

Have we teacher trainers and educators lost our sense of humour???

In the early issues of the journal we had a column called “The Spoof Page”
 in which gentle fun was poked at all areas of our profession.

It was one of my favourite corners of the journal. But after receiving fewer and fewer offerings for it and not wishing to keep it going totally on my own, I eventually phased it out.

Well, that is to say, I’d phase it straight back in again if you would like to send in something for it!! It’s not a column for attacking people but for genuine humour!

Got something in mind???

Here’s a reprint for Volume One Issue Two.

(That’s 1987 for those of you who like their history neat.)

The Jargon Generator

If you’d like to sound more clued up at your next conference or in your next letter of application or MA paper, try using the jargon generator below.

Simply start by reading from left to right across the first line, picking out one option from each stack of substitution. Continue by reading from left to right on the second line and finish off on the third line. Once you’ve practised a few times, you’ll be able to state, with confidence, that your thesis investigates “ a range of key, quantitative, long-term, evaluative, INSET, data-based, top-down, learner-centred, networking, cascade effect, low-profile, EAP innovations within a give frame and in a related teacher education context.”

That should fix them!

1st Line a range of key	effective appropriate optimal experiential quantitative	long-term short-term medium-term	inductive deductive societal systematic cognitive effective affective	initial in-service pre-service INSET post-service	technique- based text-based corpus- based	bottom-up top-down right-brain	teacher- centred learner- centred
2nd Line self-assessing awareness-raising networking		multiplier effect cascade effect spillover effect	high-profile low-profile	EFL ESL TESOL ESP EAP	course-types models strategies concepts paradigms innovations		within a given frame
3rd Line and in a	known related	teacher-education teacher-development teacher-training		context setting			