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Grammar Instruction that Works

Presenter, Catherine Mitch

Platform: Zoom

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Presenter's biography:

The name Catherine Mitch has become quite familiar within the Literacy New Jersey network. Catherine is a former program director for Literacy New Jersey, a non-profit organization that provides free literacy services to adults in 12 New Jersey counties. In that role, she organized and led the organization's Mercer County Programs, overseeing literacy education to county residents.

Catherine has extensive experience as a professor, teacher, and instructor in a career that spanned more than 35 years and brought her to places as local as Rutgers University and Raritan Valley Community College and as distant as a Papua, Indonesia seminary where she taught for three years. Although Catherine recently retired, she continues to maintain a presence in the literacy scene by helping to train teachers and tutors for non-profit organizations, leading educational workshops, and instructing individuals.

Workshop description:

While grammar is an integral element in all languages, it sometimes gets a bum rap! When we avowed "Grammar Grandmas" merrily dissect our children's, friends', and students' mistakes, we are sometimes criticized, and (dare I say) rightfully so. A correction at the wrong moment or in the wrong manner can do more harm than good. So what's the answer?

This workshop will look at both when and how to incorporate grammar into lessons. We will examine the relationship between grammar and meaning (for example how changing the grammar can make a person sound more polite). We will practice associating real-life situations with the required grammar, and then finally, we will look at good sources for grammar explanations that TUTORS can use to develop their own grammar knowledge.

