



# Developing Learners' English Skills for Employability

Date: **Saturday 30th October 2021**  
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With more and more people working in an international environment, there is a growing need for English teaching materials that develop both English and business skills, bridging the gap between the classroom and the world of work. Due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, the way we deliver education has changed, requiring a flexible learning environment and materials that help learners to be more active in their learning and achieve their ultimate goals of developing themselves and getting their dream jobs.

In this webinar we will look at a framework to describe employability. Then focus on some key skills learners need for work, such as active listening, presentations and feedback strategies. We will demonstrate some practical activities to help learners develop these skills and become more confident and competent communicators in the global workplace. This session includes content from Pearson's Business Partner series and will equip you with the following:

- ▶ A framework for understanding employability
- ▶ Practical classroom activities to help learners develop related skills
- ▶ Ways to teach these activities in online lessons



During the first decade of her teaching career, Margaret worked for a private language academy in Barcelona, Spain where she became a senior teacher and teacher trainer. She gained considerable experience working with all ages, from five-year olds to retirees in their 70s, and all levels from beginners to proficiency. Then she moved into the university sector, becoming the Exams Co-ordinator for the Language Training Programme at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona.

Since 2001 she has been a freelance teacher, teacher trainer and examiner, working with young adults in the tertiary sector and providing in-company business English classes. Most recently she has taught employees at a company in Moscow online and this summer she was an online EAP preessional tutor for Chinese university students.