



Together we can get it!

Inclusion and cooperative learning in today's classroom

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Today

1 Today's English classroom

Objectives and challenges in a multilevel classroom

3 BES & Dyslexia

Cooperative Learning: a strategic tool





Today's English classroom

1 Mixed cultural backgrounds

2 Mixed level of ability in the lingua franca

3 Technology

4 Learning difficulties





Objectives and challenges in a multilevel classroom

Time: there are only 24 hours in a day

2 Inclusion: everyone is unique

Technology: smartphone, tablet, LIM, PC

Evaluation: a direct reflection of your objectives





BES and English: possible challenges

- **BES:** any developmental, learning, psychological, physical, socio-cultural or behavioral difficulty or disadvantage that impedes or creates challenges in learning.

- Possible challenges
- Frustration
- Low self esteem
- Unsure of own ability
- Tiredness
- Fear of making errors and poor results





BES and English: strategies

- Limit objectives and provide strategies that assist the reaching of these
- Work to student strengths, experiences and past knowledge allowing for learning success
- Work from skills, needs and potential, not standards
- Allow the use of electronic tools
- Promote cooperative learning or working in pairs/ groups
- Suggest interdisciplinary projects for certain topics
- Constant encouragement
- Avoid excessive homework
- Teach self-evaluation





Dyslexia











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Dyslexia and English: strengths

- Understanding the bigger picture
- Good spatial/3D skills
- Connecting ideas conceptually
- Lateral thinking "outside the box"
- Sometimes high IQ and cognitive ability
- Can have good interpersonal skills if not withdrawn
- Can be creative artistically, musically, in cooking and in computing





Dyslexia and English: challenges

Speaking

- difficulty with rhyming words
- may confuse sounds and words
- can be slow talkers ideas catch up with speech

Writing

- brain to hand breakdown
- disorganisation
- -'losing' the right word
- poor handwriting

Listening

- difficulty taking notes
- easily distracted by talking/ noise
- difficulty processing multiple instructions

Reading

- 'losing' themselves when reading text – silently and aloud
- disconnect between words read and comprehension of text

Spelling

- disconnect between heard and written sound
 - poor memory –can't "photograph"words
- poor recollection of sequences





Dyslexia and English: specific strategies

Speaking

- Role playing (Total Physical Response)
- Contextualise

Writing

- Provide written notes from slides
 - Use a PC, SmartPen
- Simple tasks: postcard, email
- Avoid Italian → English translations

Listening

- Avoid dictation
- Listen and read then paraphrase
- Breakdown the setting, people and words

Reading

- avoid asking to read aloud
 - Connect photos to phrases
 - Use a glossary
 - Form mind maps
- Colour code concepts (the 5 Ws)

Spelling

- avoid focussed spelling work
 - Use picture flashcards



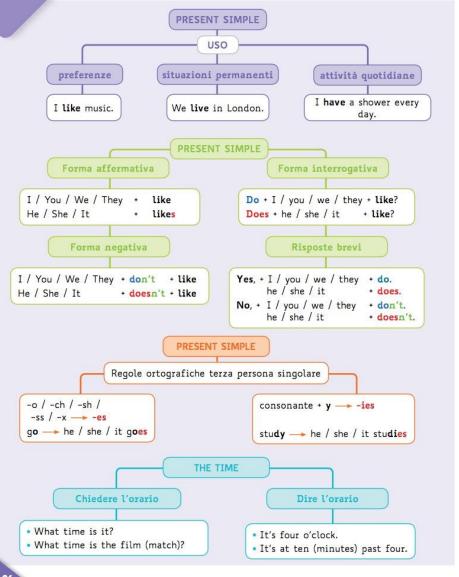






Grammar Present simple: regole ortografiche Verbi che finiscono in -o, -ch, -sh, -ss e -x terza persona singolare (he, she, it) forma base go goes watch watches finish finishes pass passes fix fixes Verbi che finiscono con una consonante + -y study studies flies





Map your language



Fun with food

1 113 Ascolta e ripeti. Riesci a trovare questi cibi nell'immagine? Qual è il tuo cibo preferito?

apple cheese chicken fish potatoes sandwiches tomatoes

Vocabulary

Food and drink

biscuits bread butter carrots chips eggs flour jam lemon milk orange juice rice sausages strawberries sugar



know

that!

2 114 Abbina le parole del box Vocabulary alle foto, poi ascolta e ripeti.

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Drinks:	milk		
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Meat:			
Fruit:			
Veaetab	les:		

4 ☐ 115 Ascolta l'intervista a Becky. Indica (✔) i cibi che mangia a colazione, pranzo e cena.



7100		Becky's food diary
90	Breakfast	bread jam orange juice milk eggs yoghurt
	Lunch	chicken sandwich fruit sausages pasta
	Dinner	cake fish vegetables rice chips potatoes



- 5 Crea il tuo food diary prendendo come modello quello dell'esercizio 4. I cibi che mangi sono simili a quelli di Becky?
- 6 PAIR WORK A turno, fate domande sui cibi che mangiate e rispondete. Usate le parole che avete inserito nel food diary.
- A: What do you have for breakfast?
- B: Milk and biscuits.

Play **and** Learn

- 7 Giocate in gruppi di quattro. Un ragazzo dice una frase con l've got ... seguito dai nomi di due cibi o bevande. Il compagno successivo ripete la frase aggiungendo un cibo o una bevanda. Chi sbaglia è fuori dal gioco.
- A: I've got rice and pasta.
- B: I've got rice, pasta and bread.
- C: I've got rice, pasta, bread and sausages.
- **D**: I've got ...



Vocabulary

Food and drink

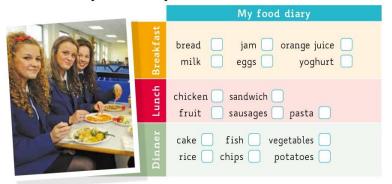
1 Osserva le immagini, leggi e ripeti.



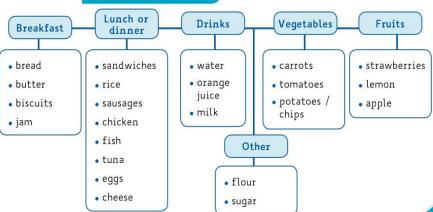
2	Leggi i nomi degli	alimenti e indica se	si tratta di carne
		(Fruit = F) o verdura	

1	potatoes	MFV
2	lemon	MFV
3	chicken	MFV
4	carrots	MFV
5	strawberries	MFV
6	SADESUES	[M] [F] [V]





MAP YOUR VOCABULARY



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Dyslexia and English: general strategies

- Read the PDPs
- Give extra time to 'process' information
- Make lesson structure 'predictable' in English
- Use pictures, colour coding, stories, realia, audiobooks, mindmaps, tablets, electronic dictionaries and PCs
- Encourage peer support
- Connect past topics to new topics conceptually
- Don't assume past topics have been assimilated bring them back periodically
- Promote self-evaluation





Dyslexia and English: testing and evaluation

Testing

- Set a fixed test date and don't move it
- Make sure your photocopies are clear written in Arial or Verdana 12 or 14
- Simplify instructions and write them in Italian
- Read instructions and texts aloud
- Provide shorter or simplified texts and few, closed questions
- Provide a simple mind map for vocabulary and spelling
- Allow the use of an electronic dictionary
- Use colour coding used in class to distinguish grammatical forms (exadverbs in blue, nouns in green)





Dyslexia and English: testing and evaluation

- Evaluation

- opt for oral testing where possible or balance poor written exam scores
- Give more weight to oral exams
- Don't evaluate quantity/ length
- Provide a copy of the written exam after it's completed to look at correct responses at home
- Evaluate content and knowledge, not form or errors
- Always distinguish between a test and an evaluation





Versione standard	Surname Class Date	Versione per DSA	Classe Data
1 Completa il testo con la forma corretta dei verbi dati. get * go * not speak * read * not like start * talk * watch * work * cook Penny is a teacher. She ' in a big school in London. She ' getting up early but she ' work at half past eight. After school she ' home, ' a book and then ' dinner. In the evening she ' TV or ' to her friends on the phone. In the holidays, she ' to Florence in Italy. She ' Italian but she wants to learn it.	4 Scrivi l'equivalente inglese delle seguenti parole. 1 aprile 2 sabato 3 luglio 4 domenica 5 martedì 6 mattina 7 dicembre 8 giugno 9 pomeriggio 10 giovedì	1 Completa con il PRESENTE SEMPLICE dei verbi dati. Esempio: Penny _is_ a teacher.	be articolata (gli esercizi devono work sempre essere
/20 2 Completa le frasi con le preposizioni di tempo. 1 My birthday is December. 2 The school holidays start July 14 th . 3 I always play football the weekend. 4 We finish school 3.30 p.m. 5 I watch TV the evening. 6 We play tennis Saturday afternoon. 7 Pam wakes up early the morning. 8 Thanksgiving is November. 9 The English test is April 14 th . 10 I go to bed 11.30.	5 Scrivi i numeri in forma estesa. 1 2 nd	 Completa con le preposizioni di tempo IN – AT – ON. My birthday is December. We start school 1st September. I always play football Saturday. We finish school 3.30 p.m. My birthday is June. I get up 6.30 a.m. Pamela wakes up early the morning. I go to bed 11.30 p.m. 	Consegna più articolata. Semplificazione del lessico se ritenuto troppo difficile dall'insegnante.
3 Completa le frasi con la forma in -ing dei verbi dati. do * go * have * live * play * read visit * watch * wear * work 1 Donna hates a uniform. 2 Michael and Sean love computer games. 3 I don't like my homework in the evening. 4 Jean hates TV. 5 Mary enjoys books. 6 Sam loves to clubs. 7 I don't like lunch at school. 8 Stella doesn't like in an office. 9 Paul enjoys his grandparents. 10 Liam likes in Manchester.	 6 Traduci le frasi. 1 Jason arriva a casa alle sei, si cambia e prepara la cena. 2 Eric odia indossare vestiti eleganti, ma gli piace lavorare in una banca. 3 A mia mamma non piace cucinare. 4 Non andiamo a letto presto il sabato sera. 5 Simon non va a scuola a piedi, prende il tram. 	9 I do my homework the afternoon. 10 My dad's birthday is 5th December. 3 Completa con la forma in -ING dei verbi dati. 1 We enjoy our grandparents. visit 2 Michael and Sean love jeans. wea 3 Rosie doesn't like early in the morning. get to a sea december. 4 Jean hates TV. watc 5 Sandra loves books. read 6 Rob enjoys football. play 7 Steven likes to music. lister 8 We like to school. go	dall'insegnante.
/20	Total score: /100	9 I hate my homework. do 10 Mark likes in Manchester. live	/20

Classe	_
Data	_

4 Inserisci ciascuna parola riportata nel box nella colonna corretta. ←

Modifica della tipologia di attività quando non adatta.

April = Saturday = July = Sunday = Tuesday = December = June = afternoon = Thursday = morning

Months	Days of the week	Parts of the day

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Modifica della tipologia

di attività

adatta.

quando non

5 Completa i numeri ordinali in lettere: aggiungi le vocali E oppure I. ←

16th

23rd

1 1st f rst **2** 2nd s cond **3** 3rd th rd **4** 5th f fth **5** 9th n nth

7 21st 9 29th 10 30th

s xt nth tw nty-f rst tw nty-th rd tw_nty-n_nth

th rt th

/ 10

6 ☐ Traduci. Utilizza il vocabolario elettronico se necessario. ←

1 Sandra likes watching television, but she hates studying French.

2 Paul gets up at 7.30, he washes, he gets dressed and then he goes to work.

3 My mum doesn't like cooking.

4 We go to bed at 11 p.m. on Saturday.

5 Simon doesn't go to school on foot, he takes the tram.

Traduzione dalla L2 all'italiano, mai dall'italiano alla L2. Riferimento esplicito all'uso di uno strumento compensativo (dizionario elettronico).

/ 20

Total score: / 100



Cooperative Learning: A learning strategy

- Group work or a group that works?
- Each person has specific responsibilities that reflect their capabilities and skills
- The teacher is a facilitator of learning
- Collaboration, respect and self-evaluation are key





Why use Cooperative Learning?

1 It motivates

2 Interdependence

3 Cognitive aims = learning success





The five elements of cooperative learning

Interdependence

- All members contribute
- Each contribution is important

Individual accountability

Each member
 must complete &
 contribute their task

Social skills

- Social skills are learned
- The teacher is a support in learning

Evaluation

- Helps the teacher
- Encourages selfrefelction of performance and effort
- Intended as a motivator

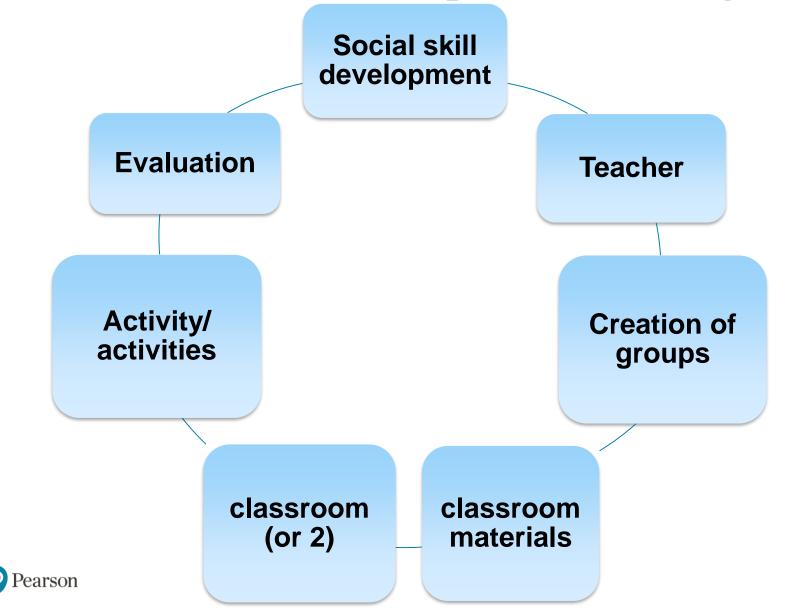
Positive interaction

- Materials are shared
- Strategies are discussed and solutions reached together





Elements to a successful cooperative learning lesson



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Cooperative Learning in practice: What to do

- Choose the specific lesson (day and time).
- Select the topic you want to teach in the lessons.
- Divide the class into groups of three.
- Breakdown the content for the lessons.
- Write down the instructions for each student.
- Create a 'what do you know' worksheet, topic presentation and evaluation.





Cooperative Learning: An example

- **Teachers:** Luisa Tracogna and support teacher
- Lessons: 10.00 11.00am on Monday (09/04, 16/04, 23/04, 30/04 and test on 07/05).

Learning Objectives

- learn to use simple grammatical structures correctly
- learn new vocabulary related to daily life
- understand simple texts
- give a simple description in oral or written form

Social Objectives

- use a calm voice during discussion
- follow the activity instructions to complete the activity in the given time
- respect you classmates speed
- learn to self-evaluate.





Cooperative Learning: An example

Group 1

- Student x: Mark
- Student y: Penny
- Student z:Sam

Group 2

- Student y: Sally
- Student z: Phil Student x: Doug

Group 3

- Student z: Judy
- Student x: Will

Student y: Laura

Student x: fair language skills Student y: low language skills Student z: good language skills





What do you know: Lesson 1

Topic	Rule or example	This is easy for me (X)	This is difficult for me (X)
Present and Past forms of the verb TO BE (affermative)			
Present and Past forms of the verb TO BE (negative)			
Questions			
Simple prepositions			
The verb CAN			
Words about SCHOOL SUBJECTS			
Words about HOBBIES Pearson			

Instructions: Lesson 1

- Student y (low): help everyone keep a low voice
- Student x (fair): help complete the task in time
- Student z (good): help follow the instructions

Listen to the text on pg 114 -> countable & uncountable

- Y: underline the countable and uncountable nouns in different colours
- X: complete ex. 33
 - Z: complete ex. 34

All: share answers



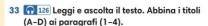


Pancakes are popular in countries all over the world, and people make them using different ingredients. In most countries people usually eat pancakes as snacks. In France, people often put things like fruit, jam, ice cream or chocolate sauce on their pancakes. In Asia, they often eat them with vegetables, meat or fish. But in the UK we usually eat our pancakes with lemon juice and sugar.

Every year there is a day when people in the UK eat a lot of pancakes. It's called Pancake Day or Shrove Tuesday and it's always in February or March. British children love eating pancakes on Pancake Day! They have them at home with their families and sometimes they learn to make them at school, too. People in the UK use 52 million eggs on Pancake Day – that's a lot of eggs!

In the UK and the USA some people do very interesting things with pancakes. In some towns and villages in the UK there are special competitions on Pancake Day. People run and throw pancakes into the air at the same time. In the USA, pancake art is very popular. Some people use pancakes to make pictures!

It's easy to make pancakes. Take milk, flour and eggs, mix them together and cook them in a pan. Then add your favourite things on top. They're delicious!



A Cooking pancakes is easy

B Let's have some fun!

C A special Tuesday

D A popular food

34 Rileggi il testo e rispondi alle domande.

- 1 Where do people like eating pancakes with chocolate sauce?
- 2 Where do people eat pancakes with lemon juice?
- 3 When is Pancake Day in the UK?
- 4 How many eggs do British people use on Pancake Day?
- 5 What do some Americans do with their pancakes?
- **6** What ingredients do you need to make pancakes?

Self evaluation of learning and social objectives: Lesson 1

	****	****	***	**	*
learn to use simple grammatical structures correctly					
learn new vocabulary related to daily life					
understand simple texts					
give a simple description in oral or written form					
use a calm voice during discussion					
follow the activity instructions to complete the activity in the given time					
respect you classmates speed					
learn to self-evaluate.					



Reflection: Lesson 1

- 1) Which **learning** objective did you reach **the best** today? Why?
- 2) Which **learning** objective did you **not** reach today? Why?
- 3) Which social objective did you reach the best today? Why?
- 4) Which social objective did you not reach today? Why?



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Final Conclusion: After the test

	***	**	*	How?
This method helped you work better in a group				
This method helped you				
learn English				

Do you want to continue to study this method? Yes / No / I don't know Why? ...





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