



Sonie Thakkar

▶ ESOL Trainer
Business English Consultant & Coach
▶ Voice Over - Podcasts and E-books

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English Course design, Mapping to CEF, Textbooks

- Oxford University Press - Content for text book *Elevate Level 3* based on CEF Companion
- TTT and course design, *Global Skills Academy, Rajkot, Gujarat*
- Mapping to CEF and TTT of *Business English for Deaf learners, V-shesh Learning Services*
- *A Millenium Alliance Project*
- Mapping to CEF of *Business English for Deaf learners, V-shesh Learning Services*
- *A British High Commission Funded Project*
- Designed core Business English syllabus for those seeking a job and working professionals
- *Online, F2F, workshops and courses*
- Course Design - Business English - as per Needs Analysis conducted, iFEEL
- *Institute for Future Education, Entrepreneurship and Leadership*
- 'Business English for Engineers' - a workshop for mid-management, Larsen & Toubro, Mumbai.

Assessment and examining

- Fr. Senior ESOL Examiner, Trinity College London
- Fr. Examiner Monitor, *Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills (ASL - Trinity and CBSE)*
- Assessor - *Udbhav English Language Competency Baseline Study, UP (Open University, UK)*
- English Textbook Grading, *Central Books, Hyderabad*

Audio content for ELT training needs

- Voice overs - podcasts, e-books, e-learning – Audio material for trainers.

Teacher training, monitoring and observation tools

- Designed Observation Tool for teacher monitoring, *P. Obul Reddy School, Hyderabad*
- TTT and monitoring, *Saraswattam Trust, Bhuj - Kutch, Gujarat*
- TTT and monitoring, *Business English for Deaf Learners, V-shesh Learning Services*
- Resource person ELT, *Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd.*
- Background: setting up, training and coordinating teacher panels to train ESOL candidates.

General experience

- Over 25 years teaching and training experience in various contexts; courses for senior students and IELTS, SAT and ACT candidates, working professionals and teacher training. Customize English language programmes for professional training institutes.
- Ten years experience as ESOL Examiner and corpus research with Trinity College London.
- Excel at functioning in a global environment with teaching and examining experience across India.
- Taught international students in London as part of a TESOL course.

W O R K E X P E R I E N C E**Assessments, text books, online platforms****May 2019 on**

- V-shesh Base - Mid and Endline Assessment Papers
- Oxford University Press - Content for text book Elevate Level 3
- Online workshops in Conversation and Business English

Audios for ELT training needs**April 2018**

English voice overs for podcasts, e-books, e-learning, audio stories.
Useful for trainers in their classrooms. Customized as per training needs.

Teacher Training and Development

v-shesh Learning Services
Global Skills Academy, Rajkot

May 2018

- Language enhancement and teaching strategies for deaf trainers - *A Millenium Alliance project*
Teacher training, course design and delivery to undergraduates and working professionals in Rajkot.

Text Book Editing, Proofreading**Central Books, Hyderabad****May 2018**

- English Textbook review and editing, Central Books, Hyderabad

Business English - Mapping to CEF**v-shesh Learning Services****February 2017**

- Project Consultant, *Business English for Deaf Learners - A British High Commission funded project.*
Mapping and aligning of course content to CEF B1 and current teaching methodology.
- Launched online course for working professionals, *English with Sonie Online*

Teacher Training and Development**Saraswatam Trust, Bhuj- Kutch****February 2017**

- Teacher Training and lesson planning followed by live monitoring and feedback.
- Business English and Teacher Training - deaf learners. Lesson planning, mock teaching and feedback.

Observation Tool for Live Monitoring and Teacher Training

P. Obul Reddy Public School
- Hyderabad

September 2016

- Designed customized *Observation Tool* based on specific needs of the teachers.

Business English Course design**IFEEL****April 2016**

- Customized course for PGDM students of *Institute for Future Education Entrepreneurship and Leadership.*
Specific language for campus placement interviews Designed and delivered complete program

**Resource person ELT
ESOL Examiner**

Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd.
Trinity College London

2007 - present**2007 - 2017**

- Teacher training workshops in institutions as per specific needs or part of CPD/INSET programs.
- Teacher support workshops to introduce current strategies and methodologies used internationally
- Fr. Senior ESOL Examiner, Trinity College London

Assessor, Examiner Trainer, Monitor**Trinity College London****2009 - 2017**

- Assessor Team for benchmarking *Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills* (ASL- Trinity and CBSE)
- Assessor- *Udbhav English Language Competency Baseline Study*, UP (for The Open University, UK)
- Examiner Monitor, *Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills* (ASL, Trinity and CBSE Board)
- On the GESE Examiner Recruitment Panel of Trinity College London (India)
- Trained teachers of thirteen schools at behest of the NBSE (*Nagaland Board of Secondary Education*) as resource person of *Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd.*

Publications

- Author - 'How to Exhibit Effectively', Publisher - The Indian Express, BPD
- Author - 'Art Therapy in the Urban Context', Thesis, Indian Institute of Alternative Medicine
- Facilitator Manual & Resources for Art Teachers in Rural India', IL&FS Education and Tech Services
- Teacher's Manual - 'Formative Assessment in Art', CBSE Board, India
- Teacher's Manual - V-shesh Learning Services (English for the Deaf), *A Millenium Alliance Project*