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The NGSL Project: Vocabulary Learning for Success

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Abstract

This poster provides an overview of the New General Service List Project, consisting of 8 open-source vocabulary lists tailored for ESL/EFL learners. It showcases various free online tools for teaching, learning, and research, including gamified flashcards, a Wordle game, and an AI-powered text creation and text profiling tool. Each corpus-based list targets specific genres like daily English and academic English, offering extremely high coverage. Modular development enables flexibility, and ongoing research confirms their efficacy in various contexts, including high-stakes exams

Biography

Dr. Browne is Professor of TESOL & Applied Linguistics at Meiji Gakuin University as well as Director of the English Department's MA and PhD Program and creator of their EFL teacher-training program. He is an internationally-renowned public speaker having given more than 50 plenary or keynote addresses at major academic conferences as well as two TEDx Talk on his main area of research, second language vocabulary acquisition. Dr. Browne is also a US State Department English Language Specialist, helping governments around the world with tailor-made teacher training programs that promote cross-cultural understanding and excellence in teaching. He was the first National Chairperson of the cross-cultural exchange JET (Japan Exchange & Teaching) Program and has served on multiple Japanese Ministry of Education national committees including the steering committee for the JET Program. In addition to his work in creating many important new corpus-based word lists and a wide range of free online tools to teach, learn, and create texts based on these lists, he has also developed countless free online extensive reading, extensive listening, and vocabulary learning sites, tools, and apps. He has worked hard to share this knowledge through presentations, seminars, and hands-on workshops around the world.