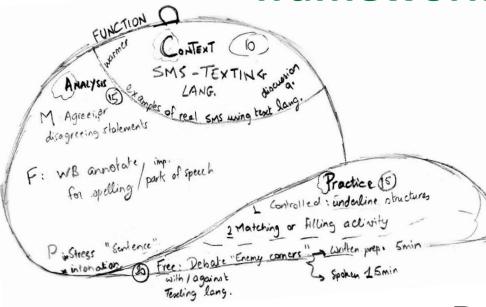


Contemporary lesson planning frameworks in TESOL



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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. Are you teaching online or face-to-face at the moment?
- 4. What do you like most about being a teacher?



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Plan for the talk

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

- 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 integrated skills frameworks: CAP(E) and TATE



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- 1. What frameworks do you use for structuring your lessons?
- Do you... A) prefer to work mainly with one framework, orB) 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)
- 'Structural' frameworks.

What do they all have in common? A 'synthetic' curriculum: The language focus is pre-planned and specific·

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-thetefl-paradigms-quiz/

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The importance of responsive teaching

A number of methodologists/SLA researchers emphasise the importance of avoiding overplanning our language focus. Instead, they argue, we should get them to use language meaningfully and our input 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' (Andon & Norrington-Davies, 2019)

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

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

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Several considerations to bear in mind

Your knowledge, experience and confidence as a teacher: Responsive teaching requires extensive knowledge of subject; expected at DELTA/DipTESOL level, not necessarily at CELTA/CertTESOL.



Your learners' age/needs: Younger learners don't respond so well to explicit teaching. They tend to need to use language meaningfully in context. Teens and adults do... sometimes.

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 for this: What English '*is*' is context-specific.

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).

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My research on how global coursebooks introduce new language



1986

2000

2013

They almost always begin with... CONTEXT!

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

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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.

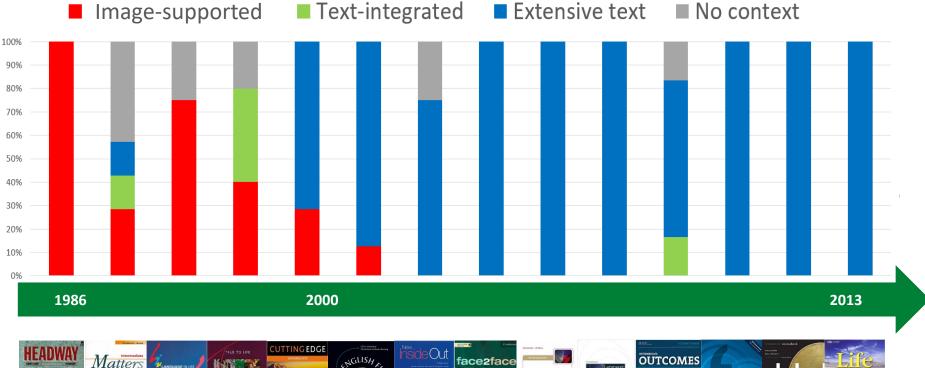
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Contexts for the introduction of new language in 1st editions of ELT coursebooks





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BIG HAPPY FAMILIES

GRAMMAR | have/has got

VOCABULARY | family

Context

VOCABULARY family

1A Work in pairs. Look at the photo of the Chernenko family. Can you find:

- the parents
- the number of children?
- · a son and a daughter?
- · a brother and a sister?
- a husband and a wife?

B Look at the family words above. Do you know any other 'family' words? Make a list.

page 154 PHOTOBANK

READING

2A Discuss. What do you think a the good/bad things about life in a big/small family?

B Work in pairs. Student A: look at page 165. Student B: read the text on this page. Circle the numbers in the box which are in your text. What do they refer to?

| 12 | (| 7) | Π. | 8 | E | 7 |
|----|---|----|----|---|---|---|
| 9 | 6 | 15 | | | | |

17 children in the Chernenko family

C Work in pairs. Tell your partner about your text. Use your numbers as prompts.

D Work in pairs. Draw lines to complete the information. Use the texts to help.





Family welcomes baby seventeen

BABY DAVID is the latest child of Vladimir and Zynaida Chernenko. The Chernenkos come from Ukraine and now live in the USA. They have got 17 children, 8 girls and 9 boys. (Sergey, 22, isn't in the photo.)

ife in the Chernenko house is noisy! The house has got 7 rooms but each child sleeps in his or her own bed. They don't always eat at the same time, but in the evenings they have dinner together. They travel everywhere in their 15-seat car.

Vladimir Chernenko doesn't think his family is unusual. Large families are quite normal And how about another in the Ukraine. Vladimir says, 'We love singing and now we've got lots of voices for our family *choir!'

HOW TO | talk about your family

One daughter, 20-year-old Liliya, is married and doesn't live with her brothers and sisters. The other children live at home. 'It's good, says 18-year-old Dmitry. 'I like it. My best friend says he's bored because he hasn't got a brother or a sister. I come home from school and I'm never bored. I've always got something to do." child? 'We haven't got any plans,' says Zynaida, 'but who knows?

* choir - a group of peop



3A Look at the article on page 30 again and complete the sentences

- _____ seventeen children. I They_
- 2 The house seven rooms.
- 3 They _____ any plans for another child.

B Complete the table.

| I/You/We/ They | | got | eight sisters. |
|-------------------|-----|-----|----------------|
| He/She | | | |
| 1 | n't | | a brother. |
| He/She | n't | | |

C
3.4 Listen and underline the alternative you hea I David 's/has got eight brothers.



D Listen again and repeat. Notice the contracted form Which word is stressed in the sentence? page 132 LANGUAGEBANK

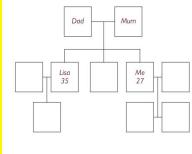
PRACTICE

4A Complete the text. Use the correct form of have got or he

've got a brother and a sister thirty-five, my brother Practice thirty and I⁴ My sister ⁵ married to A a daughter, Eva. Eva 7 any brothers or sisters. My brother 8 married, but he 9 a girlfriend. married to Marek, We 1 two sons, Vlad and Henryk. They 12 three

and one.

B Use the information above to complete the family tree.



SPEAKING

5A Complete the questions.

| L | you | any brothers | or sisters? |
|---|-------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 2 | How many brothers | s you | ? |
| 3 | your bro | other any | children? |
| 4 | How many children | he | ? |

B Draw your family tree in your notebook. Write your name and two family members in your tree.

C Work in pairs. Exchange family trees with your partner. Ask and answer questions. Add names, ages and jobs to your partner's family tree.

A: How many brothers and sisters have you got?

- B: I've got two brothers and one sister.
- A: What are their names?

B: Joel, Santiago and Cecilia.

A: And how old are they?

D Look at your own family tree again. Check the information and correct any mistakes.

WRITING apostrophe 's

6A Read the sentences. Underline six examples of 's.

Stuart's got one sister and two brothers. His sister's name's Jane and she's a doctor. Jane's husband is also a doctor and he's got four children from his first marriage.

B Work in pairs. Which 's means has, is or possessive 's

text. Put in six missing apostrophes (').

brothers, Aleksis, and Pavel, Aleksis is forty, angineer and hes married to Katia. They live in an apartment in Moscow. Theyve got one daughter, Lara.

Shes at school and she lives at home with them. Aleksis is quite serious, but my other brother, Pavel, is very energetic and lively. He likes sport and he writes for a magazine. Hes single.

D Write about two people in your family. Write 50-70 words.



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Analysis

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?

- 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 beca

 But while some p as commendable to risk his life for doesn't think he

doesn't think he 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 o 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

subway

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

45 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

- 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.
- 55 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.

Infortunately, the influence of the bystander effect s often stronger than our ability to feel empathy. For this reason, some countries have passed laws abliging 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.



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.

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

B Look at the pictures and answer the questions in your notebook. Use the first conditional. What will happen if ... ?



- 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.
 - 1 If a homeless person ... (ask) me for money, I ... (give) it to him / I ... (buy) him some food.
 - 2 If I ... (see) a small child alone crying in the street, I ... (call) the police / I ... (try) to find his / her parents.
 - 3 If I ... (notice) an injured dog in the street, I ... (take) it home / I ... (chase) it away.
 - 4 If a friend ... (ask) me to lie to his / her parents, I ... (do) it / I ... (refuse).
 - 5 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 disagr



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

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High Five by Roberta Revesz © Eric Cohen Books

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Context

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. | | | |



When practice involves text construction, self-, peer and teacher evaluation of the text are possible.

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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. |

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Advantages of CAP as a 'initial (structural) model' (i.e. alternative to PPP/ESA)

- 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 even 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.

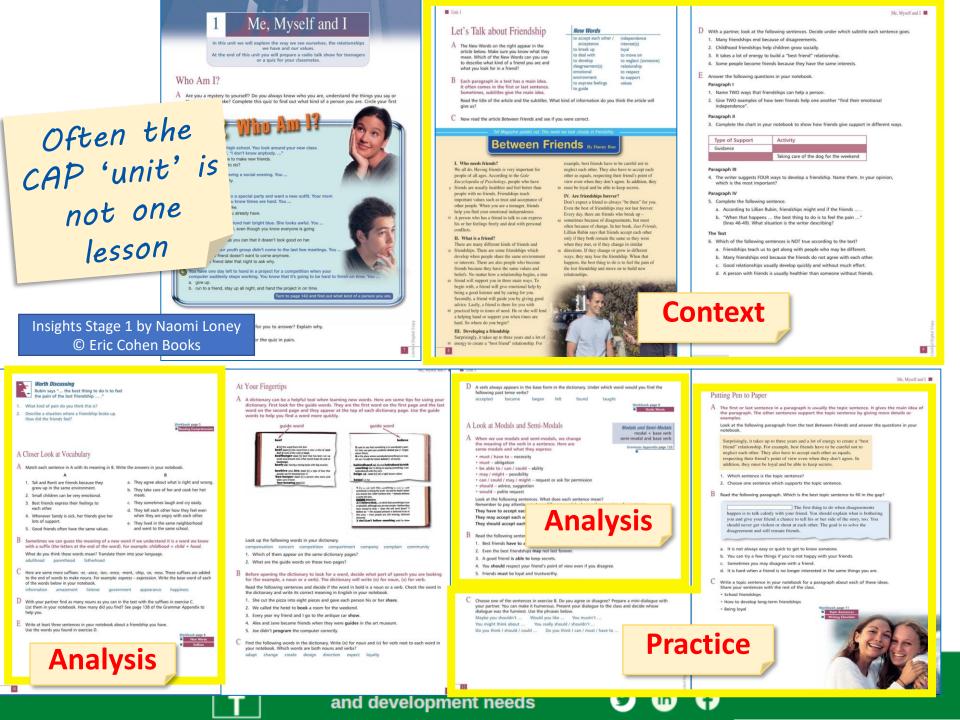
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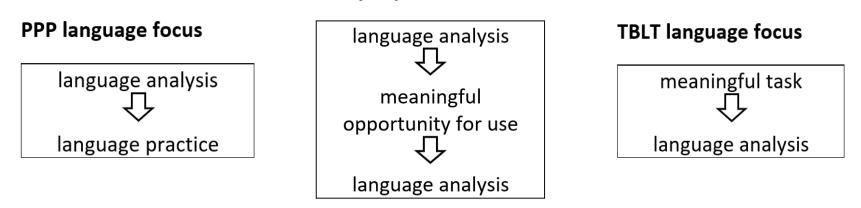




Moving from directive to responsive frameworks

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

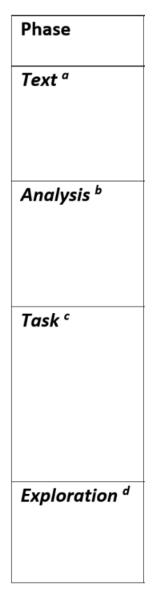




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TATE framework (Anderson, 2020a, 2020b)



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 Uptake / Noticing the gap | Use of TF (optional) Incidental form focus |
| Exploration ^d | Evaluation, review and form-focus responsive to task success and challenge | Reinforcement | Emergent language focus Reflection Planning for future |

Beyond frameworks?

- As we gain expertise the need for frameworks is often replaced by a more instinctual, flexible approach, and principled eclecticism / Kumaravadivelu's post method pedagogy (e.g., 2001).
- Project-based learning, text-based learning, CLIL and ESP frameworks are more likely to be of use.
- See: Ur's "mix and match" (2011, p. 518).



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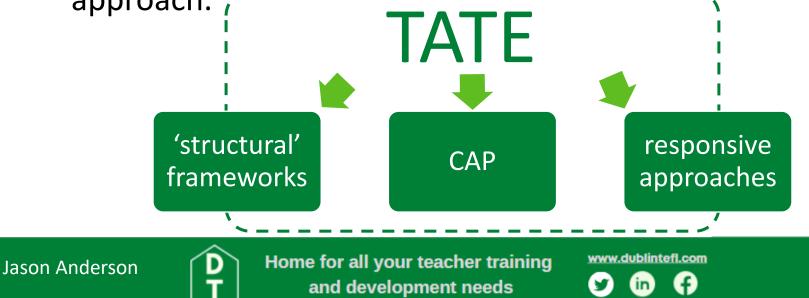
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