

Free EFL material that raises awareness about mobility disability

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Teachers are in a prime position to enlighten the younger generation. Nelson Mandela said “Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world” and the teaching of EFL can be an effective vehicle for raising awareness about social issues.

I’m sure you know this already, but sometimes it’s difficult to put good ideas into practice because:

- You are confined by your syllabus
- You stick to the coursebook
- The exams are coming up
- You can’t find appropriate material

The voluntary Disabled Access Friendly campaign’s free EFL teaching resources can help!

These resources focus on issues affecting people with mobility disability and facilitate teachers in developing students’ social conscience, making lessons meaningful, and encouraging critical thinking through a curriculum of social empathy. Haven’t you had enough of talking about Halloween and Christmas? The resources consist of lesson plans and graded reading texts at all levels, which can be used as supplementary material, for project work and examination practice. The material provides students with the information necessary to allow them to put themselves in the shoes of someone with a mobility disability and stimulates them to explore how others feel and to understand others.

The presentation by the Disabled Access Friendly campaign at TESOL’s convention in March 2013 analyses specific lesson plans and reading texts to show how EFL skills can be taught, whilst at the same time you help to raise awareness about mobility disability. The ultimate aim is to pave the way to positive changes being made.

The best schools and teachers have always done more than just prepare students for tests. They raise awareness about the world in which we live and try to make it a better place.

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