.

   Dan's Think about a time when you felt very motivated about some kind. Make some notes.

  success or at home, a hobby, a personal goal or a project of some kind. He completed the race in some way.

Now try to identify the important elements of motivation in your story.

### Step three

Think about learning English and compare it to the example you thought about in steps



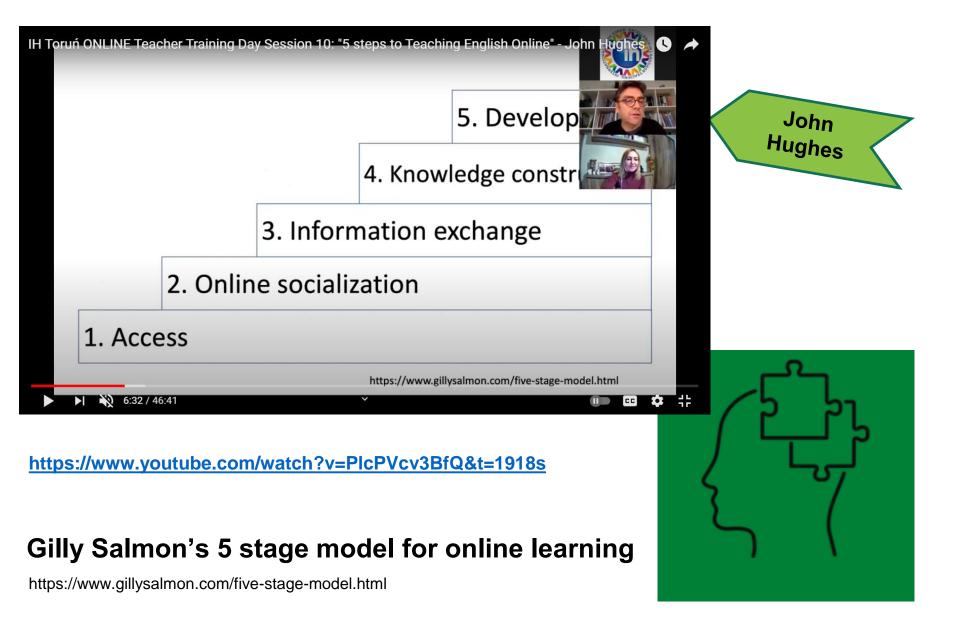
Dan Barber & Duncan Foord (2014)















### Q&A

(We'll stop recording now!)



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