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International EFL educator with over a decade of teaching experience across diverse cultural settings including the UAE, Japan, France, and the UK.

Expertise in Pre-Sessional Academic English, curriculum development, and student-centred pedagogy.

Strong background in content creation, applied research, and intercultural communication, complemented by a passion for travel and adventure.

Previous Clients

University of York

University of Bath

Higher Colleges Of Technology, UAE

Saudi Aramco, KSA

Tokyo University of Science

University of Hull

Wyke Sixth Form College

University of Essex

Publications

[Signs of Capricorn - A Road Trip Through Queensland](#) (2018, Amazon Books, 289pp)

[Swallow Tale](#) (2017, Kindle Books, 375pp)

[The Knife of Sugar: How the Empire Turned Profit into Ethic](#) (2010, Lambert, 80pp) [Swallow Tale](#) (2015, Kindle Books, 375pp)

Many times published Travel Writer for [Travel the Unknown](#) - Selection of World Tours

[Trespasserine](#) - Reflections on Life, Lifestyle, and Travel

[Adobe Portfolio](#) - Stock Images & Photography

Key Skills

Combining over a decade of experience as an international Specialist English for Academic Purposes (EAP) teacher with a rich background as a published travel writer and accomplished copywriter, I bring a unique blend of educational expertise and creative communication.

This dual skill set enables me to design and deliver high-level academic English programs while crafting compelling written content that engages and informs diverse audiences. My diverse experience across cultures informs both my teaching and writing, creating impactful educational experiences and inspiring storytelling.

- Specialist EAP Expertise:** Extensive experience teaching Pre-Sessional Academic English, helping foreign grad students excel in university-level critical analysis and Western pedagogic tradition. Shown by: "academic writing and research modelled on established theories and principles."
- Curriculum Design:** Expertise in creating engaging, higher-level lesson plans that target university entrance exams and academic success. Evidenced by: "adapting VLE materials to create stimulating and relevant online live sessions".
- Assessment & Feedback:** Proficient in formative and summative assessments. Example: "Provided detailed and respected analytical feedback on assessments comprising the four skills. Using a priori knowledge on individual student aptitude, created strategic learning plans and diagnostics"
- Mentoring & Guidance:** Diligent observation of pastoral duties. Moral, subject and practical support sustained as a major element in new forms of blended, asynchronous methodology. This is borne out in continuous two-way communication via email and video conferencing, harnessing semi-independent study elements and dedicated 1-1 tutorials.
- Adaptable EAP Pedagogy:** Proven ability to customise EAP teaching methods for international students transitioning to tertiary-level, advanced L2 study. A demonstrated, lifelong commitment to customising learning experience with mixed methodologies, including approaches considered task-based, student-centred, lexical, immersive, & structural.
- Use of Technology:** Skilled in online teaching platforms for interactive and remote learning. Example: Blackboard for assessments at HCT, VLE and Gradebook platforms at York and Bath,

:	teleconferencing software such as Teams, Zoom, and Google Meet. Apropos content writing: KDP self-publishing software tools, Wordpress CMS, etc.
Interpersonal & Intercultural Communication:	Long, immersive history of understanding the nuances of culture. Consistently fostering inclusive environments for diverse class cohorts. Case in point: "work experience on 4 continents in 11 countries, pooled with dozens of nationalities, including students".
Applied Research & Critical Reasoning:	Encouraged higher-level thinking and inquiry through structured research projects. Example: "University of York Academic Reading Circles, tied into thematic research areas".
Creative Content Writing & Copy Editing:	Core skill guiding students through crafting academic writing. Example: "In-text, close quarter editing of student papers for improved readability, language use, & argumentation".
Professional Development:	Commitment to ongoing learning and teaching improvement. Example: "Completed a level 5 diploma this year to contemporize understanding of new pedagogic developments."
Spanish Language (B1 Proficiency):	B1 proficiency in Spanish, aiding communication with Spanish-speaking students. Proof of skill in a natural setting: "Conducted ad hoc English lessons in Peru to lower intermediate using Spanish as a direct method translation aid."

Employment History

University of York / Pre-Sessional Academic English Tutor

2021 - PRESENT, YORK / REMOTE/SEASONAL

- Delivered online English for Academic Purposes (EAP) courses to international students.
- Developed and assessed academic writing, speaking, and listening materials.
- Provided targeted feedback to enhance student academic performance.

Self-Employed Professional / Online Private Academic English Tutor

2020 - 2021, REMOTE

- Offered personalised, one-on-one instruction to a diverse range of students, specialising in tailored lesson plans to meet individual learning needs

University of Bath / Pre-Sessional Academic English Tutor

2018 - 2020, BATH / HYBRID / REMOTE

- Taught academic English to non-native speakers preparing for university study.
- Collaborated with faculty to align language instruction with academic disciplines.

Higher Colleges of Technology / Faculty Teaching Fellow

2015 - 2018, FUJAIRAH, UAE

- Lectured in various Humanities & Social Science modules to foundation students.
- Collaborated close quarters with faculty in pedagogical best practices and curriculum design.

Saudi Aramco / Language Training Instructor

2013 - 2015, DHAHRAN HILLS, AL SHARQIYA, KSA

- Provided English language & soft skill training to Saudi Aramco employees.
- Delivered custom training programs tailored to professional needs.

Education

The TEFL Academy, London	Level 5 Diploma in TEFL
College of Media & Publishing	Diploma in Copywriting (ongoing)
University of Hull	M.A. TESOL
University of Sydney	M.A. Peace & Conflict Studies
Nottingham Trent University	B.A. (Hons) Humanities

Other

Adobe Photography Contributor - Samples from my [Portfolio](#)
 Accomplished High-Altitude Trekker - scaled 19,865ft in the Andes without O2. Reached 16,000ft in Nepal
 Internationally published Fiction and Non-Fiction Writer - New project 'The Man Who Brought the Rain.'
 Global Traveller & Explorer - visited 50+ countries. Worked and travelled in 11 countries on 4 continents.
 Barge Design Project - designed and fitted a 60x12ft barge