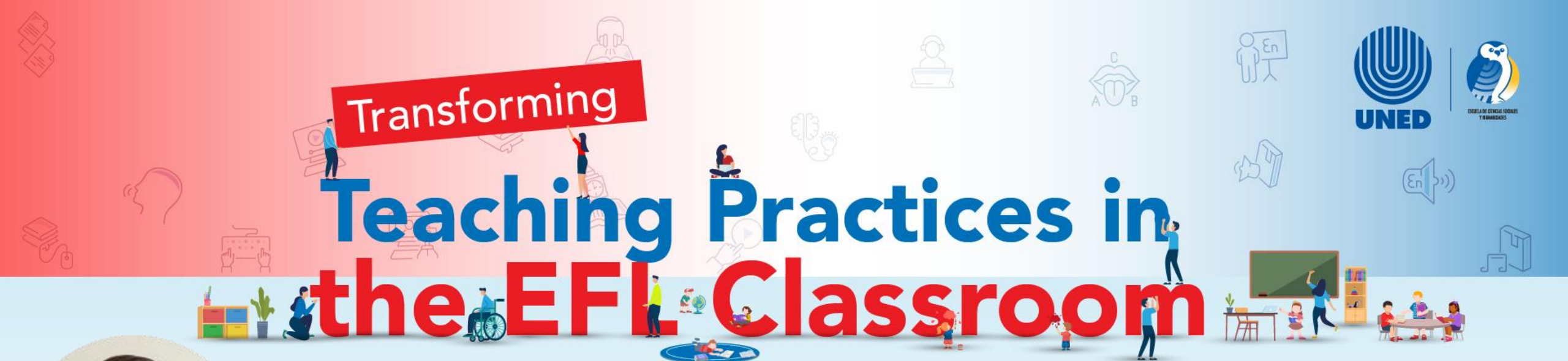


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Teaching Practices in the EFL Classroom

VII VIII Seminar for English Teaching Professionals

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Workshop:

Boosting Oral Skills with Intercultural Connections: Key Strategies from the Building Intercultural Bridges Virtual Exchange project



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Session Goals



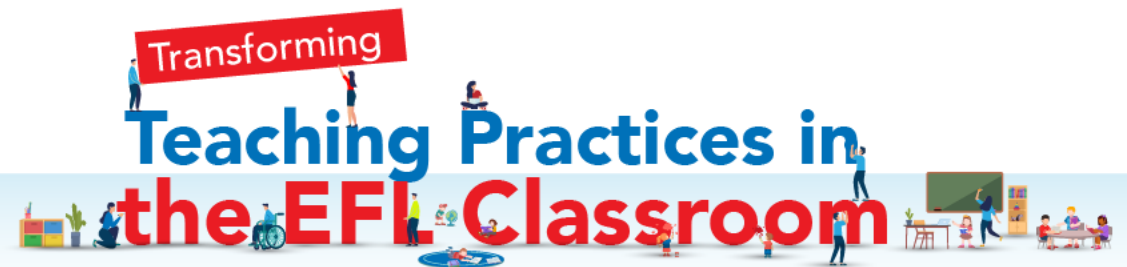
Inform about the ongoing “Building Intercultural Bridges” project for the Cátedra de Investigación e Innovación para la Enseñanza del Inglés.



Provide with a website and ideas on how students can connect with other students from around the world.



Give teachers tips and ideas on how to incorporate this project into their own classes making learning more significant.





Introduction to the Workshop



Overview of the "Building Intercultural Bridges" Project



Integrating Technology and Language in EFL Classrooms



Practical Website Demonstration and Ideas



Tips for Implementing the Project in Your Classroom



Q&A and Discussion

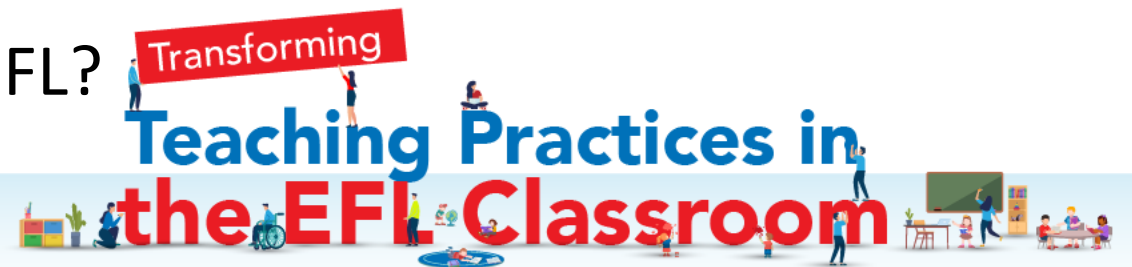
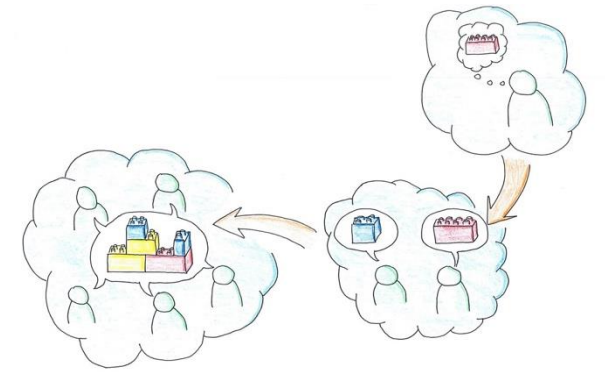
Agenda



Opening Activity

Work with a colleague and discuss:

- Have you ever participated in a virtual exchange program as a teacher or student? How was the experience?
 - If you have not, what would your expectations be?
- What topics could you talk about if you were to meet someone from another country? Think of 5 topics.
- Why are authentic tasks important in EFL?

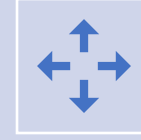


Authentic Speaking tasks in the EFL Classroom



Real-World Communication Skills

Relevance to Real-Life Scenarios
Contextual Learning



Exposure to Varied Language Forms

Diverse Language Input
Listening and Speaking Integration



Increased Motivation and Engagement

Purposeful Learning
Cultural Connection



Assessment of Practical Language Use

Performance-Based Assessment
Feedback on Real Communication



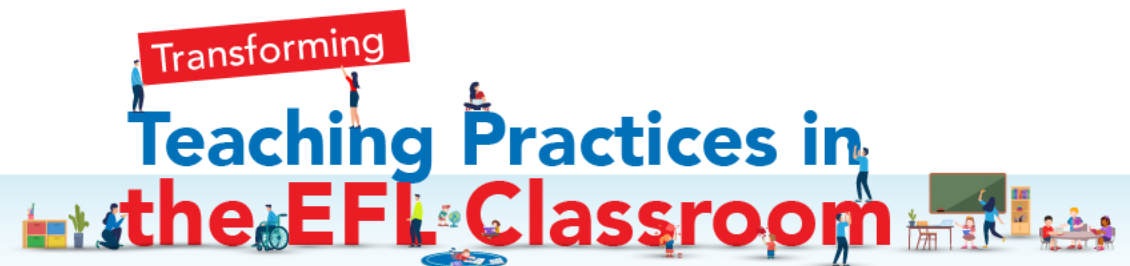
Development of Communicative Competence

Fluency and Accuracy
Problem-Solving and Critical Thinking

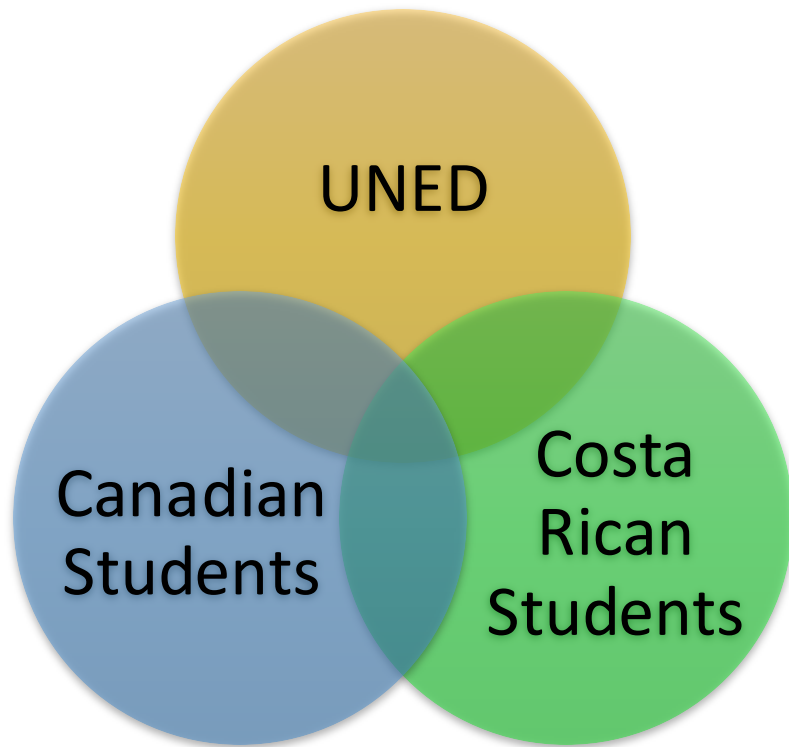


Building Confidence

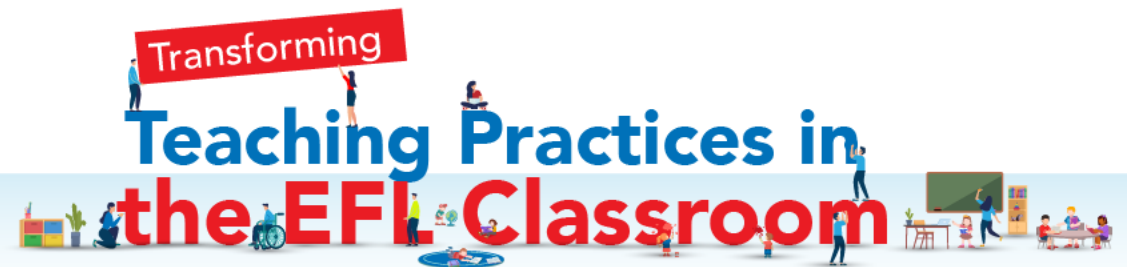
Safe Practice Environment
Gradual Increase in Complexity



Building Intercultural Bridges



- Cooperation between UNED and institutions in Canada
- Student recruitment (voluntary participation)
- Online synchronous sessions
- Personalized feedback



Discussion Topics:

Ticos, the culture of Pura Vida!

Getting to know your country

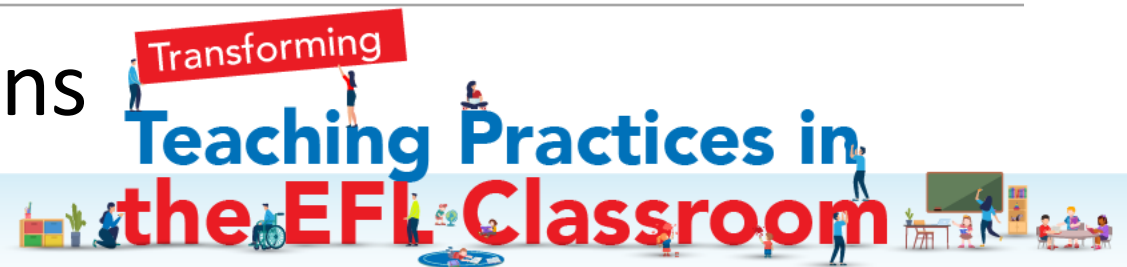
Customs and holidays

Movies, books, and TV

Getting to know you

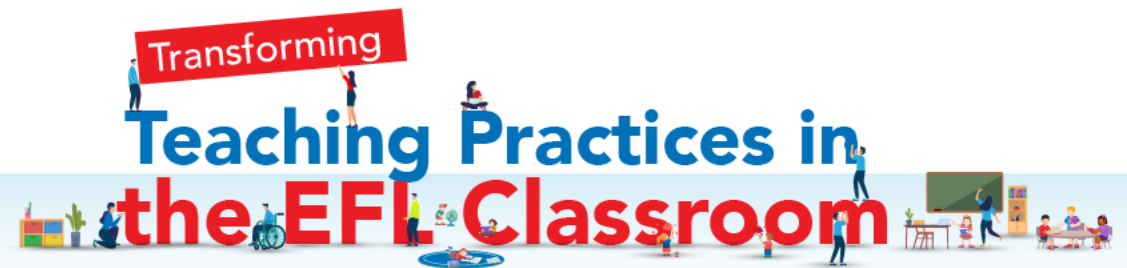
Interculturality

Future Plans

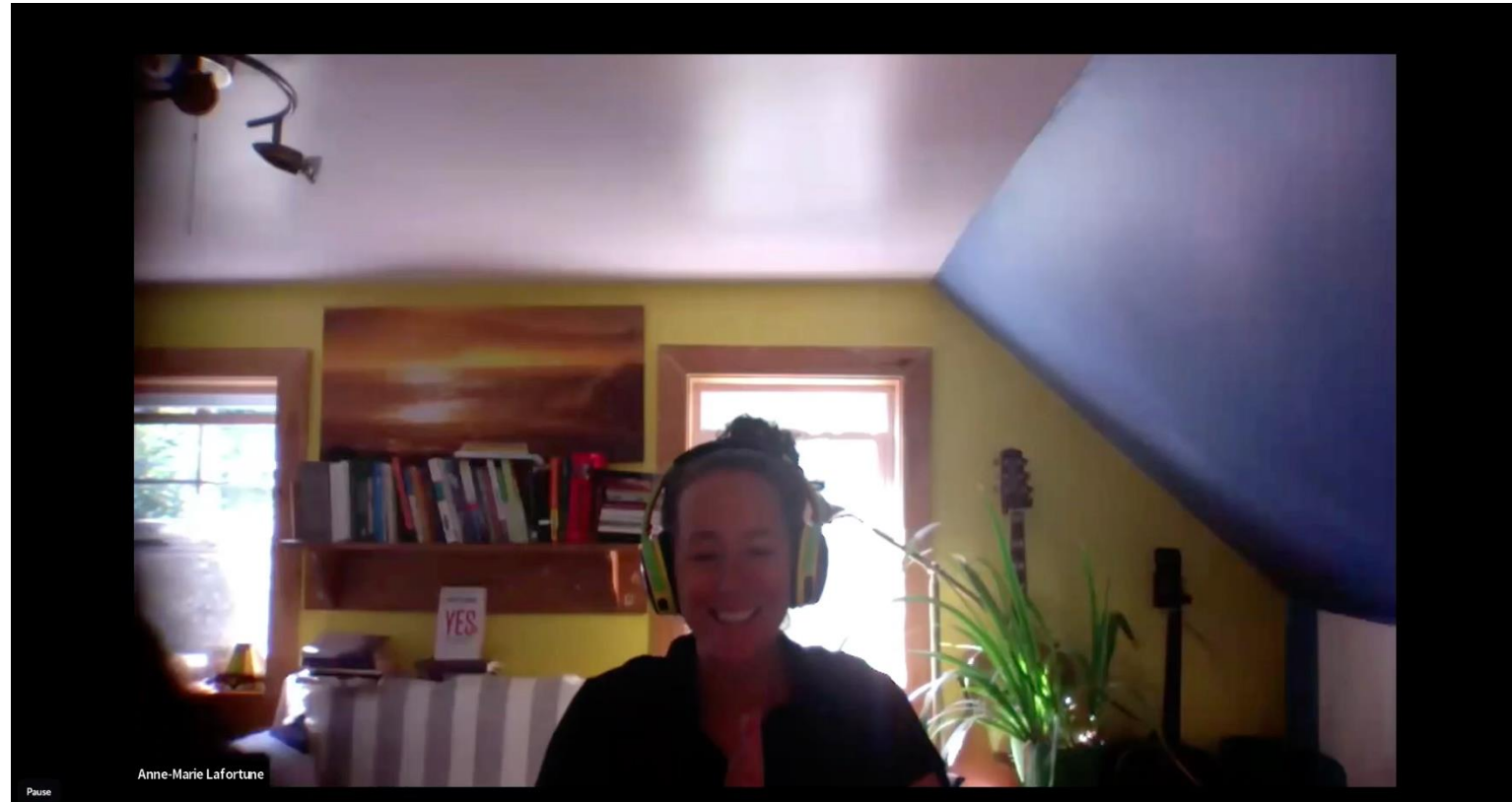


Worldchat Live:

Worldchat Live Education is a **safe pedagogical** space **designed by teachers** for teachers to **support authentic conversation** for students **around the world**. We **build bridges across cultures** and help teachers provide students with **authentic learning experiences** that will stay with them their entire lives.



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[WorldchatLive: let students do the talking](#)



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Study of language
English

Date of creation
January 2024

Student
10

Matching type
Class-to-class

Class code
79Ed67DW



Students Management










View all student activity.





 Only show videos that last over 10 minutes.

Total student(s): 7

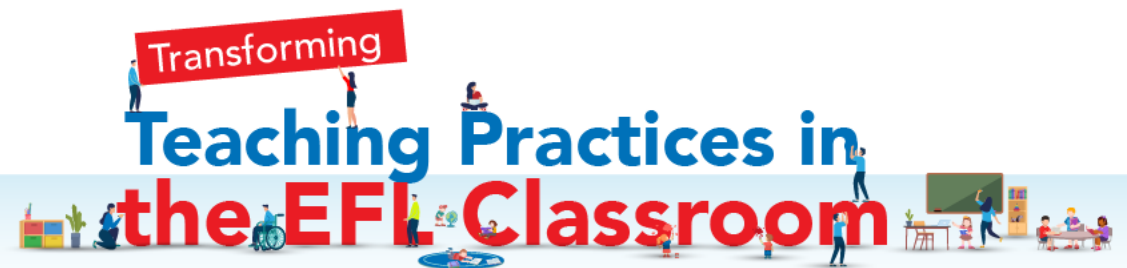
| No. | Students | Paired with | Meeting | Meeting duration (date) | Questions completed | Self rating | Portfolio entries | Credits | Message sent |
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| | | | 2 |  45m 25s (20/02/2024) | | | | | |
| | | | 3 |  49m 14s (27/02/2024) | | | | | |
| | | | 4 |  18m 31s (12/03/2024) | | | | | |
| | | | 5 |  57m 4s (22/03/2024) | | | | | |
| | | | 6 |  52m 37s (26/03/2024) | | | | | |
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Meeting n°3  Activar Windows
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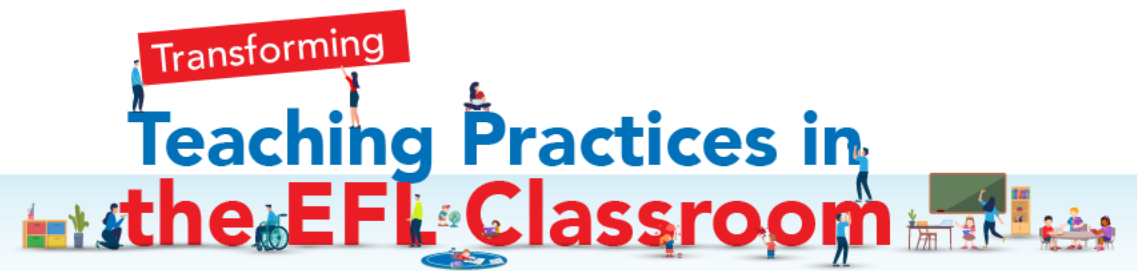


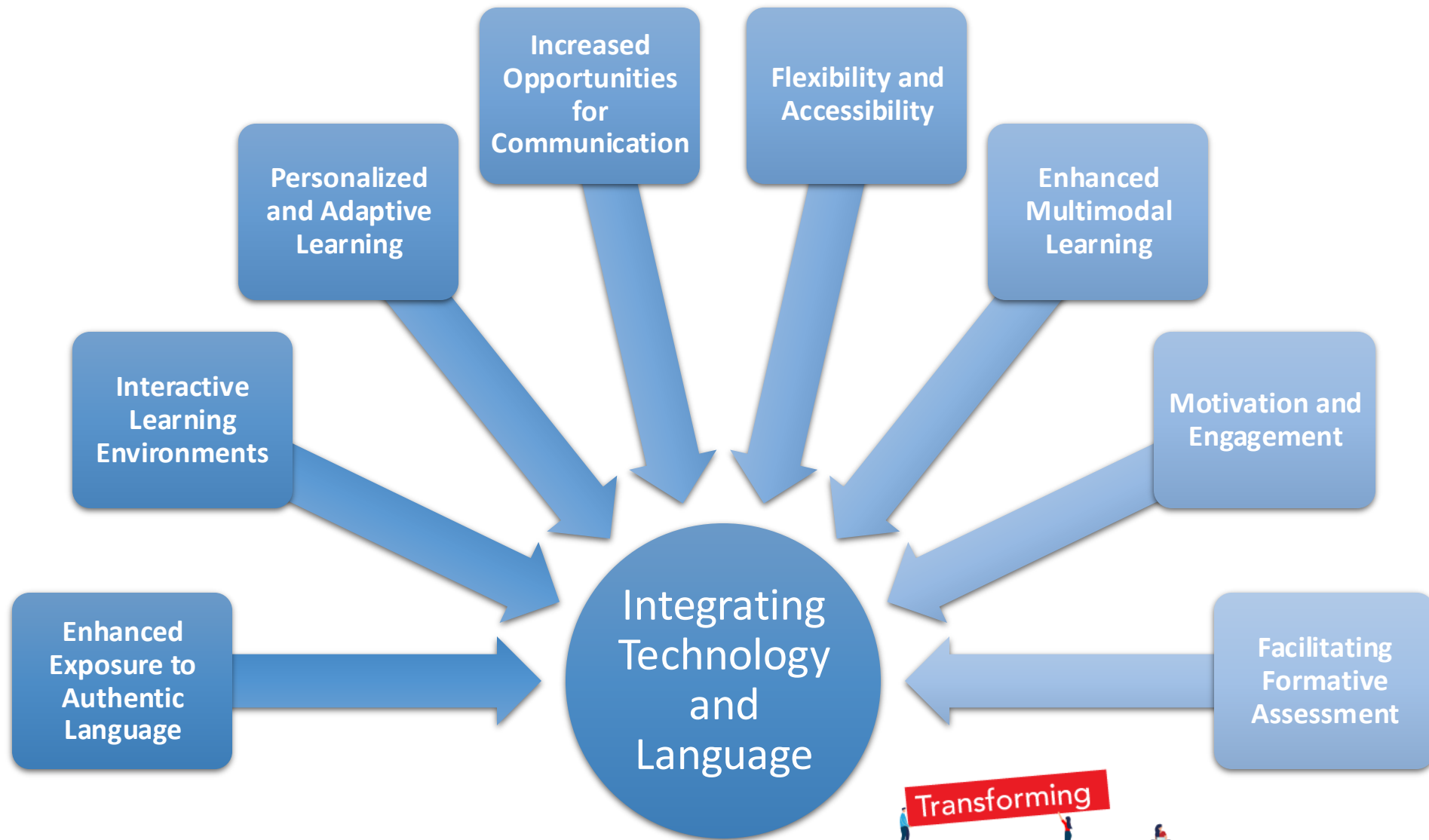
Partner Hunt

- Look for a piece of paper.
- You must write down three likes and three dislikes.
 - Example: I like/dislike going to the beach on the weekends.
- Next, you will find a partner and you will discuss your likes and dislikes for 1 minute. Then the presenter will tell you to find someone else to talk to.
- At the end of the activity, you choose one or two people that you have the most in common with.

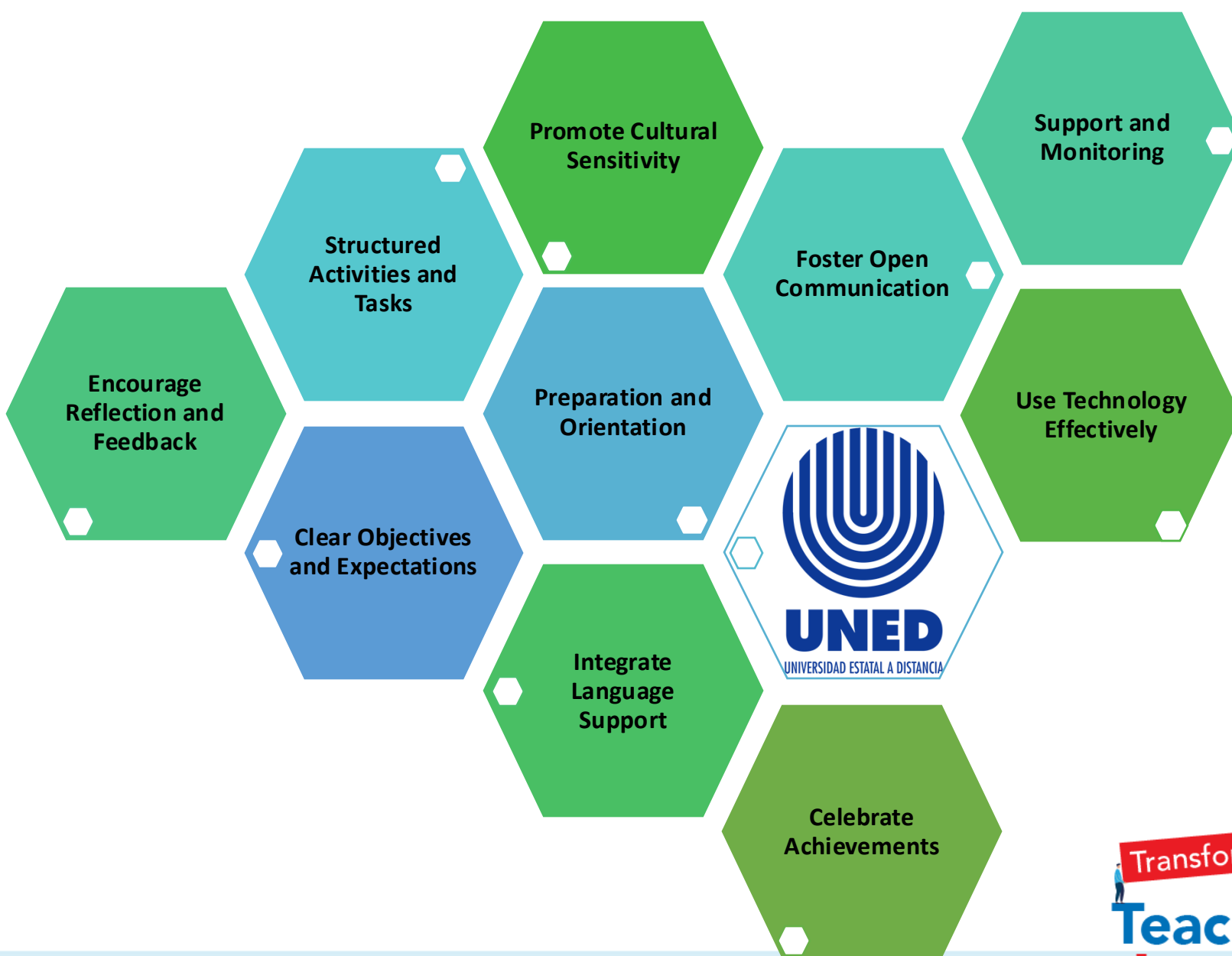


Student Testimonials

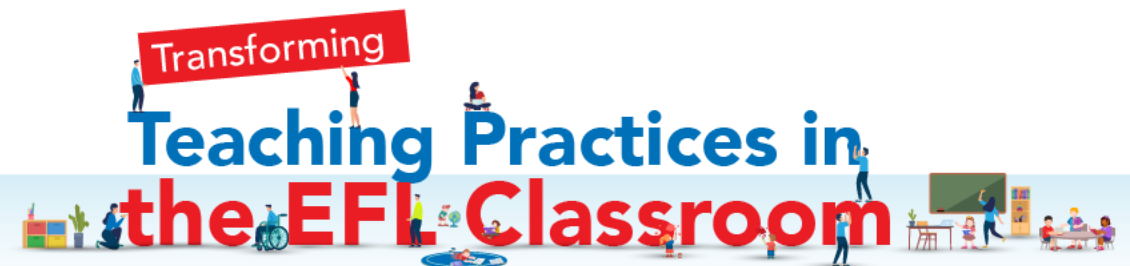




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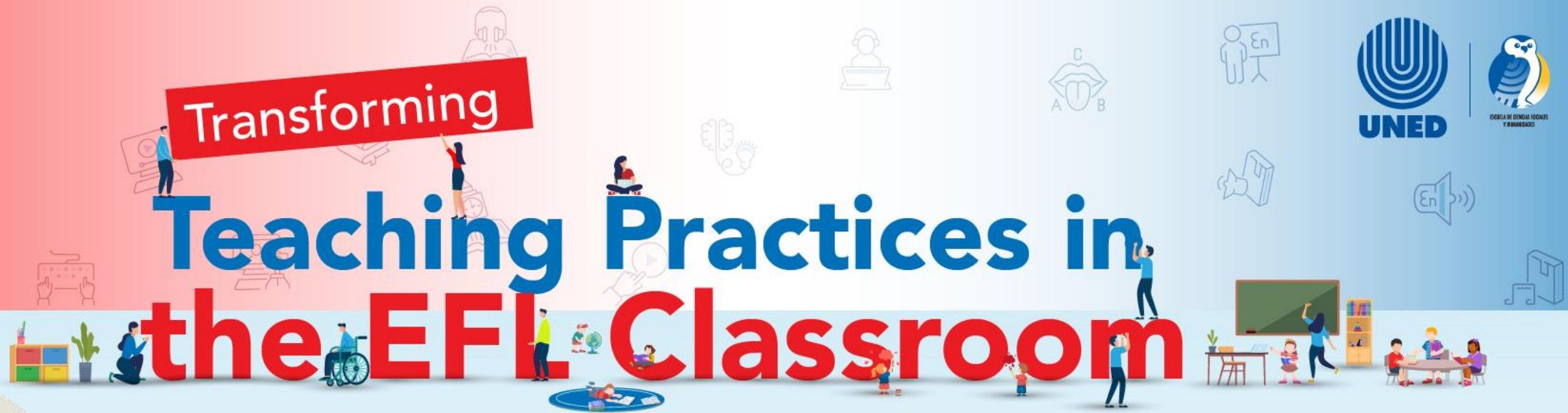
Tips for a Successful Online Cultural Exchange



Resources

- [ESL Discussion Topics: Conversation Questions for Students](#)
- [ESL Conversation Topics: +1000 Discussion Questions](#)
- [Conversation Questions - Topics \(topicalconversations.com\)](#)
- [ESL Conversation Questions • betterclass](#)





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