

# Education: Teaching

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# Self-introduction

- My ELT Career
- Experiences Abroad
- British Council



# Presentation

- English Language Teaching: What does it all mean?
- Teaching English Career Paths
- Relating your skills to teaching jobs
- Other areas/ questions



# What do they mean?

- TEFL

- TESL

- TESOL

# TEFL

- **TEFL** refers to teaching English as a foreign language: programs in countries where English is not the primary language and is not a *lingua franca*. Instructors teach **EFL** (English as a foreign language) similar to the way they might teach French to English speakers in the United States. In other words, if you are teaching English in a country where English is not spoken, you will be teaching EFL.



# TESL

- **TESL** refers to teaching English as second language: programs in English-speaking countries for students who speak languages other than English. Instructors teach **ESL** (English as a second language) similar to the way they might teach French to English speakers in France. In other words, if you are teaching English in a country where English is spoken, you will be teaching ESL.



# TESOL

- TESOL, which stands for teaching English to speakers of other languages, is a general name for the field of teaching that includes both TESL and TEFL. ESOL (English to speakers of other languages) refers to the subject that is taught and includes both ESL (English as a second language) and EFL (English as foreign language). ELT (English language teaching) is also sometimes used as a general term for the field as a whole.



# ELT Qualifications

- Certificate
- Diploma
- Masters




# The CELTA and CELTYL

- Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults
- Certificate in English Language Teaching to Young Learners



# Types of work

- Private Language School Teacher
- Freelance/Private Tutor
- State/Public Schoolteacher
- Humanitarian Teacher
- Summer School/Camp
- Business English Teacher/ Teacher of ESP
- Assistant Director of Studies/Director of Studies/Head Teacher/Teacher (TEFL) trainer
- University Lecturer



# Private Language School English Teacher

- An English language teacher usually works in a private language school. These are the most abundant jobs throughout the world and are usually the most sought after by recently qualified teachers. Students can be children or adults. You may find yourself teaching General English, Business English and/or Exam classes.



# Freelance/Private Tutor

- Whether supplementing an income through private lessons or generating a portfolio of clients as a freelance tutor, the hourly wage can be high. The teacher may work at a different school each day or build up a portfolio of private lessons in their ideal location. Many travellers pick up a few hours of teaching here and there whilst travelling for the cash and to add meaning to their travelling experience



# State/Public Schoolteacher

- The governments of many countries are now making English an essential part of the academic curriculum. This has created a massive requirement for native English speakers within state run schools. These positions don't always pay the highest salaries because state run schools have smaller salary budgets than private schools, but you can guarantee that state run schools are located in all corners of the globe.



# Humanitarian Teacher

- NGOs, Orphanages, centres for destitute women and children, and poor nations throughout the world have a huge humanitarian need for volunteer teachers.



# Summer School/Camp

- Operated both in Native English speaking countries and overseas, private organisations invite students to attend English schools and camps during the state run school summer holiday periods. Teaching is typically conversational English and often includes participation in extra curricular activities like field trips.



# Business English Teacher

- A business English teacher will teach either on a business premises or at a language school. The students will typically be company employees who need or want to learn English to help them advance and further their own careers. Business English positions are very common and widespread. They require a mature attitude and smarter dress. Business knowledge is useful.

# Teacher of ESP

- An ESP (English for Specific Purposes) teacher will typically teach business English to company employees in a specific industry (aviation, medical, pharmaceutical). These positions can be very lucrative and involve creating an English language needs analysis for the given business industry. For example those in the engineering industry will need to be taught different language to those in the petrochemical industry.



# Assistant Director of Studies/Director of Studies/Head Teacher

- These senior positions typically involve less teaching and more management and supervision of a schools operation. A senior teacher is often involved in the management and design of course curriculum.



# Teacher (TEFL) trainer

- With the booming TEFL industry there is an ever-increasing demand for TEFL trainers to pass on their expertise. Teacher trainers can be located at an onsite language school and can earn extra income by marking the work of correspondence students.

# University Lecturer

- Universities in many countries insist that all undergraduates study English regardless of their degree subject. Positions include full-time and part-time, tenured and non-tenured.
- Some posts are: lecturer, assistant professor, professor
- Conditions vary in terms of hours, pay, holidays, etc.



# Salaries and Conditions

- In general, better in the private sector, although well-qualified teachers can earn good salaries at state schools/universities in some countries
- Private Lessons can be lucrative
- Do check medical insurance/tax status/visa situation before signing up

# Which Countries

- Ever year more than 37,000 Americans, Australians, New Zealanders, Brits and Canadians go overseas and teach English. They change schools and countries every 2-3 years, moving from Athens to Rome, Tokyo to Sao Paulo and so on
- <http://www.cie.uci.edu/iop/teaching.html>



# Career development

- school administration
- curriculum development
- training
- publishing
- translation and interpreting
- business and aid organizations
- specialist areas (drama, physically/mentally challenged, voluntary work)



# Your JET experience possibly included:

- Teaching children of various age ranges
- Focussing and adapting to student needs
- Classroom management skills
- Language Analysis  
(Grammar/Vocabulary/Pronunciation)
- Skills work (Receptive/Productive)
- Creating materials and planning lessons
- Teamworking – with individuals + institutions
- Developing cultural awareness
- Building cultural relationships



# Play to your strengths

- Strong evidence of some of these areas will improve your prospects at both job application and interview stages
- Don't be afraid to sell yourself
- A good teacher is one who is always learning – what have you learnt from being an ALT?



# In conclusion

- Decide which path you want to take
- Consider taking a teaching qualification
- Use your experience as a JET
- Sell your skills effectively
- Set short-term/medium term goals
- Don't give up if all doesn't go to plan
- Good luck!!!!



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