# Workshop handout: 22 apps for language teaching and learning

## <u>Grammar</u>

**English Grammar in Use** (Cambridge) Includes in-app purchase feature **The Big Picture** (Richmond) Based on game 'Where's Wally?' **Visual Grammar** (Richmond) Includes presentations of grammar points

## **Vocabulary**

Quizlet Good for practising new words. Students can input definitions and /or a translation. Vocabulary can be recycled in various ways, such as mix and match exercises Dictionary apps e.g. LDOCE / OALD MyWordBook (British Council / CUP) Recording new vocabulary

## **Listening**

**TED** Conference presentations; students can download a presentation and listen to it off-line, using the pause button at will **Podcasts** Download / listen to podcasts. Recommended: the BBC news bulletins **iPlayer** (UK) BBC TV programmes available after broadcast

#### **Reading**

**Flipboard** Personalised magazine; displays your Facebook and Twitter streams **IELTS app** (Macmillan) Helps with skimming **Alice in Wonderland** Uses motion of the iPad

## **Speaking**

**Socrative** – voting app

**Prezi viewer** Presentation software Prezi is presentation software which zooms in on each slide. Students can practise off-line

**Screen Chomp** Screen capture app: make screen recordings; Record your voice / annotate a picture using the pen tools. Transforms the tablet into a mini interactive whiteboard

# <u>Writing</u>

**Evernote** Notes organiser. Allows students to share notes with others using the app **Simple Mind+** Mind map creation software Good for brainstorming topics. **Dragon Dictation** Speech to text software. Tap on the 'Record' symbol and speak into the microphone. The app will display what you have said as text

#### **Pronunciation**

Sounds (Macmillan) Phonemic chart app Clear Speech (Cambridge) Helps with word stress Phonics Stories (British Council) For children

#### Serious gaming

Pizza Palace (Richmond) Maze; users make decisions as they try and find a job

For more on apps: <u>http://the-round.com/resource/apptivities-for-business-english/</u>

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