

September 2017

## WELCOME \*BACK\*

Welcome back to a new school year, 2017-2018. We wish you all (and we are looking forward to!) an exciting, productive and successful school year.

### Back to School Activities

**School Pledge.** Have your students recite a [school pledge](#).

**Back to School Diamante Poem.** Students can easily write a poem using [this template](#).

**Tips for Back to School.** [How to hook them on the first day.](#)

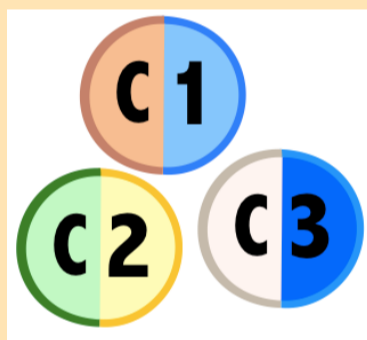
**7 Icebreakers for the First 7 Days.** A good way to kick off the year is by [introducing icebreakers](#) to your students.

**Personality Quizzes.** Have your students fill out a [personality quiz](#) of their choice.

**I Have Who Has?** Great for large or small groups. Adapt it to your classroom using name cards: I Am, Who Is?

### C1, C2 and C3 Intensive Talks! Series

In collaboration with the MEES ESL Programs team, a series of web events about the three ESL competencies was hosted by the Intensive ESL Community Project. The archives and resources [can be found here](#). Whether you are a new or experienced teacher, this series is great to brush up on what the ESL competencies are about. A special thank you goes out to Anne Millette, Teresa Capparelli and Pascale Pellerin for presenting. Enjoy!



### ESL Holiday Lessons

National Sandwich Day, Napping Day, Fresh Breath Day, or Buy Nothing Day. [Visit this website](#) and read all about the various holidays created to honour everything! Then, students can demonstrate their understanding by completing worksheets or online quizzes.

**1. Intensive Talks! web events:** FREE online synchronous webinars, given by teachers, for teachers. [View them here.](#)

#### 2. [www.intensive-esl.quebec](http://www.intensive-esl.quebec)

A rich e-library of verified resources. Account (free) required to access the platform. Open to all Elementary ESL. New feature: SHARE or upload your resources. New tags to search for: Back to School, Sugar Power, animal\_intelligence, climate-change.



**3. ESL Blogs:** sharing of interviews, favourite project picks, recordings of Intensive Talks! and pertinent artifacts, publications and upcoming events. [Click here to access.](#)

### Tools for ESL Teachers

