

Newsletter

Intensive ESL Community

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Welcome Back!

We hope you had a pleasant and restful winter break. Here's to a new year and a chance to try new things! We are continuously working on developing ideas and sharing resources. You'll be sure to find new and innovative ideas for your class. Read on to see what's new!

Free of Rights Images

Looking for free of rights images for your Valentine's Day handouts? [My Cute Graphics](#) is a must! Want more banks of images? Visit www.intensive-esl.quebec and type **Free images**.



January and February Themes

We asked you what themes you would be working on in the New Year.

Here were some of your answers: **Food** (Health), **Past Tense**, **Future Tense**, **Winter Carnival**, **Black History**, and **Valentine's Day**.

To find lots of fun activities, visit www.intensive-esl.quebec and type any of these themes in the search bar.

REMINDER: SPEAQ 2016 Convention Documents

If you are looking for documents from the workshops presented during December's SPEAQ Convention in Lévis, be sure to visit the [SPEAQ website](#) under Resources.

LEARN's workshops about the ESL Community have also been curated [here](#) and are all ready to be downloaded! Just type **SPEAQ 2016**.

Poetry Writing for Valentine's Day



Visit the [community](#) and type [Types of Poems Booklet](#) to get poetry-writing ideas for February! Use the [Five Senses Graphic Organizers](#) to help students plan writing a Five Senses Valentine's Day poem, or use this one from [Education Place: Graphic Organizers](#) (click on Cluster/Word Web 2) to help plan a Valentine's Day Diamante poem! Here are some examples:

Five Senses Poem

Valentine's Day
Tastes like... chocolate
Smells like flowers
Sounds like laughter
Feels like hugs
Looks like red and pink hearts
Makes me cheery
Valentine's Day is my favourite holiday

Diamante Poem

My Mom
 Warm, wonderful, fun
 Hardworking, caring, loving
 Home, food, love, play
 Doting, entertaining, nurturing
 Generous, thoughtful
My Dad

Upcoming

- You will soon be able to share and upload your own resources to the IESL Community.
- Thematic Playlists on the IESL Community will be available soon! We presented two at SPEAQ: [Telling Time and Bullying](#). More to come!

