

**Technology in ELT - Making it Easy?** 

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Whatever happened to the 35mm film camera?

Why?





### Computer-Assisted Language Learning [CALL] and the "Real World" factor

"Our aim can be the normalisation which I have described, in which CALL finally becomes invisible, serving the needs of learners and integrated into every teachers' everyday practice" Bax, 2002

New technology becomes a part of everyday life when it is:

- ...reliable
- ...simple
- ...cheap
- ...able to achieve results which cannot be easily achieved in any other way







#### What we'll cover today...

- Technology and Blended Learning a few thoughts
- Tools for the task: hardware and software choices
- Two plans for using online learning with & face-to-face teaching
- A closer look at Macmillan Practice Online, a ready-made solution for using online resources with your students



## **How Digital are You? Digital Native** My grandmother **Technophobe Technophile** My father in law My daughter **Digital Dinosaur** Chart: Acknowledgement to lan Wood. The term Digital Native: acknowledgement to Marc Prensky

Blended Learning is.....



#### **Blended Learning......**

"refers to a course which combines a F2F classroom component with an appropriate use of technology" (Sharma, 2007)

Self-access (home or school)

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Classroom Teaching

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**BLENDED LEARNING** 

Appropriate digital resources are "blended" with a core face to face element. This maximises student exposure to English outside the classroom and frees time in the classroom to concentrate on productive skills work.

Increasingly today, digital = ONLINE



#### Why bother with Blended Learning?

- o Interest and motivation
- o Growing student expectations
- o Can add value to each face to face lesson and...
- ...increase exposure to English outside the classroom

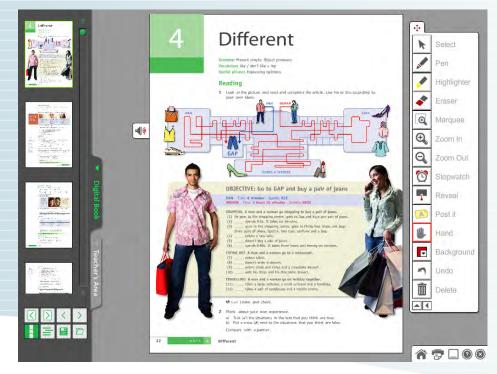


#### Choices, choices....

o Hardware



o Software



New Inside
Out Digital for
interactive
whiteboards



#### Hardware?

You already have a laptop, and you can now choose two items – which will they be?



Interactive whiteboard





**Digital recorder** 









# **Software: Key features for working with your students**

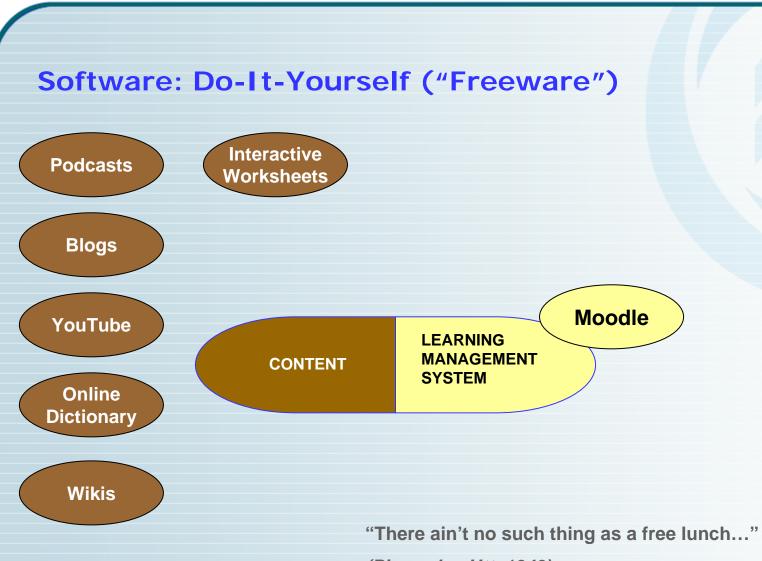
The "platform" – a means of electronically sending content to students, and getting feedback

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LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Digital worksheets, video, audio, reference etc









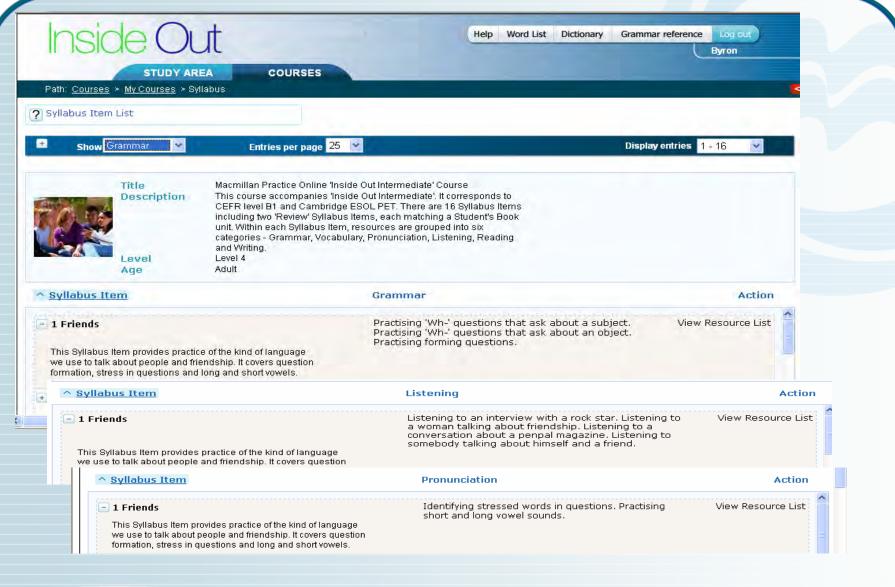
#### **Software: Ready Made solution**

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#### **Macmillan Practice Online** Students can... 150 to 200 Interactive Worksheets Do exercises Inside Out and see results immediately **Export their** marks to a spreadsheet **LEARNING MANAGEMENT CONTENT** SYSTEM **Bookmark** exercises **Macmillan Online Dictionary** Create **Word Lists Online Grammar** Create **Web Links** Macmillan English Campus





Syllabus, title and topic of MPO courses match that of coursebook, level by level by level and unit by unit

#### Macmillan Practice Online Courses available now....

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#### **Suggested Ways to Use MPO**

- 1. An "opt-out" Practice Library Package / Language Maintenance Programme
- 2. A Fully Integrated Blended Learning Course



#### Your take-away "Multimedia English Practice Library"

Students are free to explore the resources as they wish. If they wish....

Basic Course Programme

Online activity may be done in class

Course and activity books

Trad. face to Face teaching

Extra Practice Library

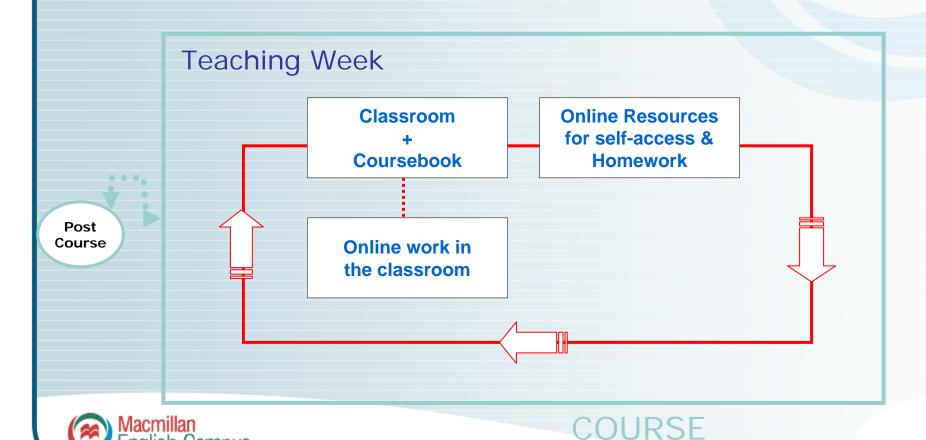


Online resource used for self access & not integrated into course design



#### **Fully Integrated Blended Learning Course**

A true blend – online resources supplement, reinforce and enhance what is actually done in class



#### Price:

From approx. £8 to £15 (Euro 9 to Euro 17) per password, per year, depending on level and course selected







- ✓ Robust
- ✓ Simple
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