

## **EXAMPLE III: TESL**

### **(SIMULTANEOUS TWITTER REFLEXIVE PARTICIPATION)**

#### **INTRODUCTION: THE SILENCED DEBATE**

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RT TESL: ON THE SKILL OF WRITING. Steven Pinker says good writing in the 21st century needs clarity and simplicity [fw.to/QUkNooS](http://fw.to/QUkNooS) 3 months ago

RT TESL: More stories about the origins of Toronto street names [blogto.com/city/2012/02/m...](http://blogto.com/city/2012/02/m...) via [@blogto](https://twitter.com/blogto) 3 months ago

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TESL: awareness of cultural differences in Canada has become TOTALIZING. We wonder, is the goodness of GENEROSITY relative to one's culture? 3 months ago

TESL: Philosophers would surely learn much from the value "LISTENING" carries in ESL. Learn to listen beyond your departments, philosophers. 3 months ago

TESL: Communicative Approach, from the view of the Grammar Translation Method, TRULY misunderstands the READING skill more than any other!

RT TESL: Best app for "Giving Directions": Toronto Map and Walks, Full Version by [GPSmyCity.com](http://GPSmyCity.com), Inc. [appsto.re/co/J5fWu.i](http://appsto.re/co/J5fWu.i) 3 months ago

TESL: Difference between EFL and ESL? In ESL, language functions come to life. 3 months ago

TESL. Own personal opinion, but the score of the match is: Douglas Brown 4 - Jeremy Harmer 1. In Spanish, GOLEADA. 3 months ago

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RT TESL: Great Self-correction app for writing: The Grading Game by mode of expression, LLC [appsto.re/co/uLVQH.i](http://appsto.re/co/uLVQH.i) 4 months ago

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## ESL

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How do ESL and PHILOSOPHY --Classical, specially-- work together? By avoiding each other. It seems they must. 4 months ago

Wish to see how apolitical ESL is? Just watch the general reaction when serious "political" questions come up in a classroom! 4 months ago

After teaching ESL many years to Spanish speakers exclusively, I was finally able to be in a multicultural classroom. How cool is that! 4 months ago

Best Canadian ESL joke ever: Jean Chrétien over-using the "Present Perfect". 4 months ago

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RT BEAUTIFUL free ESL app: Phrasal Verbs Machine Lite by Cambridge University Press [appsto.re/ca/nYQpK.i](https://appsto.re/ca/nYQpK.i) 4 months ago

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As an ESL teacher I heard how ODD it was to study philosophy; the reverse was even TRUER! Revealing except for ESL teachers OR philosophers!

## COMMUNICATIVE APPROACH

The Communicative Approach has been so triumphant it seems to have reached the level of "Normal Science" of which Thomas Kuhn speaks. 2 months ago

What the Communicative Approach seems not to understand is that day to day language can be quite TEDIOUS. Success of Harry Potter = example. 2 months ago

The Communicative Approach continuously speaks of context. But we might ask; which one? the democratic or the republican (NOT the US party)? 2 months ago

Communicative Method for Latinos in multicultural classes? "Please, do not speak so much." (!) 2 months ago

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\*(cont) The way we learn to write might for the most part be a non-communicative matter. Only AFTER communicating with ourselves can we write 3 months ago

\*(cont) Communicative Approach lists all forms of writing as EQUALLY important (its democratic bias). However, GREAT writing reveals us/truth

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\*(cont) Communicative Approach focuses on CONTEXT to a fault; Grammar Translation focuses on learning from a CLASSIC TEXT over your context. 3 months ago

\*(cont.) The point of translation was to safeguard educational work of great thinkers such as Aristotle. Translating one began to understand. 4 months ago

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Communicative Approach: "Past Perfect, hardly used by native speakers, but we shall teach it nonetheless." = Have your cake and eat it too! 4 months ago

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\*(cont.) The reasons for this communicative failure can only be understood by better understanding classical educational/political models. 4 months ago

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## **ESL RELATED**

### **ENGLISH**

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It'll be hard to understand for the English language networks the importance of the death of Chespirito...starting with the pronunciation a month ago

RT HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS: "The History of English in 10 Minutes" - Sub ENG: [youtu.be/SfKhIJAheW](https://youtu.be/SfKhIJAheW) via [@YouTube](#) 2 months ago

"Boringism": new word created by creative classmates today. The astounding flexibility of the English language. 2 months ago

/θ/: favorite English consonant sound! (its connection to Ancient Greek also helps). Example? ἐλευθερία = LIBERTY (as in LIBERAL Education) 2 months ago

(cont.) Would listen to a lecture by the Dalai Lama anytime, anywhere, for any period of time; even with his "troubling" English! 2 months ago

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I love to hear English speakers say my name. "Andrés" turns into something close to "undress". Makes me smile each and every single time! 3 months ago

English Canadian culture is the CULTURE where you learn that culture is subsumed under INDIVIDUAL rights. Squaring the circle, you might say 3 months ago

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Philosophers                      -unlike                      say                      DENTISTS/ENGLISH  
TEACHERS/PHOTOGRAPHERS- will never hear from others the value of  
UTILITY. NOTHING to be proud of.

## LANGUAGE

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RT [@ValaAfshar](https://twitter.com/ValaAfshar): The second most popular language in the U.S. [pic.twitter.com/5BWTeaqvEd](https://pic.twitter.com/5BWTeaqvEd) a month ago

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RT [@CBC\\_Aboriginal](https://twitter.com/CBC_Aboriginal): Remembrance Day poem to be read in Aboriginal language [ift.tt/1u5pf4npic.twitter.com/s4xmJX50JY](https://ift.tt/1u5pf4npic.twitter.com/s4xmJX50JY) 2 months ago

Colombia's contribution to the Spanish language? The word "mamagallismo". The comedian Aristophanes would have LOVED Colombia. We do too! 2 months ago

The specialized jargon of modern philosophers represents the use of language to secure a realm beyond the political issues of our citizenry. 2 months ago

Even the most basic things about language reveal its mystery. Try explaining why Spanish uses upside down question/exclamation marks: ¡! ¿? 3 months ago



If language is truly connected to culture, then I do not know one trilingual person. It takes a lifetime just to learn ONE culture. 4 months ago

If one is to learn solely the use of a language, how is one to learn to concern oneself with the poetry of a language? What is poetry for? 4 months ago

Finally boxes freed by Canadian Customs after several weeks. Can you imagine reaching this objective without the language? Mind-boggling! 4 months ago

Total silence leads to total power; learning a new language breaks all forms of power free. 4 months ago

Is the triumph of "fast food" paralleled by the triumph of "fast language"? One makes our body obese, the other makes our spirit anorexic. 4 months ago

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Learning about illness is like learning a new language. It is the language closest to teaching you about your mortality. It is spoken by few 5 months ago

The radical democratization of language simply means its certain impoverishment, that is, OUR certain impoverishment. 5 months ago

Few achievements as spiritual as that of learning a new language: you cease to be who you were. 5 months ago

What does it feel like being kicked in the balls? Ask President Obama. (Sure, worry about our language, don't worry about Russian action!) 10 months ago

Can one learn a language (or others) through the internet? YES. Can one be taught to become a BETTER human being through the internet? NEVER a year ago

Learning a new language: simultaneously most PRIMEVAL and most UPLIFTING of human spiritual endeavors. 2 years ago  
The JOY of teaching a language is ALTOGETHER difficult to verbalize in language! 2 years ago

Translating is the FORMIDABLE activity of reaching deep into the bones/sinews of a language, EMPOWERING words as living flesh in a new one. 2 years ago

Philosophy stands or falls with the difference between "what APPEARS to be good" and "what IS good". Otherwise, it becomes a language-GAME. 5 years ago

## **BILINGUAL**

RT Sociolinguistics. Our thoughts on the debate over Bilingual Education in the USA: [bit.ly/1xZJvD4](https://bit.ly/1xZJvD4) 2 months ago

Ironically one becomes TRULY bilingual when one envisions the many unspoken and unspeakable linguistic realities that "guide" us in SILENCE. 5 years ago

## **POLYGLOT**

A POLYGLOT "translates" between different forms of speaking; a GENERALIST "translates" between different forms of living. Can you imagine? 3 months ago

## **WORD**

Freedom is having your conscience become word, become lines, become light, become touch, become MIND. Truly, freedom becomes you. 2 months ago

RT HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS: "A brief history of plural word...s " - John McWhorter: [youtu.be/\\_gwJHuEa9Jc](https://youtu.be/_gwJHuEa9Jc) via [@YouTube](#) 3 months ago

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GRATITUDE is the only word for directors such as CARMENZA. GRATITUDE is the only word for doctors such as FERNANDO. 3 months ago

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TESL: For those of us who enjoy English Grammar, the passive voice ROCKS: highlighting/concealing/not stating the obvious. One word? PASSION 3 months ago

MAYORAL DEBATE: Finally the word "magnanimity" re-appears. ONLY hope for the West. 3 months ago

(cont.) WRITING creates the TEXTS which guide our lives. The very word CONTEXT contains it! Writing opens the world by creating our self. 4 months ago

Some words are giving their unusual worth because agreed upon by most in a society. Such is the value of the word "Certification" in Canada. 5 months ago

The new hip word for the "ethos of tragedy" is RESILIENCE. It assumes the fundamental reality is TRAGIC. Let us think otherwise. 8 months ago

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Let us not fear those who almost give their lives to be published. Let us remember at every instant Socrates' disdain for the written word. a year ago

Sign of decline? One cannot use the word "cowardice", not even unto oneself! Least of all with regards to the life of reflection. a year ago

For many the BODY ---including the brain--- is the locus of human perfection. For us it is the WORD AND ONLY THE WORD; the SPOKEN word. a year ago

Even the closest use money -bribe is a better word- not to face, understand and change their souls. Money can neither transform nor educate. 2 years ago

Have got to love the Spanish word "COMPINCHES". Many truly believe themselves to be friends when they are actually merely "COMPINCHES". 2 years ago

## WORDS

They now call immigrants, "new-comers". Let those who decide the names know they will have to add the words "new-goer" and "new-returner." 2 months ago

Unless our words open a path for a learner to undergo a NON-REVERSIBLE transformation of self, how can we say we teach anything? 3 months ago

Value of a great lecture? It teaches you to listen; not simply to the speaker, but to the reverberation of her words within your opened soul 3 months ago

The mouth is the most erotic human organ; the WORDS that come out of it, that is. 3 months ago

RT Words by Rex Murphy on The National; the words of a Nation. 3 months ago

RT "We all owe you a round of applause." Words for all candidates in today's Mayoral Debate.

Only way for Canadian democracy to be ennobled. 3 months ago

Silence devours it all; words, the rampart. 5 months ago

Some words are giving their unusual worth because agreed upon by most in a society. Such is the value of the word "Certification" in Canada. 5 months ago

Each and every single student of philosophy must know by hard Alfarabi's words on who exactly is the truly perfect philosopher. (TAoH) a year ago

Tune the words that come forth from you. Become a reflective musician. a year ago

Illness, like poverty, is the revealing limit for both the best citizen and the sophist. Socrates' words and deeds follow this spirit. a year ago

The reality of EROS is now guided more by virtual EMOTICONS than reflective WORDS (even among many adults!). The reduction of a reduction. a year ago

Upon DEATH nothing remains except your SPOKEN words to another. a year ago

Be WEIRD philosophically: felicitous words will guide you beyond the general tragedy. 2 years ago

Words liberate, silence enslaves :: Words project, silence contracts :: Words sooth, silence inflames :: Words accompany, silence isolates. 2 years ago

One would have to be a very special kind of human being to be BELIEVED when speaking about the words, thoughts and EXPERIENCES of JOB. 2 years ago

Translating is the FORMIDABLE activity of reaching deep into the bones/sinews of a language, EMPOWERING words as living flesh in a new one. 2 years ago

Suppose RAREFACTIONS were like a pond where diverse animals, some beautiful, roamed; SURELY it would have STRONG rhetorical words for TOADS! 5 years ago

THE Socratic DECISION OF DECISIONS: to PERMANENTLY question the oracle's other-worldly words (specially if they regard one's own wisdom). 5 years ago

## WRITE

Literacy in Cuba: "Learn" to read and write for a small price, your liberty. 3 months ago

RT @danfalk: @TheCurrentCBC chats w. Steven Pinker (@sapinker): Why do so many of us write so horribly? How can we write better? <http://t....> 4 months ago

To read the world first write yourself. 7 months ago

One wonders whether those who DO write about Xenophon can do so primarily because they have written about other philosophers beforehand. 8 months ago

What exactly would it mean for Averroes to write "The Decisive Treatise" within the boundaries of a world of unbelief? [bit.ly/1mb0bE5](http://bit.ly/1mb0bE5) 9 months ago

Topics one would love to write about: What is black and white photography? 10 months ago

Let me never write as if I were to be published. 10 months ago

Many write of "standing room only" lectures by philosophers. We wonder: what on earth do they mean? Could they ever mean Socrates's trial? 10 months ago

How long should one write? As long as it takes to make yourself joyously clear. 11 months ago

Do not write for the moment of the moment, write for all moments of the truth. a year ago

The KEY ==> to write as if you spoke, but without speaking so that just ANYONE could understand. a year ago

Would a MODERN university hire Socrates? How could they if he PURPOSELY did not write anything? (Of course, Socrates would NEVER apply!) a year ago

To write with authority about the dangerous limitations of writing one must live seriously among intelligent non-writers. a year ago

If your autobiography is titled something like "ROGER FOR DUMMIES", then --- for the love of God- -- DO NOT write a sequel! a year ago

Most modern SOCRATICS follow their teacher in THEORY; few -if any- in DEED. Nowhere is this more true than in their inability NOT TO WRITE. a year ago

Greatest IRONY. To prove to universities the DANGERS of THEIR writing, one has to write so as to deserve a hearing. (or is it a reading?). a year ago

When do we start believing that NOT speaking is more powerful than speaking? After: learning to write/ being abused/ becoming fully modern. a year ago

How do you LEARN to write seriously for DIFFERENT audiences? By LIVING/THINKING THROUGH their differences; ALWAYS with a view to WHOLENESS. 2 years ago

Becoming Socratic: enter university, learn Greek, write a PhD on Socrates, get tenure, teach Plato --- Unsocratic? Is Socratism TEACHABLE? 5 years ago

Thought: Socratic revolutions as citizen-philosopher: not to write, not even dialogues; not to belong to a school/sect; not to found a city. 5 years ago

## WRITING

Mind-mapping allows the learner to begin to see the lay of the land of her thoughts before the paths of writing slowly make their appearance 3 months ago

Today, made to remember those who were there, were generous and grateful, but had minimal writing/reading, IF ANY. Señor Manuel, remembered 3 months ago

(cont.) WRITING creates the TEXTS which guide our lives. The very word CON-TEXT contains it! Writing opens the world by creating our self. 4 months ago

Modern philosophers are truly more like technicians; technicians of writing, speaking and living. 11 months ago

Learn from Socrates' poverty? Of course not. From his denial of writing? Course not. From his not creating a sect? Not. His erotics? Not (!) a year ago

Strauss's alleged superiority of Plato to Socrates? Plato combined way of Socrates/way of Thrasymachus in writing. COMPROMISING compromise! a year ago

## OTHERS

Don't get on a train whose driver is not wise. a month ago

Binationalism is like being in the presence of two trees you have cared for. Your roots belong to two different soils; they meet in the sky. 2 months ago

The dazzling colourful tree is now nothing but a fractal of dark greyish lines. Its naked solitude the original inspiration for our line-art. 2 months ago

Weirdest English expression ever: "to fall through the cracks." Absolutely Kafkaian; and yet, used comfortably by those nowhere near cracks! a month ago

Sociolinguistic jargon? "Performativity"; now there's a word for you! Even philosophers will have a tough time with that one! JARGONESE! 3 months ago

In materialistic/utilitarian societies the verbs TO SEEM/DO voraciously dominate the verbs TO BE/UNDERSTAND. We stand or fall by the latter. 3 months ago

The verb TO RIDE OUT implies life is so fundamentally tragic it would have been BETTER not even to have been born. Let US NOT ride out. a year ago

The point is not to stand alone; it IS to stand APART. 7 months ago

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