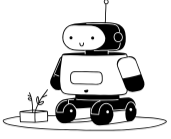




8-Week Summer PD Curriculum for English Language Teachers

A DIESOL-created self-paced exploration of tools, strategies, and creative approaches — one focus area per week.



Week 1: Basic AI Prompting

Get comfortable crafting effective prompts for classroom use — lesson plans, feedback, differentiation, and more.

- Try writing 3 prompts for lesson planning in your context
- Experiment with role-based prompts (e.g., "Act as an ELL student at B1 level...")
- Reflect: Which prompt got the most useful output and why?



Week 2: AI Image Generation

Explore AI image tools to create visual vocabulary supports, story starters, and engaging classroom materials. Nanobanana is a great starting point. See also DIESOL Episode 102 ([DIESOL.org/102](https://diesol.org/102)).

- Generate 3–5 images for a vocabulary set you teach
- Try Nano-banana to create student-friendly images
- Consider: How could images replace or supplement a worksheet?



Week 3: AI Slides & Notebook LM

Create polished, content-rich presentations using AI. Explore NotebookLM's Slides function and Gamma for visually compelling material. See DIESOL Episode 132 ([DIESOL.org/132](https://diesol.org/132)) for a guided walkthrough.

- Upload a reading passage into NotebookLM and generate a presentation
- Build a short unit overview in Gamma using AI prompts
- Compare: Which tool fits your workflow better?



Week 4: Listening Comprehension

Build your ear for authentic English and discover how tools like Speechling (speechling.com/listening/english) can support both your own fluency awareness and your students' listening skill development.

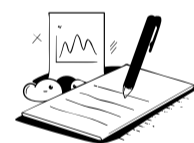
- Complete 3–5 Speechling listening activities at different difficulty levels
- Note: What makes a listening task feel authentic vs. artificial?
- Design one classroom listening task inspired by what you tried



Week 5: Vibecoding Exploration

Vibecoding is AI-assisted coding without needing to be a developer. Explore what educators are building and try creating something yourself. Check out the AI in Edu Showcase (vibecoding.aiedu.org/) and Teacher Vibes (teachervibes.org/).

- Browse 5+ educator-made tools in the AI in Edu Showcase
- Try building a simple quiz or activity using a vibecoding tool
- Share what you made with a colleague or in a community



Week 6: Low Tech / No Tech Creativity

Reconnect with analog creativity. Low-tech and no-tech activities build critical thinking, collaboration, and language use in powerful ways. Visit Sara Davila's Resources Page (saradavila.com/) and listen to DIESOL Episode 137 ([DIESOL.org/137](https://diesol.org/137)).

- Try one activity from Sara Davila's site with real or imagined students
- Listen to the DIESOL episode and jot down 2–3 takeaways
- Identify one unit where you could swap a digital task for a creative analog one



Week 7: Research Rabbit

Research Rabbit (researchrabbit.ai/) is a free tool that visually maps academic literature and helps you find connected research — perfect for building your professional knowledge base over the summer.

- Create a free account and search for a topic you're curious about (e.g., SLA, scaffolding, EAP)
- Explore the visual map of related papers and save 3–5 that interest you
- Read at least one paper and connect it to your classroom practice



Week 8: Video Recordings

Wrap up the summer by experimenting with video recording for teaching — explainer videos, feedback recordings, or flipped classroom content. Revisit DIESOL Episode 41 ([DIESOL.org/41](https://diesol.org/41)) for inspiration and practical tips.

- Record a 2–3 minute video explaining a grammar point or activity
- Watch it back and note one thing you'd improve
- Brainstorm: Where could video recording fit into your fall teaching plans?

🎉 **You made it!** Completing even 4 of these 8 weeks puts you ahead of the curve. If these helped, we hope you'll continue to join us for more ideas at [DIESOL.org](https://diesol.org)