



Newsletter for English Teachers

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STAY UP TO DATE



Dear English Teachers,

Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter for this school year. The Ministry of Education recently published Bagrut data and statistics from 2020 תש"ף. The data displays encouraging results for English. For example, there is a constant increase in the number of students taking the 5-point exam (from 32% in 2016 to 41.5% in 2020). In addition, there has been an increase in the number of students who have taken the Bagrut in English and fewer 3 pointers.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the English teacher community for these impressive results. The joint efforts of English teachers, counselors and inspectors have led to a significant development of English teaching in Israel.

מתוך התמונה החינוכית, אוקטובר 2021



חטיבה עליונה

שיעור הזכאים לתעודת בגרות הכוללת 5 יח"ל באנגלית

מתלמידי כיתה ו"ב
זכאים לתעודת
בגרות הכוללת 5
יח"ל באנגלית

41.5%
(תלמידים 48,651)



חטיבה עליונה

גידול בזכאות לבגרות לפי יח' לימוד



Over the past five years, we have put significant efforts in encouraging and practicing speaking skills and learning vocabulary. This could not have happened without your dedication and commitment to students' success.

With your professionalism and hard work, we have managed to keep up the excellent results despite the Covid crisis. Your ability to continue pursuing our goals under difficult times is both admirable and appreciated.

Best wishes,
Dr. Tziona Levi,
Chief Inspector of English



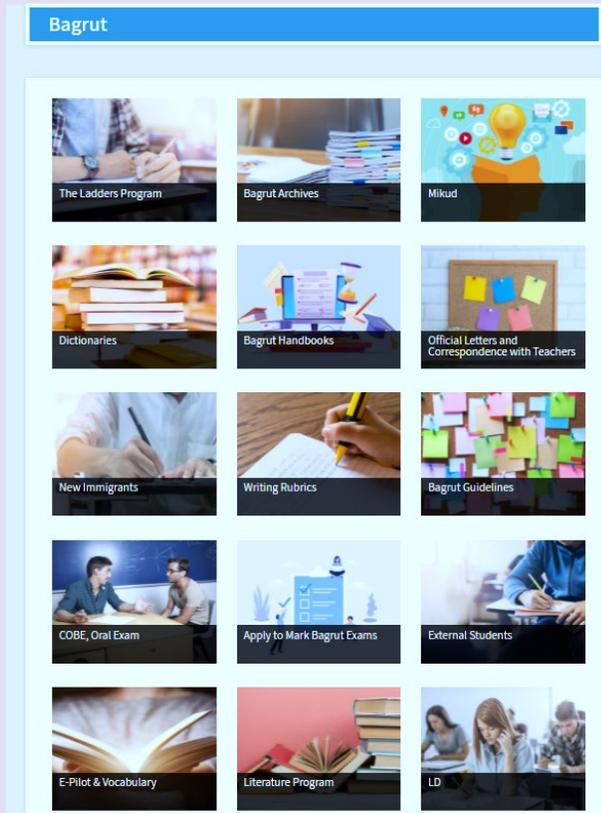
Click here to view the entire "Educational Image" presentation:

[English Achievements from 2020](#)



Bagrut Updates

You can read about all the Bagrut updates [on the portal under high school.](#)



[Bagrut and language teaching policy 2021-2022 - תשפ"ב](#)

General Updates:

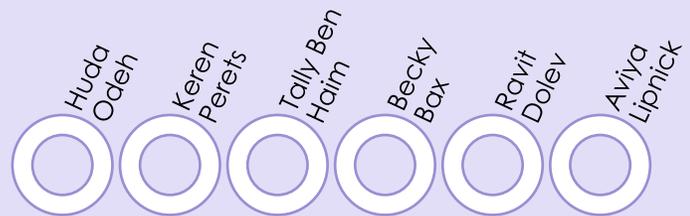
[The Voices Israel Group of Poets in English Announces the Third Bar Sagi Young Poets Prize Competition, 2022](#)

We would like to invite you to participate in [Schools Online - an online learning activity of students in Israel with students in schools abroad.](#) This online activity is based on collaborative learning through Google Classroom. Each pair of classes is given a common learning space in which learning takes place with the assistance of the instructors of the Ministry of Education.



STAY UP TO DATE HAS MOVED TO THE PORTAL

As you know, you can no longer access the "Stayuptodate" site as the site has been moved and upgraded to the English portal. In the last "Spread the Word" we initiated a mini competition. Well done to the following teachers that answered correctly.



You all answered within a few minutes of each other - Well Done.

The question was - What was posted on the 3rd of August 2021 in the Portal Site?

The answer was - "Professional development opportunities for English teachers"

And now for this week's question I was searching for enrichment and I came across this page

It's a teaching unit called _____. It's for the younger age.

What is the unit called?

Click here to add your answer

<https://forms.gle/hpMVxtbLm9p2nw616>

If this is news to you, feel free to watch this video for more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxtZA2N5ksY>



National Talent competition to celebrate oral production.

Our aim is to encourage our courageous and willing pupils to show off their English talent and skills. We can do it - all the information can be found [here](#).

Please browse all the information. Schools have begun to register and the competition is in motion. Make sure you follow the guidelines as we cannot accept late entries.

Join our Whatsapp group and receive bi-weekly ideas and goodies on how to incorporate music and songs in your lessons.

[Click here](#)

BI- WEEKLY BROADCASTS

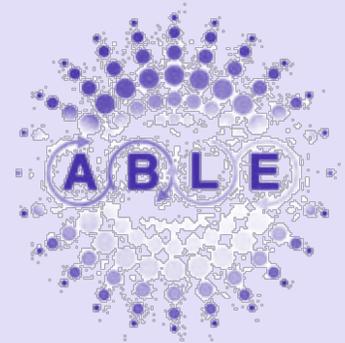


New from the WhatsApp Project:



This month's online unit is about positive thinking. [Click here to access.](#)

All the texts are on the [Facebook page](#) of the project and you are welcome to leave comments and share ideas under the relevant texts



5th grade teachers - it is not too late to learn what your students know and what they may need specific help with!

The digitalized ABLE kit is available on the MOE moodle. [Find out more by clicking here.](#)

Here are directions for access and use. [How to Access the Able Kit \(slides 4-7\)](#)



English Teachers in Technical Centers and Miftanim are invited to click [here](#) to check out what we, at the department for at-risk students in the MOE (Shachar department), have to offer you.

Need help? We are here to support you!
Contact Lucy Fried- lucyfr@education.gov.il
[Visit our website](#)



Tutoring Help Specifically For COBE Preparation:

ESRA's experienced, native English-speaking volunteers who, although they are not trained teachers, are especially qualified to help students speak as a preparation for the COBE in 1:1 tutoring sessions.

These are conducted via Zoom, or if there are tutors in your area, FTF meetings.

If you are interested, be in touch with the ESRA office,

Anat Schifter admin@esra.org.il



As you know we have just started running our PLCs all over the country, most of them are given online according to teachers' needs. Consult with your counselor or inspector and join the community in your area where you can share ideas and find the encouragement and support you need these days!

[Visit the Site for Diplomacy and International Communication in English!](#)

Debating Matters to Us is the high school debate tournament in English, hosted by Diplomacy schools and teachers, but open to all, and we invite you to join us with your English class!

Each tournament will consist of 6-12 schools. In each room there will be three schools and three rounds, where each school debates against the other two. The school is also asked to bring along a student to serve as a debate chairperson, and one to be a timekeeper. The rest of the class supports and participates in the audience, with time in the debate allotted to their questions and challenges.

Our format, while giving students an authentic opportunity to use English, puts more of an emphasis on content than accuracy of language. Debating Matters to Us is a fun, non-threatening way to let your students shine and express themselves, and everyone's a winner, whether or not they win their debate. To express interest in participating, please [click here](#). The hosting school in your area will contact you with details.



On the Ministry of Education Portal you can find 19 rich teaching units for teachers of pupils in grades 3 to 9.

THE TEACHING UNITS



The 19 units offer a broad and diverse range of suggested synchronous, asynchronous, online and offline tasks in addition to differential suggestions.

CONTENT

Relevant and meaningful content blended into language teaching.

KEY IDEAS

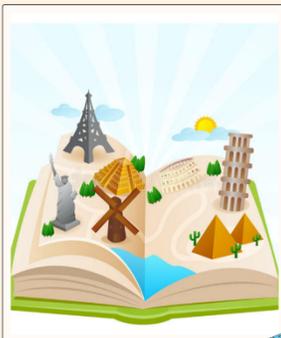
The integral knowledge, values and skills of what the Israeli school graduate is expected to know and do with language.

LANGUAGE COMPETENCES

Individual lessons that integrate the language competences (for example; grammar and band vocabulary).

TASKS

Interactive tasks that practice all of the English skills (all four language activities, spoken and written reception, spoken and written production).



TASKS

A structured and rich model of a unit prepared according to the English Curriculum 2020.

Units for grades 3-6
Units for grades 7-9

DINGBATS



<https://bit.ly/dingbata>

These Dingbats are updated each bulletin. Have a look at the new ones and test your pupils as well.

The dingbats are fun to use in class.

Feel free to share your examples with us at learnntune@gmail.com.

Here are the previous dingbats with answers <https://bit.ly/dingbata>.

moodle

A new nationwide, fully online Pisgah Holon Moodle for Blended Learning Hands-on Workshop started last November 1. Its aim is to enable the 36 JHS and HS teachers of English who have enrolled to experience Moodle as teachers because using Moodle is a significant change in the way we can teach and our pupils can learn.

The format of this workshop is the same for every unit, and each answers a question: Background ("What is this part of the workshop about?")

Studying with Moodle ("Why use Moodle?")
Moodle Tools ("Which tool can I use to fulfil my aim?")

Creating a Sense of Community ("How do I benefit not only from what I have learned but also from what other participants have learned so far?")

Assignment ("How do I use what I have learned on this Module in my classroom?")

[Click here for more info.](#)

SHOWCASE



Meet Avital Perach, an English teacher and coordinator at Amal Psagot Nahariya Technical High School.

Please click [here](#) to read about Avital and her school.

Would you like to showcase your work? Your staff? A special teacher? An English event in your school? Complete this [short form](#) and we will contact you. Spread the word about something important to YOU!

NATIONAL ELEMENTARY CONFERENCES

Hundreds of teachers around the country attended our national elementary zoom conferences presented by national counselors Nicole Broder and Howie Gordon. As a result, we are sure that teachers are enthusiastic about implementing Readers' Theater in their classrooms to promote fluent and accurate reading, as well as heightened speaking skills while enjoying shared learning experiences. In response to Howie's lyrical presentation about using music as a language teaching tool, we hope that a large number of elementary pupils will get creative and enter the ETalent competition in January.

Webinars about how to implement Readers' Theater in Junior High school classes are being offered by Nicole on Tuesday 14th December 2021 and on Sunday 9th January 2022. Click [here](#) to register for one of them and a zoom link will be emailed to you closer to the time.

THE MACCABIAH CORNER



Instead of daydreaming in class, inspire your students to dream big!! Whether they choose to dream about a trip to Disneyland, discovering a solution to the issue of Global Warming or becoming an athlete in the Maccabiah Games, they can learn how to turn their dreams into reality with the Dream It! Writing Project. Click [here](#) for the Teachers' Guide; it can be easily adapted for students at all levels.

A Riddle

Next July, I'm going to go to a huge sports event with 10,000 sportsmen from 80 countries who are taking part in 47 types of sports. All the athletes are Jewish. Where am I going?



Do you want to give your students a great reason to read aloud?

Readers' Theater

- ★ entertaining and engaging
- ★ improves fluency
- ★ enhances comprehension
- ★ encourages performance
- ★ increases confidence

SHINE
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HIGH SCHOOL

Maccabiah Heroes 

Would your 11th or 12th grade students enjoy hearing about the Maccabiah experience directly from an ex-Maccabiah athlete? They could learn about goal-setting, the thrill of becoming a champion and much more! Click [here](#) to express your interest!

הנורות Ofek Chadash

Recognized by Ofek Chadash

New at Kaveret!!!
30 hour courses are now open for registration!

English:

- Teaching English with Music: Learn in Tune
- Enabling with the ABLE: Locating Struggling Pupils
- Vocabulary Instruction
- Teaching English with the Use of Video Clips
- Teaching and Assessing Spoken English

For elementary teachers

Click here for more details and registration! Don't miss out!!

TEACHER CHAT & CHAT AWAY

Over 600 non-native speaking English teachers as well as 220 Junior High and High School students nationwide are busy improving their spoken English by participating in the Teacher Chat and Chat Away programs offered by the ESRA organisation. They meet with their native speaking volunteers weekly on zoom to talk in English for approximately half an hour, resulting in higher levels of confidence leading to enhanced accuracy and fluency and interesting interactions.

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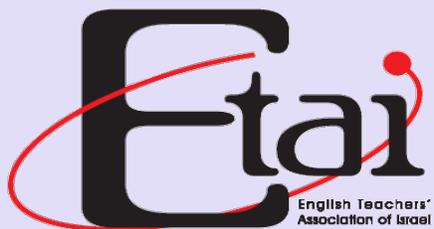
NEW AT HA'MAKPETZA!!!

המקפצה

Free online English lessons now for 4th graders and up! Click here to register!

TEACHER, I NEED HELP NOW!!!
 Don't panic, help is here between 15:00-23:00!!

LNet are looking for elementary teachers to teach at [Ha'makpetza](#), after-school online lessons for grades 4-6. Please submit this [form](#) to apply.



ETAI – For a lifetime of shared professional development

Don't miss the [Winter Conference](#) at Hemdat Academic College!
[Click for the program.](#)

Phone the ETAI office to register: 02-500-1844

מדינת ישראל משרד החינוך מינהל חינוך טכנולוגי

חברת תקשורת וטכנולוגיה בחינוך

ARE YOU A STUDENT IN GRADE 7, 8, 9 OR 10 WITH A SENSE OF ADVENTURE?

Learn English on Whatsapp together with other students from all over the country, led by an experienced English teacher!
 Click [here](#) for information and to register!

NEW ON THE PORTAL:
 Click [here](#) to access our beautiful tapestry of resources for the elementary school programs on offer this year!

