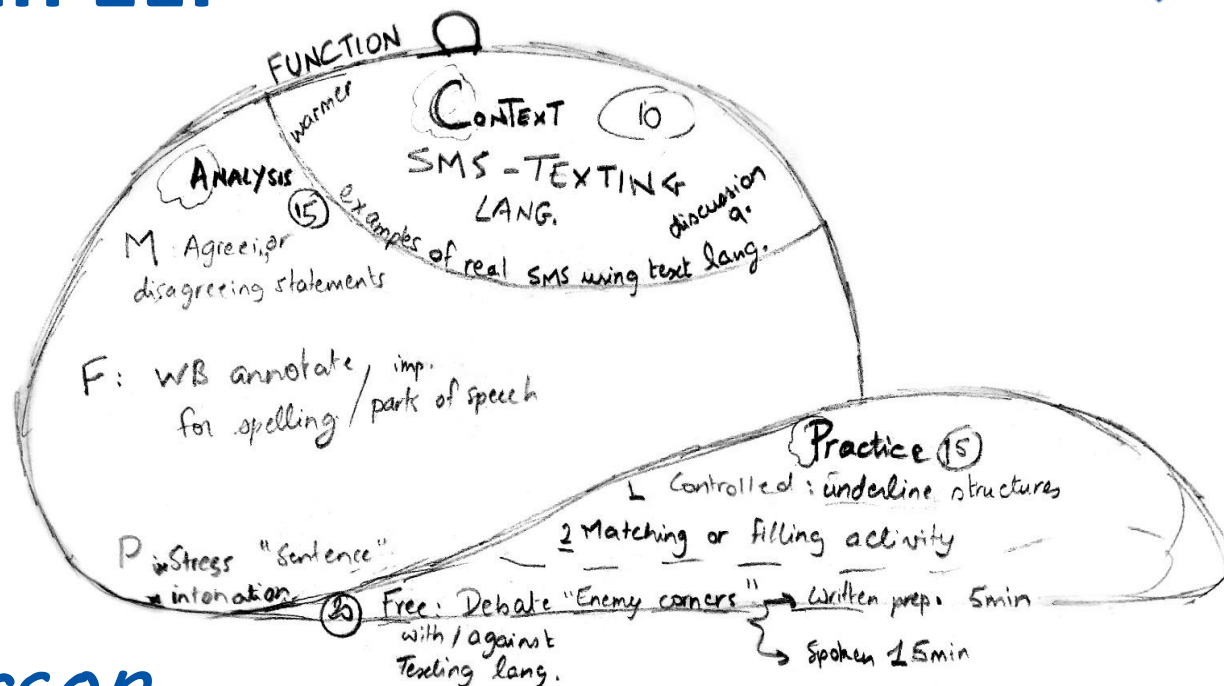


Contemporary lesson planning frameworks in ELT



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Thanks for coming... who are you?

1. How many years of teaching experience do you have?
2. What's your (main) teaching context?
 - a) primary school
 - b) secondary school
 - c) tertiary (college or university)
 - d) private school ELT (adult and younger learners)
3. What do you like most about being a teacher?

Plan for the talk

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of the opinion of
'foreign experts'
like me!*

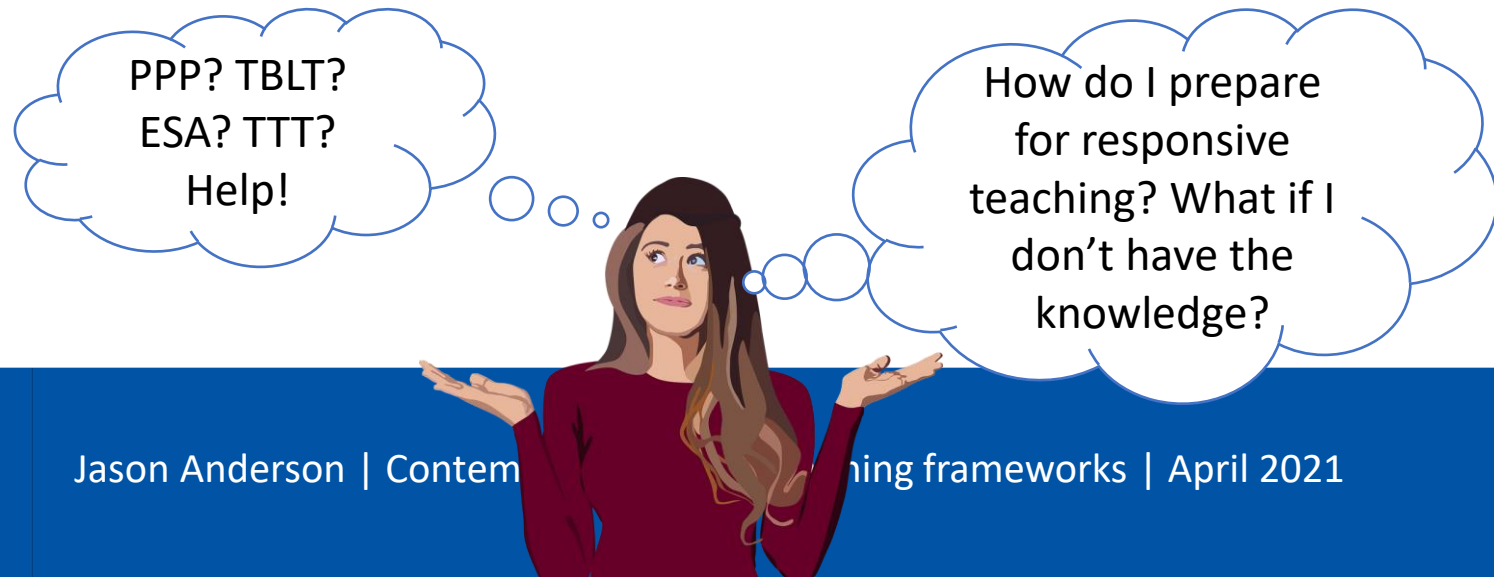
- Exploring our preferences
- 'Traditional' frameworks
- Responsive teaching approaches: the conflict with traditional frameworks
- My research on the influence of coursebook design on 'lesson shapes'
- Two new, research-informed, integrated skills frameworks: CAP(E) and TATE

Aim: To raise awareness of different frameworks, pros, cons and tensions between these, and potential ways these tensions can be resolved.

1. What frameworks do you use for structuring your lessons?
2. Do you... A) prefer to work mainly with one framework, or B) prefer to use a variety?
3. If B, what does your choice of framework depend on?

Some considerations:

1. Lesson type (e.g. vocabulary, grammar, skills)
2. Learners (e.g. age group, needs, expectations)
3. Curriculum (incl. textbook) – what is expected and why
4. Your own career stage (novice -> veteran)



Some ‘traditional’ choices

- Receptive skills lessons (pre-text – during text – post text)
- PPP (presentation – practice – production): see Anderson (2016, 2017a)
- Test – Teach – Test
- ESA (engage – study – activate): Harmer (1998)
- ARC (authentic practice – restricted practice – clarification): Scrivener (1994)

For an introduction to many of these and others, see my blog post:

<https://speakinggames.wordpress.com/2015/07/20/three-is-the-magic-number-the-tefl-paradigms-quiz/>

The importance of responsive teaching

A number of methodologists/SLA researchers emphasise the importance of avoiding overplanning our 'instruction'. Instead, they argue it should be responsive to students' 'emergent language'/internal syllabus:

- Mike Long's 'focus on form' (1991)
- DOGME / teaching unplugged (Meddings & Thornbury, 2009)
- Dealing with 'affordance' (Anderson, 2015) or 'emergent language' (Anderson & Norrington-Davies, 2019)

This is the primary basis on which many argue for a task-based framework (e.g. Willis, 1996; Long, 2015)

Are the more traditional approaches (e.g. PPP, ESA, TTT) incompatible with this 'responsive teaching' view?

Several considerations to bear in mind

Your knowledge, experience and confidence as a teacher:

Responsive teaching requires extensive knowledge of subject.

Your learners' age: Younger learners don't respond so well to explicit teaching. They tend to need to use language meaningfully in context.

Expectations of you: If you work to a national curriculum, you may be expected to prepare learners primarily for written exams and to develop their explicit knowledge.

What you're teaching: All learners seem to be able to learn lexis according to a synthetic curriculum, but it's more complex for grammar learning (see Ellis & Shintani, 2014).

My research on how global coursebooks introduce new language



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See Anderson (2017b) [Context, analysis and practice](#).

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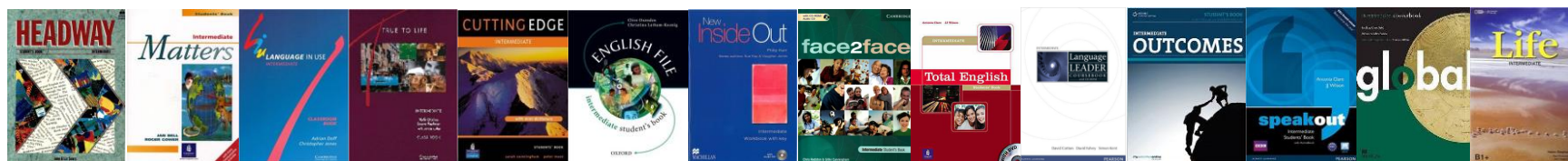
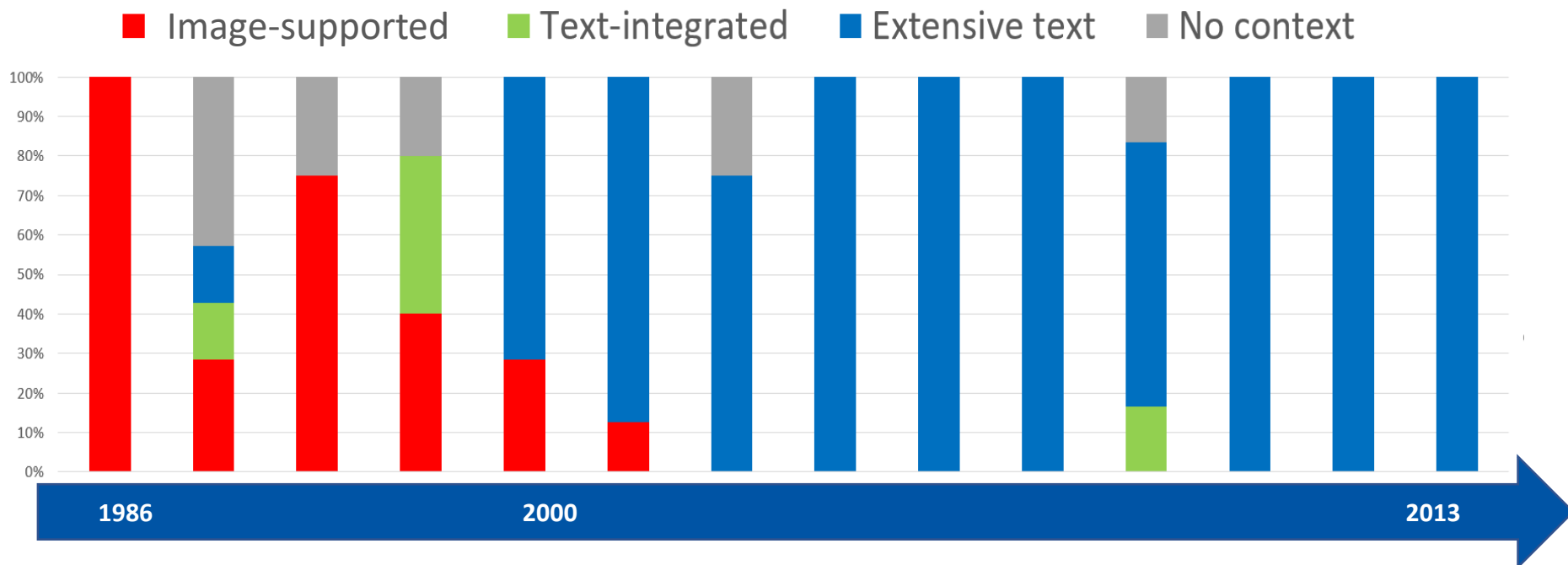
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Four types of context identified

- **Image-supported:** learners use images alone or images and text to understand context (e.g. matching text to images, ordering images, etc.).
- **Text-integrated:** learners complete or manipulate text to raise awareness of new language (e.g. gapped text, sentence ordering activity, etc.).
- **Extensive text:** learners read or listen to complete texts (e.g. article, interview, etc. >100 words). New language is noticed and analysed.
- **No clear context:** example sentences or very short dialogue (under 30 words) without images or clear indication of where, when, why, or by whom text was produced.

See Anderson (2017b) [Context, analysis and practice](#).

Contexts for the introduction of new language in 1st editions of ELT coursebooks



See Anderson (2017b) [Context, analysis and practice](#).

THE NEW YORK SUBWAY HERO

Imagine you are at a train station when a young man suddenly falls onto the train tracks. Everyone is aware of what has happened – but no one moves. What would you do if this happened to you?

- 5 A Risk your life to save a stranger.
B Do what everyone else is doing.
C Call emergency services.

When faced with just such a situation, Wesley Autrey chose option A. Autrey was standing on a New York City subway platform when suddenly, just as the train was approaching, a young man fell onto the tracks. Without a second thought, Autrey jumped down and lay on top of the man in an attempt to save his life. The train went over them, but miraculously, both survived – with only centimeters between them and the train. Autrey's act of heroism was widely reported in the media and he soon became a national hero.

But while some people might see Autrey's act as commendable, others might see it as a risk to his life. Autrey doesn't think he should have done it. For him, there was no other option. It was simply the right thing to do.

Autrey's act was exceptional. If most people faced such a situation, they would choose option B – that is, do nothing. Researchers have been studying this phenomenon, called the bystander effect, for years. In one famous experiment, researchers observed a participant in a room while it began to fill with smoke. Thinking there must be a fire somewhere, 78% of the participants who were alone when they noticed the smoke left the room to report it. The experiment was repeated, this time while several other people – bystanders – were also present in the room. The others had been told to ignore the smoke. Now, only 10% of the participants reported the problem. Why?

One explanation for the bystander effect is our belief that everyone present when the event occurs

shares responsibility to act. If no one else is doing anything, why should we? In addition, most of us follow the rules of socially acceptable behavior. So, when other people do nothing, we assume that this must be an appropriate response. Perhaps the others understand the situation and have a good reason not to react.

Dr. Mark Levine is an expert in social psychology. When asked what makes some people behave like heroes, he replied that it often depends how connected we feel to other people. Our empathy for the victim, or lack of it, can make a difference. If we know the victim, or can imagine how he or she feels, we will be more likely to offer assistance. Another factor is our relationship to the other bystanders. In the presence of friends or relatives, the desire to make a good impression is very strong and can overcome the tendency to do nothing.

Unfortunately, the influence of the bystander effect is often stronger than our ability to feel empathy. For this reason, some countries have passed laws obliging people to be more socially responsible. France and Brazil, for example, have laws that make it mandatory to help a person in danger. Of course, you needn't risk your life in order to do so. Offering assistance can be as simple as phoning emergency services.



Context

USING LANGUAGE First and Second Conditional Grammar Reference, page 141

A 1 Read the example sentences.

First Conditional:

If you see someone in trouble on the street tomorrow, will you help them?

If we know the victim, we will be more likely to offer assistance.

Second Conditional:

What would you do if this happened to you? (It probably won't happen to you.)

If most people faced such a situation, they would choose option B. (Most people don't face this situation.)

2 Answer the questions.

- Which conditional describes a situation that is possible in the future?
- Which conditional describes an unlikely or theoretical situation?
- What tenses are used in each conditional?
- Which tense is used after the word *if*?

Analysis

B Look at the pictures and answer the questions in your notebook. Use the first conditional.

What will happen if ... ?

1 no one adopts the dog



2 the driver doesn't see the man



3 the boxes are too heavy



4 no one stops to help



C 1 The following sentences describe hypothetical situations. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets. Use the second conditional. Then choose ONE answer. Compare your answers with a partner and discuss the reasons for your choices.

- If a homeless person ... (ask) me for money, I ... (give) it to him / I ... (buy) him some food.
- If I ... (see) a small child alone crying in the street, I ... (call) the police / I ... (try) to find his / her parents.
- If I ... (notice) an injured dog in the street, I ... (take) it home / I ... (chase) it away.
- If a friend ... (ask) me to lie to his / her parents, I ... (do) it / I ... (refuse).
- If I ... (meet) an old person carrying heavy packages, I ... (offer) to help / I ... (ignore) him / her.

2 A STEP BEYOND Write your own ending to each sentence above.

D SPEAK UP Discuss the following. Say whether you agree or disagree.

If homeless people weren't so lazy, they wouldn't be homeless.

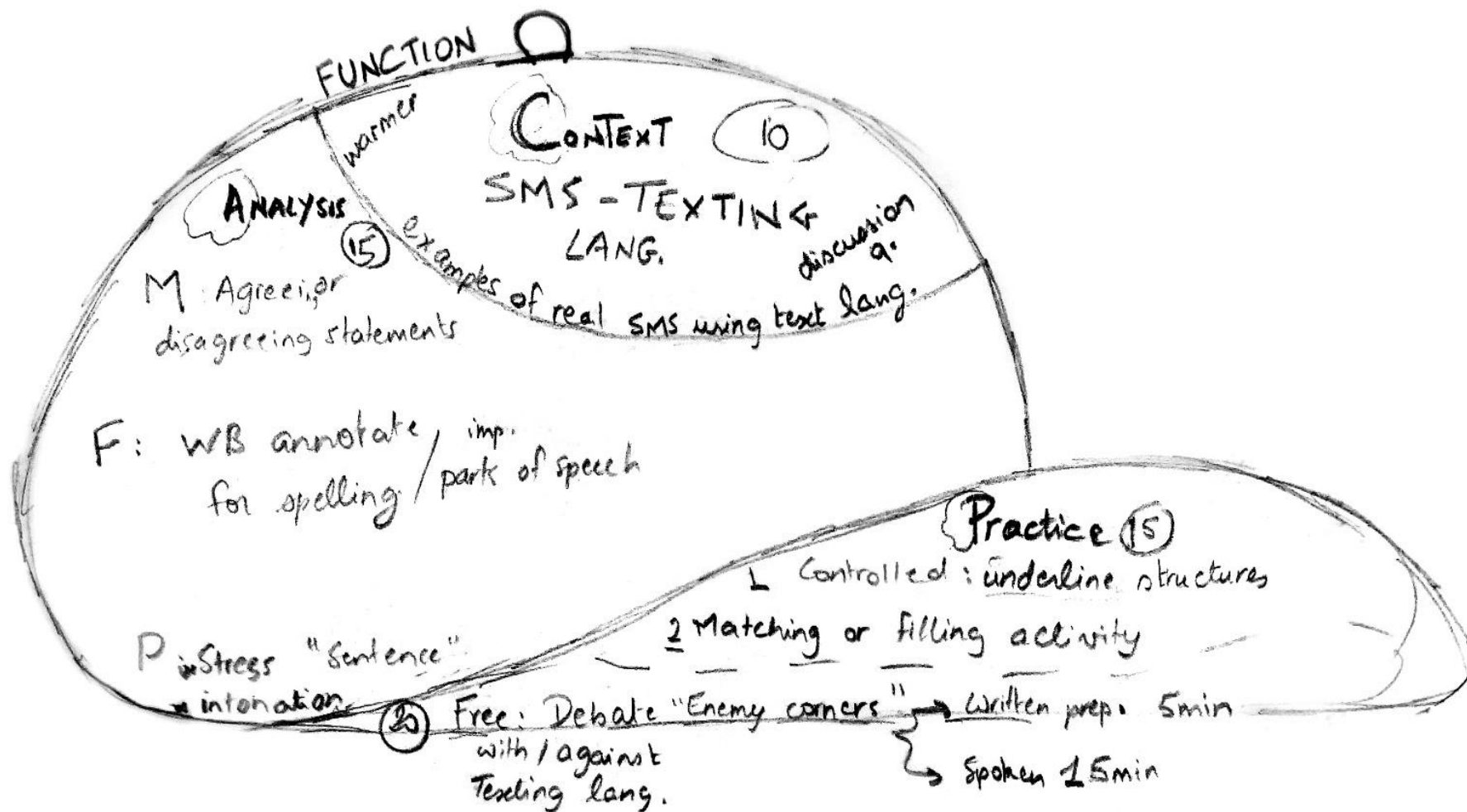
Practice

The CAP / CAPE model

Context	Context established through a text (listening, reading or video), a 'situation' (in classroom or through audio-visual resources), or the involvement of learners.
Analysis	Language features are noticed and analysed explicitly for meaning, form, pronunciation and usage/use (grammatical, functional, lexical, textual).
Practice	Learners practise using the language. This may include controlled and freer practice of language analysed, scaffolded and independent text construction or a communicative task.
Evaluation	When practice involves text construction, self-, peer and teacher evaluation of the text are possible.

See Anderson (2017b) [Context, analysis and practice](#).

The CAP / CAPE model



3 'lesson skeletons' using CAP

C-A-P Phase	1. Intermediate (B1) Making arrangements by email	2. Upper intermediate (B2) Telling an anecdote	3. Advanced (C1) Negotiating a business contract
Context	Learners read and evaluate two different emails; one good, the other not good.	Learners listen to a recording of people telling anecdotes from childhood, matching speakers to topics.	Learners watch video of business negotiation from reality TV show; answer comprehension questions.
Analysis	Learners study the structure of the better email, and notice useful expressions and phrases.	Learners analyse tenses used (e.g. past simple, past continuous, etc.) from the tapescript and why.	Learners watch the negotiation again. Make notes on techniques and language used.
Practice	Learners write emails to each other to plan a weekend holiday.	Learners make notes and then tell anecdotes to each other in groups.	Negotiation role-play on similar topic.

From Anderson, J. (2017c) [The Trinity CertTESOL Companion](#)

Advantages of CAP as a 'base model' (i.e. alternative to PPP)

1. It's simple and clear (directive, but with flexibility).
2. It's consistent with structure of most textbooks.
3. It prioritises context (PPP and TBLT models don't).
4. It makes for 'rounded' lessons.
5. It's an integrated-skills model:
receptive → analysis → productive.
6. It's useful for CELTA/CertTESOL, pre-service observations/supervisions – can tick all the boxes in one lesson.

WEATHER MIX

VOCABULARY

- 1 Listen to the sounds. What images come to your mind?
What is the weather like?

REMEMBER!

sun — sunny
wind — windy
cloud — cloudy
rain — rainy
snow — snowy
fog — foggy
storm — stormy

VOCABULARY BOX

chilly and foggy
cloudy and snowy
hot and sunny
warm and sunny
wet and rainy

- 2 Ask and answer in pairs. Use the pictures.

Example: A: What is the weather like in picture 1?
B: It is chilly and foggy.



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Lesson 1

- 3 Make up true sentences.

When the weather is	sunny rainy foggy stormy windy	the sky is the sun is the clouds are	red. orange. yellow. blue. pink. purple. grey. white.
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READING

- 1 a) Look at the symbols, use the words from the box and fill in the first gaps about the weather.

Weather: foggy
Temperature: _____
Town: _____

Weather: 2°C = 2 degrees centigrade
Temperature: _____
Town: _____

Weather: _____
Temperature: _____
Town: _____

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Temperature: _____
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Temperature: _____
Town: _____

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b) Listen and read the weather report and fill in the gaps above (a) with the temperature and the name of the town.

This is the weather report for our continent — dear old Europe. Yesterday was not different from the rest of the week. In the north it was cold as usual. In the south it was warm as can be expected for this time of the year.

London was foggy with a temperature of 12 degrees centigrade. It was windy and cloudy in Berlin. And the temperature was 9 degrees centigrade.

In Madrid it was rainy again. Usually wet for this time of the year. And the temperature was 15 degrees centigrade.

Let's see what the weather was like further south. So, in Rome the weather was really beautiful. It was sunny and warm and the temperature was wonderful — 22 degrees centigrade.

The north of our continent was the coldest. Actually, it was even colder than usual. In Oslo the temperature was only 0 degrees and there was even a snow storm.

And now let's see what the weather will be tomorrow...



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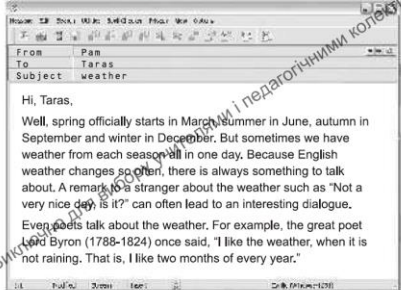
VOCABULARY BOX

centigrade ['sentigri:əd]
degree [di'grɪ:
forecast ['fɔ:kæst]
to expect [ɪk'spekt]
to report [rɪ'pɔ:t]

- 2 Ask and answer in pairs.

- What is the difference between a weather report and a weather forecast?
- What is the weather like today?
- What was the weather like yesterday (last Sunday) / two days ago?

- 3 a) Read Pam's letter to Taras and say what it is about.



- b) Answer the questions.

- When does summer officially start and finish in Britain?
- Why do people in Britain talk about the weather a lot?
- How can you start a talk with a stranger?
- Which months do you think the great poet Lord Byron liked best?

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GRAMMAR

REMEMBER!

It is + Adjective / Noun

It is cold. It is winter. It is light.
It is warm. It is dark. It is Sunday morning.

- 1 Think about spring and autumn and make up 5 sentences from the table below.

It	is	often	very	cold	autumn.
isn't	isn't	always	terribly	warm	spring.
		usually		hot	Match.
		sometimes		fine	April.
				dry	September.
				bright	October.
				nice	

REMEMBER!

to rain, to snow

PRESENT SIMPLE

It often rains / snows in autumn.
It never rains / snows there.
It doesn't rain / snow in June.
Does it often rain / snow there?

PRESENT CONTINUOUS

It is raining / snowing now.
It isn't raining / snowing now.
Is it raining / snowing now?

PAST SIMPLE

It often rained / snowed last winter.
It didn't rain / snow last month.
Did it rain / snow in March?

words

Lesson 1

- 3 a) Write questions to interview your British friend about the weather in Great Britain. Work in a group.

- b) Compare your list with the lists of other groups. Which one is the longest / the most correct?

LISTENING

- 1 Listen and say why the weather is different in various places.

Let's see what the weather is like around the world today.



VOCABULARY BOX

climate ['klaɪmɪt]
to sunbathe ['sʌnbæθ]
freezing ['fri:zɪŋ]
frosty ['frɒsti]
various ['veəriəs]
heavily ['hevɪli]
outside ['aʊtsaɪd]

- 3 Read and answer the questions below.



WINTER IN ENGLAND

The weather in England is not very cold. Sometimes it snows. But usually it rains in winter. That is why Englishmen usually don't wear warm coats. They have got raincoats and umbrellas.

- Is the weather usually very cold in England in winter?
- Does it often snow?
- What do Englishmen usually wear in winter? Why?

- 4 a) Complete the table with the words from the box.

30°	thirty	10°	ten
25°	twenty-five	5°	five
20°	twenty	0°	zero
15°	fifteen	-5°	minus five

- b) Look, then ask and answer in pairs. Use the words above.

What's the weather	TODAY'S WEATHER
	THE WORLD
	cloudy 0°
	rainy 5°
	sunny 20°
	windy -2°

Lesson 1

- 5 Listen and sing the song.

SNOW

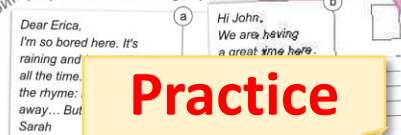
Falling from the sky,
Soft and white,
Falling through the air
Day and night,
Cold and bright,
Pretty sight,
Snow, snow, snow!
At last we know
It's snow, snow, snow!

SPEAKING

- 1 Speak about the day during your last holiday. Use the questions below.

- Where were you?
- When were you there?
- What was the weather like?
- What were other people doing?
- What was your favourite activity?

- 2 Read the postcards and look at the information below. Guess where these people are. Discuss in a group.



Practice

Analysis

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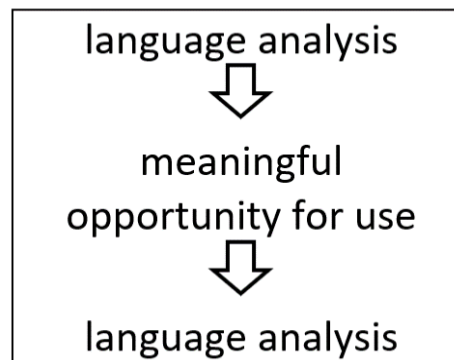
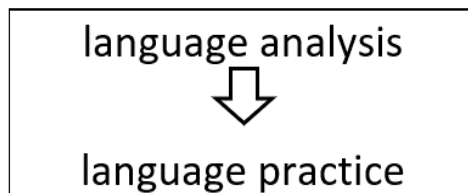
Moving from directive to responsive frameworks

Three key issues with CAP:

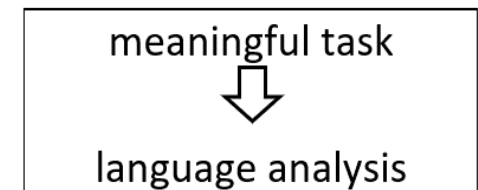
- Units are usually longer than one lesson.
- CAP doesn't provide clear opportunity for teachers to respond to learning: How do we deal with 'emergent language', encourage focus-on-form, differentiated instruction?
- 'Practice' is problematic. Do we want them simply to practice a structure (less meaningful) or to use language meaningfully and communicatively?

many experienced teachers

PPP language focus



TBLT language focus



TATE framework (Anderson, 2020a, 2020b)

Phase
<i>Text^a</i>
<i>Analysis^b</i>
<i>Task^c</i>
<i>Exploration^d</i>

A hybrid ('task-supported/based') framework that:

- recognises longer units of work (including thematic units and project-based learning)
- provides a scaffold to help novice teachers move from pre-task analysis to post-task analysis ('exploration')
- is capable of facilitating both explicit and implicit learning (without compromising on either) and flexible form focus within constraints of typical curricula and coursebooks
- can be responsive to content focus, instructional constraints, learners' needs and teacher preferences

TATE framework (Anderson, 2020a, 2020b)

Phase	Description	Examples of potential implicit processes	Examples of potential explicit processes
Text^a	Receptive skills practice through meaningful engagement with a written or aural text	Lexical priming Reinforcement	Inferring meaning from context
Analysis^b	Learner- or teacher-led focus on target features (TF) of lexis or grammar related to the text and/or task	Noticing Translanguaging Proceduralisation activities	Raising awareness Focus on lexis Form-function focus Contrastive analysis
Task^c	Meaningful, mainly productive skills practice that may include opportunities to use lexis or grammar from previous phases	Pushed output Negotiation of meaning Translanguaging Automatization of TF	Use of TF (optional) Incidental form focus
Exploration^d	Evaluation, review and form-focus responsive to task success and challenge	Uptake / Noticing the gap Reinforcement	Raising awareness Emergent language focus Reflection Planning for future

The diagram illustrates the TATE framework with the following connections:

- A curved arrow points from the **Text** phase to the **Analysis** phase.
- A curved arrow points from the **Analysis** phase to the **Task** phase.
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Beyond TATE?

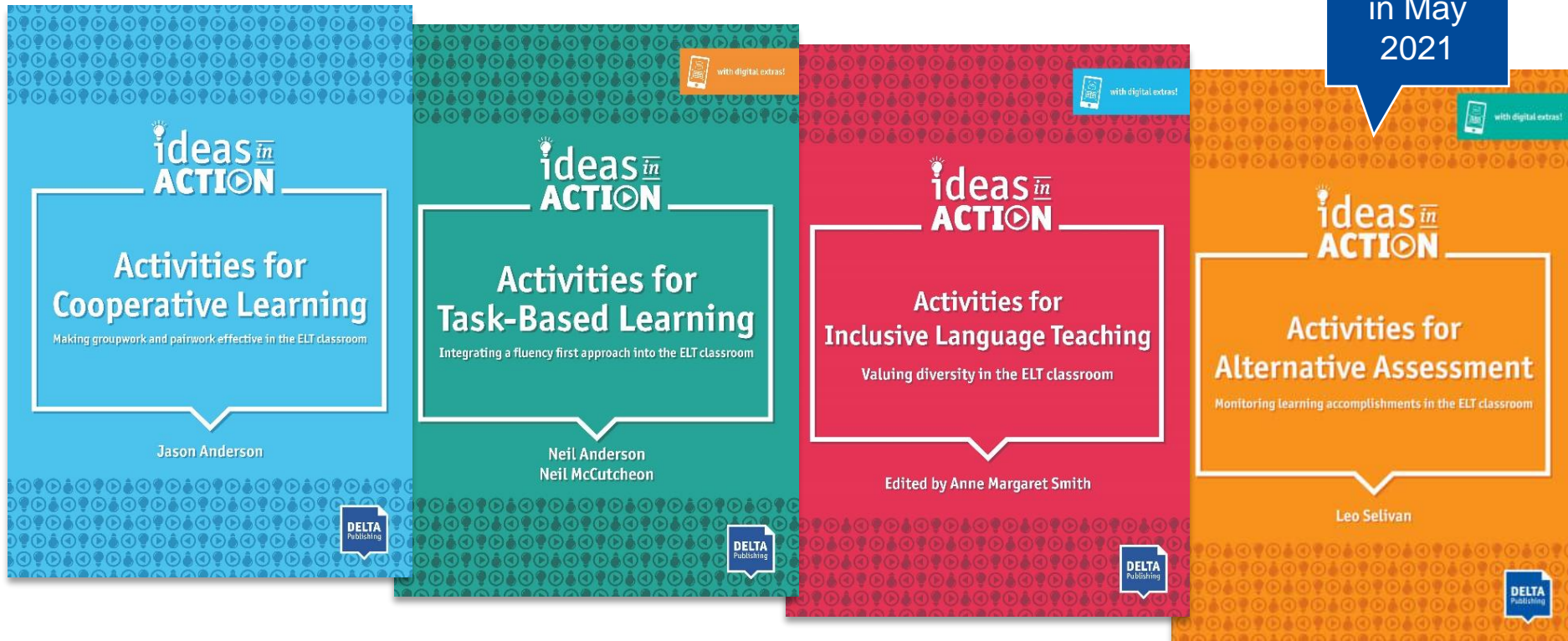
- As we gain **expertise** the need for frameworks is often replaced by a more instinctual, flexible approach, and **principled eclecticism**.
- TBLT, project-based learning, text-based learning and ESP frameworks are more likely to be of use.
- See: Ur's "mix and match" (2011, p. 518).

Summary

- ‘Traditional’ frameworks: PPP, TTT, etc.
- Responsive teaching approaches: the conflict with traditional frameworks
- My research on the influence of coursebook design on ‘lesson shapes’
- Two new, research-informed, integrated skills frameworks: CAP(E) and TATE
- A possible continuum as we develop: deliberate structured planning becomes freer and more responsive with experience and expertise.

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