

Language Experience Approach: An Overview

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What is the Language Experience Approach (LEA)?

Roach Van Allen during the 1960s described in the follow manner.

What I can think about, I can talk about.

What I can say, I can write.

What I can write, I can read.

I can read what I can write and what other people can write for me.

How do we do it?

First, we acknowledge and talk about a shared experience.

Teacher is writing exactly what the students are saying.

Next, the teacher reads what it written; the teacher and students edit together.

Teacher and students read and reread together.

Students write the story and read it to a partner.

Talk is text, and text is talk.

~Wink & Putney, 2002, p. 136

A Vision of Vygotsky

<http://www.joanwink.com/vision-of-vygotsky/>

<http://www.joanwink.com/vision-of-vygotsky-order/>

How to do it in an abbreviated form.

Shared experience

Teacher writes as students talk.

Teacher reads; teacher and student students revise.

Teacher and students reread together.

Student write the story and reread with a friend.

Celebrate and make more connections with other content.

Who is credited with originating this idea?

Roach Van Allen, 1960s

Lillian Lamoreax and Dorris Lee (1942)

Sylvia Ashton-Warner (1963) work with Maori children in New Zealand

Krashen & Terrell (1983) suggested it be used with non-native speakers of English.

Here is an example from Jean Katzenberg

Literacy Connections: Promoting Literacy and a Love of Reading

<http://www.literacyconnections.com/InTheirOwnWords2.php>

MORE RESOURCES

Andy Johnson, University of Minnesota, Mankota

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aV7nDQ-cO4>

www.OPDT-Johnson.com

A holistic approach, complete with specific strategies.

(7 minutes)

Jeanette Grodon (nd) Illinois Resource Center

Language Experience Approach (LEA)

<https://esl-methods.wikispaces.com/file/view/LANGUAGE+EXPERIENCE+APPROACH.pdf>

Center for Adult English Language Acquisition (CAELA)

http://www.cal.org/caela/esl_resources/digests/LEA.html

Good one-page overview.

K–12 Step-by-Step Approach

Professional Learning Board (PLB)

<https://k12teacherstaffdevelopment.com/tlb/understanding-the-language-experience-approach-lea/>

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What it is and how it can be used?

Matt Lovaska OSU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXZT7WpMXQM>

Good overview. Good visuals.

(4 minutes plus)

ESL Literacy

Language Experience with Speakers of Other Languages

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAMdcyL1RRU>

A Short Explanation

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSGqw2te_8A

Melissa Curran

Good example of how to edit together

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zOL3EoCFa3E>

(2 minutes plus)

Small-Group Example, Ben Michelson, ESOL Coordinator

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GSGqw2te_8A

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Classroom Example

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAMdcyL1RRU>