

The background features a vibrant, stylized illustration. At the top center is a yellow globe with a grid pattern. Below it is a black graduation cap with a blue tassel. In the center is a large, glowing yellow lightbulb with a white filament. To the left is a golden trophy with a black base. To the right is a white diploma tied with a red ribbon and a yellow seal. The bottom of the image shows an open red book with a yellow bookmark, set against a background of white clouds.

FOREIGN
LANGUAGES
FORUM

HERAKLIO

16 MARCH 2025

AQUILA ATLANTIS HOTEL

EXHIBITION HOURS: 10:00-15:00

PROGRAMME

WWW.FLFORUM.GR

MARCH 16, 2025 | AQUILA ATLANTIS, HERAKLIO

The Foreign Languages Forum in Heraklio is bringing cutting-edge discussions to the forefront of language education! This year, Stephen Taylor will explore how to Boost Scores in Language Exams, how examiners balance lexical choice with other assessment criteria, and how teachers can build a strong, relevant vocabulary base for learners.

Be part of the only Foreign Languages Forum in Crete and explore the future of language learning, assessment, and technology-driven education!

Boosting Scores in Language Exams: The Role Played by Vocabulary

How much does vocabulary impact exam performance? This session examines whether using topic-specific vocabulary can give students an edge, how examiners balance lexical choice with other assessment criteria, and how teachers can build a strong, relevant vocabulary base for learners.

Workshop: Mastering Task-Specific Vocabulary for Effective Communication

This 40-minute interactive workshop will take the form of a model lesson for B2 Level English learners. Our objectives are to expand our learners' task-specific vocabulary, enhance their ability to use precise words in context, and so improve their confidence in examination settings. It will include concepts such as word association, context exploration, the application of vocabulary in a structured manner, and end with a fun quiz! Participants will leave with a clear idea of how best to boost their learners' vocabulary to increase their communicative achievement and access to higher grades in examinations.

Workshop Instructor: Stephen Taylor

PROGRAMME

09:30 10:00 [Registration](#)
 10:00 [Exhibition opens](#)

ROOM 1

⌚ TIME	👤 SPEAKER	📄 TITLE
10:15 10:55	Στέλλα Σπανάκη - Plenary Session	Ξένες Γλώσσες και Δυσλεξία: Προκλήσεις και Αποτελεσματικές Διδακτικές Προσεγγίσεις

Η δυσαρθρία, η δυσγραφία και η δυσλεξία επηρεάζουν την εκμάθηση ξένων λέξεων με τρόπους που σχετίζονται με τη διαταραχή της ομιλίας, της γραφής και της ανάγνωσης. Η δυσαρθρία δυσκολεύει την προφορά, η δυσγραφία την ορθογραφία, ενώ η δυσλεξία προκαλεί προβλήματα στην αναγνώριση και κατανόηση λέξεων, καθιστώντας την εκμάθηση ξένων γλωσσών πιο απαιτητική. Η διδασκαλία ξένων γλωσσών σε μαθητές με δυσλεξία απαιτεί μια οργανωμένη και μεθοδική προσέγγιση.

Η σωστή καθοδήγηση από τον δάσκαλο θα βοηθήσει το παιδί να αισθανθεί ασφάλεια σε ένα περιβάλλον όπου θα μπορεί να ζήσει θετικά συναισθήματα μέσω της επιτυχίας, ενισχύοντας την αυτοεκτίμησή του, το κίνητρό του και μειώνοντας το άγχος του. Η μεγαλύτερη πρόκληση για τον εκπαιδευτικό είναι να επιλέξει την κατάλληλη μέθοδο διδασκαλίας, ώστε να αποτρέψει τον μαθητή με δυσλεξία από το να αισθανθεί πλήξη και απογοήτευση, αποφεύγοντας την εγκατάλειψη του στόχου του.

Τι θα μάθετε:

- Τι είναι η δυσλεξία
- Ποια είναι τα χαρακτηριστικά των μαθητών με δυσλεξία στο μάθημα της ξένης γλώσσας
- Πως νιώθει ένας δυσλεκτικός μαθητής
- Τεχνικές για τη διδασκαλία της ξένης γλώσσας σε μαθητές με δυσλεξία

PROGRAMME

11:00	11:40	Stephen-John Taylor Plenary Session	Boosting Scores in Language Exams: The Role Played by Vocabulary
--------------	--------------	--	---

When it comes to grading language exams, just how far does vocabulary contribute towards the final score? And does topic-specific vocabulary —e.g. “file,” “download,” or “application” in a technology-themed question—give candidates an extra edge?

This session explores these very issues. We’ll look at how examiners balance lexical choice with other factors such as coherence, grammar, and overall clarity. Drawing on real-world examples and research, we’ll unpack whether using the “right” words for a given topic significantly impacts grades, or if it’s just one piece of a bigger puzzle.

We’ll also discuss practical tips for teachers to help students build a strong, topic-specific vocabulary base while keeping their writing natural and engaging. By the end of this session, educators and examiners will have a clearer picture of how to evaluate writing fairly and, using the latest technology, better support learners preparing for success in their exams.

11:45	12:10	Agapi Dendaki	Best Educational Services & Assessment	VTCT Skills (iTEC) ESOL Exams & VTCT Skills Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training
--------------	--------------	----------------------	---	--

Learn about VTCT Skills ESOL Exams from A1 to C2. From Kindergarten teacher to senior lecturer, VTCT Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training is a must! The VTCT Level 5 Diploma in Education and Training qualification will provide you with the knowledge, understanding and skills to teach, and develop a range of personal qualities and attributes required for teaching, assessing and supporting learners. This qualification is a nationally recognised qualification for those individuals who aspire to or hold a teaching role with an extensive range of teaching or training responsibilities

PROGRAMME

12:15	12:40	Dimitris Hilaris	Express Publishing	4 Minds B2, C1/C2: Life Skills, Creativity, and Communication for the Real World Express Digiplus: AI-Powered Learning for a Smarter, Adaptive Classroom
<p>4 Minds B2, C1/C2: Life Skills, Creativity, and Communication for the Real World</p> <p>4 Minds is an engaging new English course for B2 and C1/C2 levels that brings language to life through current, real-world topics and authentic videos. With a focus on 21st-century skills, students develop the competencies they need to succeed in and beyond the classroom. STEAM activities, life skills, mediation, and digital literacy foster creativity, effective communication, and independent learning. Designed to prepare learners for all major language exams at B2 and C1/C2 levels, 4 Minds offers comprehensive practice to build confidence and ensure success.</p> <p>Express Digiplus: AI-Powered Learning for a Smarter, Adaptive Classroom</p> <p>Discover how AI-powered tools can transform language classrooms by creating personalised learning paths. This session will showcase the impact of an adaptive AI platform on student engagement, performance, and skill development. Embrace AI for a more dynamic and responsive learning experience!</p>				
12:45	13:10	Tracy Huntingford	Burlington Books	Come on Everybody.... Join In!
<p>Encourage your students to learn, think and create together with Join In 1 for A Class and Join In 2 for B Class. Join In combines adventure stories with a wealth of real-world information and is packed with engaging and challenging activities that will develop critical and creative thinking as well as enhance all four major skills.</p>				
13:15	14:05	Lefteris Parthenakis	Hamilton House Publishers	Empowering Teachers to Master Writing: Smarter Grading, Better Feedback, and Engaging Strategies with AI, Games, Dance, and Wilsons 1-4
<p>Empowering Teachers to Master Writing" is an interactive session designed to enhance educators' writing instruction skills. Discover smarter grading techniques, effective feedback methods, and dynamic strategies to engage students through AI tools, games, dance activities, and the innovative Wilsons 1-4 framework. This talk blends creativity with technology, offering practical solutions to make writing lessons more impactful and enjoyable.</p>				

PROGRAMME

14:10	14:35	Tracy Huntingford	Burlington Books	Why just teach when you can Inspire?
<p>Inspire! B1, B1+ and B2 use an innovative combination of print and digital materials to bring learning to life and life to learning. Inspire! includes up-to-date topics that teens can relate to and develops key 21st century competencies, while preparing students for all B2 exams.</p>				
14:40	15:05	Lawrence Mamas	Betsis ELT Macmillan Greece	Social & Emotional Learning (SEL). How we can help build Students' Resilience
<p>How teachers can help students manage emotions, resolve conflicts and make responsible decisions. Strategies that strengthen students' ability to cope with setbacks and frustration.</p>				
15:10	15:50	Stephen-John Taylor - Workshop		Mastering Task-Specific Vocabulary for Effective Communication
<p>This 40-minute interactive workshop will take the form of a model lesson for B2 Level English learners. Our objectives are to expand our learners' task-specific vocabulary, enhance their ability to use precise words in context, and so improve their confidence in examination settings. It will include concepts such as word association, context exploration, the application of vocabulary in a structured manner, and end with a fun quiz! Participants will leave with a clear idea of how best to boost their learners' vocabulary to increase their communicative achievement and access to higher grades in examinations.</p>				

EXHIBITORS

Andrew Betsis

Πύργου 31, 185 42 Πειραιάς
210 4118894

**Best Educational Services
& Assessment**

Σανταρόζα 1, 105 64 Αθήνα
210 3241183

Binary Logic

Ρόδων 8 174 56 Άλιμος
215 5507928

Burlington Books

Παπαστράτου 12, 185 45 Πειραιάς
210 9767888

ELT NEWS

Αγ.Γεωργίου 74, 154 51 Νέο Ψυχικό
210 6712991

ELT Excellence Awards

Αγ.Γεωργίου 74, 154 51 Νέο Ψυχικό
210 6712991

Express Publishing

Μακμίλλαν 3-5, 111 44 Αθήνα
210 2120800

Hamilton House Publishers

Νυμφών 7, 16672, Βάρη
210 9626166

Macmillan Greece

Πύργου 31, 185 42 Πειραιάς
210 4118894

MM Publications

Λακωνίας 20, 174 56 Άλιμος
215 5507928

Supercourse Publishing

Λαοδικίας 1, 591 00 Βέροια
23310 73777

Webooks.gr

Αγ.Γεωργίου 74, 154 51 Νέο Ψυχικό
210 6712991

STOP MARKING LIKE IT IS 1995

Betje from the Netherlands
used **EdWiBo AI Writing Assessor** to mark
30 Cambridge CAE Writings in 90 minutes.

Don't spend your week marking. Be like **Betje!**

SCAN THE QR CODE AND
EXPERIENCE THE FUTURE OF
WRITING ASSESSMENT.



ai.edwibo.eu