

EU-Speak 2 STUDY CIRCLE Now Available!

Study Circle—19th January to 21 February 2015

The partners on this Multilateral Lifelong Learning project (funded by EU's Grundtvig programme) are developing the framework for an online training and development curriculum for teachers of low-educated second language and literacy acquisition (LESLLA) immigrant adults.

We have carried out two multinational online surveys and consulted with teachers and experts in the field of immigrant second language and literacy acquisition. From these results we have developed our final set of the knowledge, skills and attitudes teachers need to work with this population of adult learners. You can view this set on our website www.eu-speak.com

This set of knowledge, skills and attitudes informs our ideas for an online study circle on vocabulary, delivered via Moodle. If you have at least some experience in working with LESLLA learners, our study circle will enhance your skills in supporting your learners in their development of vocabulary.

Study circle objectives: At the end of the study circle, participants will be able to:

Describe these key facets of vocabulary learning

- The importance of vocabulary in second language (L2) learning
- How the number of words in someone's lexicon is counted
- How many words a native speaker of a language knows at various ages
- What it means to know a word
- Number of words an L2 learner needs to orally communicate effectively
- Number of words an L2 learner needs to know to read
- How long it takes for an L2 learner to learn enough vocabulary to communicate, comprehend, read, and write at the various Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) levels
- Analyse and evaluate ways in which L2 learners develop vocabulary from listening, observing, (e.g. fast mapping), and reading
- Compare vocabulary learning of child and educated L2 learners in mainstream research with the LESLLA learners with whom they work

If you are interested in participating in a study circle, contact your country facilitator, Martha Young-Scholten, to register. Contact details are given in the side panel. Facilitators are those who will provide you with local support during the study circle.



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- University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- University of Cologne, Germany
- University of Granada, Spain
- University of Jyväskylä, Finland
- Newcastle University, England

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As our project progresses we will be publishing updates, reports and academic papers on our website

For more information about the work of LESLLA visit

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