

TELL ME A TALE

Storytelling in English L2 with children

ONLINE COURSE

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References

The SEL2 project:

Storytelling in English L2 for young learners

in informal contexts of acquisition

Strategies, ideas, resources and tips for storytelling in this online course were collected during interviews with librarians and narrators and during observations of storytelling events in informal contexts.

We are storytelling creatures

Jerome Bruner

Through stories we express the narratives we have in our minds:

- we categorize and sequence events
- we make the strange familiar
- we fill in the gaps when information is incomplete
- we organize language.

Narrative is the natural way in which humans organize information and **storytelling** is the most immediate means by which that narrative is **communicated**.

Alastaír K. Daníel (2012)

The course:

- 1. Language through stories
- How to select a story in English L2 for the children
- How to present the language of the story to children

2. <u>The storytelling session setting</u>

- How to prepare the space for your storytelling session
- Which tools and props can be used and how to use them
- Group management dynamics during storytelling sessions
- 3. The storyteller's performance
- Tips and strategies for the use of voice and gestures
- How to plan an effective storytelling session