

1 TeachingEnglish

There is also a vast treasure trove of lesson plans, activities and teaching tips. Have you always wondered how to use songs in the classroom? Or what about using mobile devices, like smartphones, in one of your lessons? What about a lesson all about scenic Dorset in southern England? And how about using card games in a lesson?

Another useful resource on the site is BritLit, where you can download a text and student worksheets to use literature in the classroom.

2 Lessonstream



or adults. You can also read reviews from other teachers.

You can browse the activities by target age, topic, language level, time, main focus (reading, speaking etc.), language aim (adverbs, prepositions, past simple etc.) or materials (what you will need for the lesson). - Try the lesson 'Wat song r u listening 2?' using a video made in New York. Its target group is A1 and A2, teen or adults. This could be just the thing for your class!

To have a look at Jamie Keddie's **Lessonstream** click [here](#).

3 Local teaching association (ELTA)

If you would like some support for your professional development, but you don't want to sit in front of the computer, then why not join your **local teaching association**? Under the umbrella of the International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL) based in the UK, **local teaching associations** have been established around the world. Germany is particularly well-served, currently having eight English Teaching Associations (or **ELTAs**); Switzerland has one national **ELTA** and so does Austria.

ELTAs are a great way to meet other teachers and to keep in touch with what is going on in the world of English language training. There are events and workshops throughout the year often lead by well-known ELT names.

If you feel you would really like to be immersed in the world of professional development for five days, then why not attend the annual IATEFL conference held in a different UK city each year? For more details see the IATEFL link www.iatefl.org.

Click on your **local ELTA** and see what is going on near you:

Munich www.melta.de

Berlin-Brandenburg www.eltabb.com

Stuttgart www.eltas.de

Frankfurt www.eltaf.de

Hamburg www.helta.de

Ostwestfalen-Lippe www.elta-owl.de

Rhineland www.elta-rhine.de

Ulm / Neu-Ulm www.eltau.de

Switzerland www.e-tas.ch

Austria www.tea4teachers.org

Why not print out this short overview and start a teacher training file with it, if you don't already have one? You can add to it whenever you come across any other useful resources.