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# MANY PATHS TO CONVERSATION: TECHNIQUES FOR SUCCESSFUL ESL CLUBS

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Do you already have?

An ESL Club

Looking to start one

**Just curious**



**DO YOU HAVE  
ENGLISH CLASSES?**


# Get advice from experts!





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## Adult Learning


Evening, weekend & daytime courses


**JEWELLERY** 


**GREEK** 


LLOYD WEBBER  
**DANCE THE MUSICAL HITS** 


**ARCHAEOLOGY** 

**PRACTICAL PET DOG TRAINING** 

**DRAWING & PAINTING** 

**SHORT STORIES**  
INSPIRATION TO SUCCESS 

**COOKERY** 

**LAUGHTER & WELL BEING WORKSHOP** 

What will you choose?



Warm & Inviting  
Cozy  
Comfortable  
Fun  
Build confidence  
Talk, talk, talk  
Open to everyone  
Safe Place  
NOT SCHOOL





# Agenda

*Get a Name Tag and Topic Sheet*

**2 min** *Introduction and welcome*

**15 min** *One-on-One Chat*

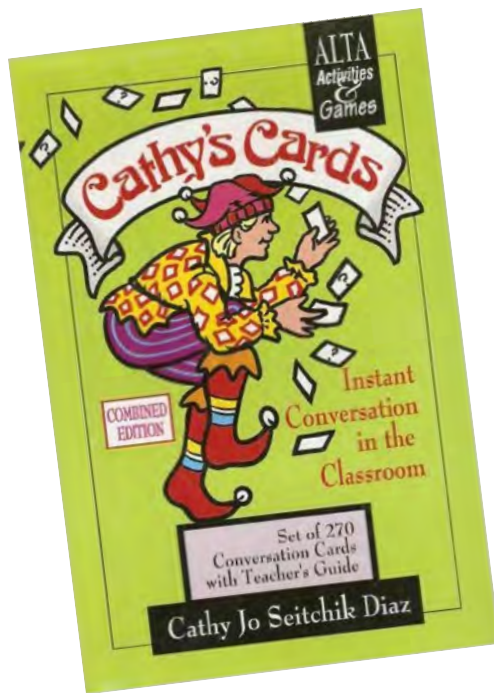
**10 min** *Leader reads topic and vocabulary*

**30 min** *Group Discussions*

Local knowledge  
Food is always good  
Ice Breakers  
Americanisms  
Speed Dating



# NO CURRICULUM



# STAFF TIME



# VOLUNTEERS





Type ideas for topics in the chat  
window



**Toolkit:**

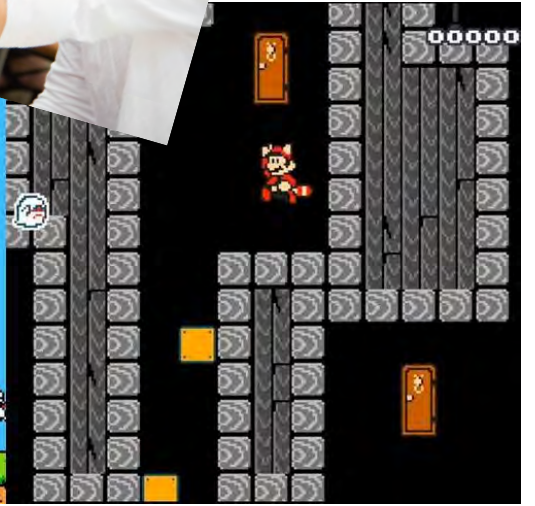
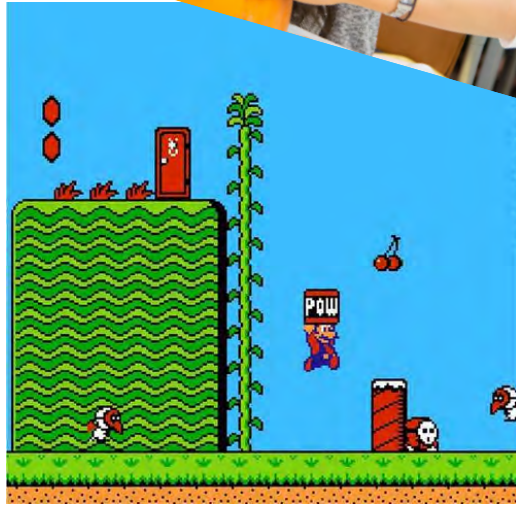
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# SUCCESSFUL TOPICS



# NOT SO SUCCESSFUL TOPICS





We  
learn  
so much  
about our  
**community!**





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