

TESOL International Association and Microsoft Partner to Improve Educational Outcomes for Multilingual Learners of English

Alexandria, Va. (June 12, 2023) – TESOL International Association (TESOL) and Microsoft announced a new partnership to improve educational outcomes for multilingual learners of English (MLEs) through the use of Microsoft’s Learning Accelerators, a new category of free educational tools.

With more than 1.5 billion MLEs worldwide, the need for effective and accessible educational resources is more critical than ever. This partnership brings together TESOL’s expertise in English language education and Microsoft’s innovative technology to support English language educators globally as they work to help MLEs achieve their full potential.

As part of the partnership, TESOL and Microsoft have collaborated to create the [*Guide to Using Microsoft Learning Accelerators With Multilingual Learners of English: Literacy Edition*](#). This guide provides educators with inspiration and practical tips on how to use the free Learning Accelerators – specifically Immersive Reader, Reading Progress, and Reading Coach – to support MLEs in vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, accuracy, and fluency. These tools enable teachers to create interactive and engaging lessons that meet the needs of diverse learners, including MLEs.

Shelley Taylor, TESOL president (2023-2024), said “Promoting excellence in English language education across the world is central to the mission of TESOL, and this free guide along with the free learning accelerators is a great example of how TESOL and Microsoft together are helping educators and MLEs reach their full potential.”

Microsoft’s educational tools are designed to support a range of learning styles and abilities. The Learning Accelerators provide opportunities for students to develop their literacy skills in class and independently, regardless of age or proficiency level, and they allow teachers to quickly and easily collect, view, and utilize assessment data to provide targeted guidance and improve individual student outcomes. A team of TESOL experts from around the world (Brazil, Indonesia, Jordan, and the United States) collaborated to develop the *Guide to Using Microsoft Learning Accelerators With Multilingual Learners of English: Literacy Edition*, which includes a variety of context-specific and adaptable activities designed for educators of MLEs.

“We know that literacy is foundational to all student achievement,” said Paige Johnson, vice president of Microsoft Education. “This is why Microsoft has invested in building world-class literacy tools into our educational products. We are also focused on making sure that our technology is available, inclusive, and accessible, so we are excited to collaborate with TESOL educators to help bring these resources to more students.”

The partnership between TESOL International Association and Microsoft demonstrates a shared commitment to improving educational outcomes for MLEs and advancing the field of language education.

About TESOL International Association

TESOL International Association is the trusted global community for knowledge and expertise in English language teaching. TESOL advances the professional expertise in English language teaching to speakers of other languages in multilingual contexts worldwide through professional learning, research, standards, and advocacy. In principle and in practice, TESOL values professionalism, respect, integrity, and lifelong learning and seeks diverse and inclusive participation within the field of English language teaching. TESOL promotes equitable representation, engagement, and broad access to professional opportunities for all and works to eliminate any kind of discrimination. TESOL is a professional community of more than 13,000 English language professionals representing more than 150 countries. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.

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