

Sue Creagh – Bio and Short Synopsis – QATESOL reading workshop, October 2016

Bio

Dr Sue Creagh is a research fellow at the Institute for Social Science Research and TESOL lecturer in the School of Education at the University of Queensland. She lectures in the Masters of Teaching (Primary) and the Graduate Diploma of Education programs in the field of teaching English as an Additional Language/Dialect (EAL/D), bringing many years of ESL teaching to this role. Her current research interests are in the educational experiences and outcomes of disadvantaged young people, with a particular interest in students of refugee background.



Short Synopsis

I worked with Milpera staff in 2015 on an action research project which aimed to improve teaching practice specifically in relation to the teaching of reading to English as an Additional Language (EAL) learners who are commencing secondary school in Australia with beginning literacy skills. For this QATESOL presentation, I will draw on that project, presenting the most recent literature pertaining to the teaching of reading to EAL/D learners, with a particular focus on bottom up and top down skills, with the intention that this knowledge can support EAL pedagogy with *any* EAL student group, whether primary, secondary or adult, entering education in Australia with varying experiences of literacy in first language.