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## Case of Methods' Failure

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### Abstract

This interactive workshop will allow the participants to find solutions to stubborn classroom challenges through addressing domains adjacent to the methodology of teaching English, which often fall out of sight of teachers. Wrong advice and frequent methodological mistakes will also be examined and alternative ways suggested.

Through the discussion of real-life cases and examples of success, the participants will share their experience and insights and will exit the workshop taking away a clear action plan for most common situations.

### Biography

Throughout her longitudinal career, Valentina Holubeva has combined teaching English as a foreign language, research into linguistic and cross-cultural aspects of communication, and work as translator/interpreter for international organizations. She is known as the founder and admin of the "Teaching English in Belarus" Facebook group, leader of the TEFL Troubleshooting program and the ICAN, English speaking Club.

Graduating from Minsk State Linguistic University (MSLU), Valentina has taught English to all ages, from pre-readers to V.I.P. seniors and advanced international test takers. She has worked her way up from a school teacher through a doctorate course in communicative linguistics at MSLU followed by twenty years of teaching in this university, to an independent ESP teacher, TEFL consultant and teacher trainer. Additionally, Valentina kept sharpening her skills participating in four professional development programs in the USA and England and numerous online workshops. She regularly presents at international conferences, including TESOL and EdYOUFest, and has publications on linguistics, methods of teaching English and CPD in professional journals, media and on her Facebook page and blog.

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