

Feedback from Elementary and secondary school participants

- *Dear Steven, thank you for being such a great mentor, teacher, colleague, friend, brother (and the list goes on) to me. I wouldn't have made it through tough times without you guys at work. I've learned so much from you and had great fun team teaching. – Katie*
- *Nice to have you as our mentor. Many thanks. Ben*
- *You're the best. It's the best workshop I've ever participated in. Thank you for the practical advice and suggestions during these few days. I've learned a lot. Hopefully, I can be as confident as you in the future. – Brandon*
- *Thanks for sharing so many great ideas with us. – Shelly*
- *The best way to learn is to learn from the best. You are definitely one of the best lecturers I've ever met. Cheers – Lil*
- *Thanks for sharing many useful and practical ideas. We are very hungry caterpillars. We got so many new ideas. – Nancy*
- *Thank you very much Steven. You have been very inspiring! Brittany*
- *A job well done! We really enjoyed it. – Huey*
- *Thanks for giving me the chance to reflect on my teaching again. – Dolphin*
- *Thanks for sharing. We had a great three days. Nice to meet you. – Emily*
- *Thanks so much for your kindness. – Jamie*
- *I've enjoyed your workshop. Thanks – Selina*
- *It's great to hear a teacher trainer from the UK. – Joyce*
- *Dear Mr Murray - Thanks a million for conducting the fantastic workshop and teaching me a great deal of practical teaching skills about all subject (topics). You're the most powerful and most energetic teacher, I've ever met. Definitely, you're the greatest model of all. I'm very energetic and would like to apply Steven's golden rules – Don't underestimate the students. Provide scaffolded support. Keep the students challenged. Recycle – Reuse – Remember. Maximise communication and differentiate your classes etc, etc, etc -*

I enjoyed every single moment of the 3-day workshop! You're the best of the best! Thank you very much for the great enlightenment. – Pamela

- *Dear Steven: Thanks for the 3-day intensive workshop. I learned more about TBL, PBL, differentiation, and many helpful and useful teaching tips. Time flies! I hope we can meet shortly, and I really cherished this fantastic experience! – Ben*
- *Dear Steven – You inspire me with your enthusiasm. – Anne*
- *Dear Steven: I've got a lot from your outstanding speech. I'll love sharing it with other teachers when I go back. Thanks! – Vanessa*
- *Dear Steven: What a wonderful and fruitful training session. I enjoyed every minute of it! Many thanks. – Lisa*
- *Dear Steven: I'm so motivated and inspired by this training. Thanks so much for your wonderful presentation – Lynn*
- *First of all, I would like to show my appreciation for all of the instructors, teachers, and the working members in the British Council. The five-day training workshop not only provided me with plenty of great ideas for teaching but also inspired me a lot.*
- *It was great and the most pleasurable class I have ever been in. The teachers, Steven, Joel, and Adam, are funny, versatile, and willing to share everything for all the training teachers. All I have learned during this program really motivates me to be a better teacher for my students. I hope my students can be more willing and feel more interested in learning English.*
- *All the instructors did very good jobs. They were clear, nice and polite, and mostly, they were well-prepared. Thank you Adam, Rachael and Steven!*
- *Mr. Joel Finnestad, a creative, inspiring instructor who is a natural born actor, presented a large number of interesting ways to teach drama, films and video. Besides giving a lot of thoughts concerning classroom management and activities, Mr. Finnestad provided many opportunities for the attendees to brainstorm, to discuss and to share with their ideas and teaching experiences.*
- *After so many years of teaching, I was starting to feel exhausted. I was exhausted because I had run out of all the tricks I had to make English learning delightful to my students. My career seemed to come to a dead end. My passion was still alive, but my flesh was weak and my brain drained. I was in the middle of great confusion in terms of being a teacher or not. However, the five-day training*

course lit me up. From Steven, Adam, and Joel, I am now loaded with a lot of great new ideas to explore a new world with my students.

- In Rach's class, you'll never fall asleep because she's always so energetic and powerful! I could realize that the personality of a teacher can greatly influence the learning atmosphere and also the motivation of students.*
- Jeremy's songs and games and reminded me why I enjoyed being a teacher after so many years of teaching and his teaching enthusiasm was what made me even more sure why I chose this job as a life-long career.*
- At last, in Joel's class, we learned a lot about drama activities and story-telling teaching activities. I think Joel must be very attractive to his kids because his facial expressions are very interesting and vivid. He had the training of drama before so that he could do the acting very well and naturally. I've gained plenty of ideas in regard with story-telling in his class and which is quite useful.*
- The session that inspired me the most was "Creating Your Own Task Based Lessons" instructed by Teacher Steven Murray. On this course, the trainer introduced best practice approaches to task based learning and presented a task based lesson using British Council's global resources.*
- My hope would be, apart from the summer 5-day training, that it will be possible to hold more long-term or short-term workshops/seminars for further learning.*
- I would like to express my sincere appreciation to instructors of British Council and to the Bureau of Education of New Taipei City for offering us a meaningful training course that benefits our teaching and minimizes my anxiety in preparing for my lessons.*
- I teach at a somewhat remote elementary school uphill at Danshui where English teaching is quite difficult to a teacher like me. I have been assigned to teach five to six grades through 8 years. Very often I am quite anxious to prepare for lessons. This time our trainers offered us many handouts with useful websites.*
- I think Joel teaches very well in Drama and Cooperative Learning Activities and gave us some tips with classroom management topics. The first day when we had class with him, he demonstrated in a very fluent way what questions to ask.*
- Among those highlights in the five-day training course, I feel it was a pity not having more classes with trainer Adam. I am curious about that course in listening and speaking. Also, I still hope to have more*

training in Mixed Abilities Classes and Problem Solving in classroom management since they are the real issues English teachers face on job. I think we did not have enough discussion of these topics in class.

- *Several English teachers told me that training course offered by British Council was fabulous. I must say: "I can't agree more."*
- *I'm so honoured to participate in the teachers' training program. Not only did the trainers, Steven, Joel and Rach teach me a lot of teaching ideas and teaching methods, but my classmates shared their working experiences. It really helped me a lot and enhances my teaching. The trainers in British Council are really hard-working and resourceful. They shared lots of teaching materials and useful websites.*
- *Steven's CLIL lesson impressed me the most. I really enjoyed the class and liked the ideas of CLIL. In my opinion, I think it's hard for a teacher to present a CLIL lesson successfully like Steven did.*
- *Moreover, I also appreciated Joel's drama lesson very much. Those interesting and fun activities such as mime, and the empty box are easier to apply in the English lessons and make students have lots of fun. I like the dingbat idea from Rach. She is really energetic and humorous.*
- *Finally, I would say "Thank you" for the instructors and assistants in British Council. I did enjoy the lessons!*
- *Thanks to all the amazing teaching principles from Steven, Joel and Rach. I look forward to my new semester to put all these ideas into practice.*
- *I really appreciate Rachael, Steven and Joel sharing their teaching experiences and approaches with us. Over these five training days, I learned many teaching skills and various approaches from them.*
- *What impressed me the most was Steven's 3R teaching philosophy – Recycle, Reuse and Remember. It gave me concrete ideas to design English lessons with various activities.*
- *Rachel is an experienced teacher. She delivered some important concepts like why she designed the lesson with those activities and what critical objectives we should focus on. It inspires me to reinspect and rethink the lessons I have taught. Again, thanks for this wonderful course.*
- *I really appreciated the opportunity to attend the training course this summer. I've now got several teaching approaches that I can apply in my class.*

- *Joel's teaching about Drama also left a great impression on me. As a 4th grade teacher, I want to create more chances for students to speak out spontaneously and safely in class.*
- *All the teachers showed their energetic spirit for teaching in this workshop*
- *Thanks to the British Council for the training course to spice up my class.*