

Special Topics in Second Language Acquisition

Date: Saturday, July 13, 2013
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: inlingua Aventura Center
19020 NE 29th Avenue
Aventura, FL 33180

Trainer: Richard E. McDorman, Director of Programs and Professional Development

Note: This workshop will be simulcast live to the inlingua Brickell, Doral, Orlando, Tampa and Weston Centers. You may attend this workshop virtually in any of these locations, in addition to the Aventura Center.

Special Topic: Lexical acquisition and patterns of L1 interference in adult second and foreign language learning.

Summary of Workshop Content: This workshop is part of the inlingua Special Topics Series in language and linguistics. The workshop will address issues related to the acquisition of vocabulary in adult second and foreign language learners, with an emphasis on how learners' native languages influence their efforts to acquire lexical items (words and phrases) in the target language.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

During this five-hour workshop, instructors will ...

1. Accurately and precisely conceptualize, analyze and discuss the lexicon as a theoretical construct, including its core components: lexical morphemes, bound morphemes (inflectional and derivational), compound words and collocations.
2. Identify and differentiate complex, simple, content and function words and patterns of acquisition of such words in adult language learning.
3. Explore the complex and diverse ways that learners' native languages influence their acquisition of words and word forms in the target language.
4. Acquire new and enhance existing strategies for effectively teaching vocabulary in the second language classroom.
5. Reflect on and discuss personal second and foreign language learning experiences with an emphasis on examining difficulties with vocabulary acquisition.

Suggested reading:

- McDorman, Richard E. (2012) "On Inflection, Derivation and Teaching Word Forms."
<http://tesolblog.org/blog/2012/08/on-inflection-derivation-and-teaching-word-forms.html>
- McDorman, Richard E. (2012) "Strategies for Teaching Articles."
<http://tesolblog.org/blog/2012/08/strategies-for-teaching-articles.html>
- McDorman, Richard E. (2012) "A Few Comments on Discourse Markers."
<http://tesolblog.org/blog/2012/08/a-few-comments-on-discourse-markers.html>

All instructors are encouraged to attend this workshop. Please confirm your attendance with Assistant Director Sandra Manso via e-mail at smanso@inlingua-if.com.