Language Teacher Training
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When to apply this
- English exposure programs (EFL i.e. JET)
- Peace Corps
- Volunteering in developing countries
- Working with refugees... which is what we did that lead us to this point... so the ideas we’re going to share were brainstormed by the whole team of Fresno Language Support Trainers
  - Grad Ss are often expected to train locals

What we did:
1) Necessary Information for a layperson
   a) Essentials of language learning
      i) Communicative approach
      ii) Personality
      iii) Adult learners - advantages and disadvantages
      iv) Features of language
   b) Essentials of language teaching
      i) Communicative approach
      ii) Negotiation of meaning
      iii) Wait time
      iv) Error correction
2) Hands on training
   a) Presentation of #1
   b) Workshop with lesson plans and essential teaching activities

What we learned:
1. Limited/lack of pedagogical & theoretical knowledge
2. They all have different backgrounds/experience.
3. Varied ideas of objectives/overall goals
4. Not everyone is equally informed - neither you nor them
What you should do:

1) Essential activities
   a) Gap-fill
   b) Role-play

2) Know your audience - both teachers and students
   a) Be as explicit or implicit as necessary
   b) Goals

3) You don’t know what you know
   a) You’re teaching Kelsey’s Mom!

4) Communicative Approach
   a) Safest approach to impromptu language training

Thank You!!

Any questions?