



**Clifton
High School**

ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

Our inclusive school

Years 8 and 9

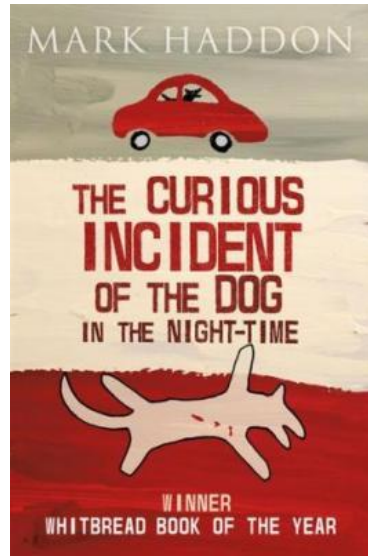
WHAT HAPPENS IN EAL LESSONS?

- 1:1 or in small groups of up to 3 or 4 pupils
- 4 skills: listening, speaking, reading, writing
- grammar and punctuation
- English Language and Literature support
- vocabulary practice for school subjects
- oracy skills
- prepare for Cambridge Schools B2 examination

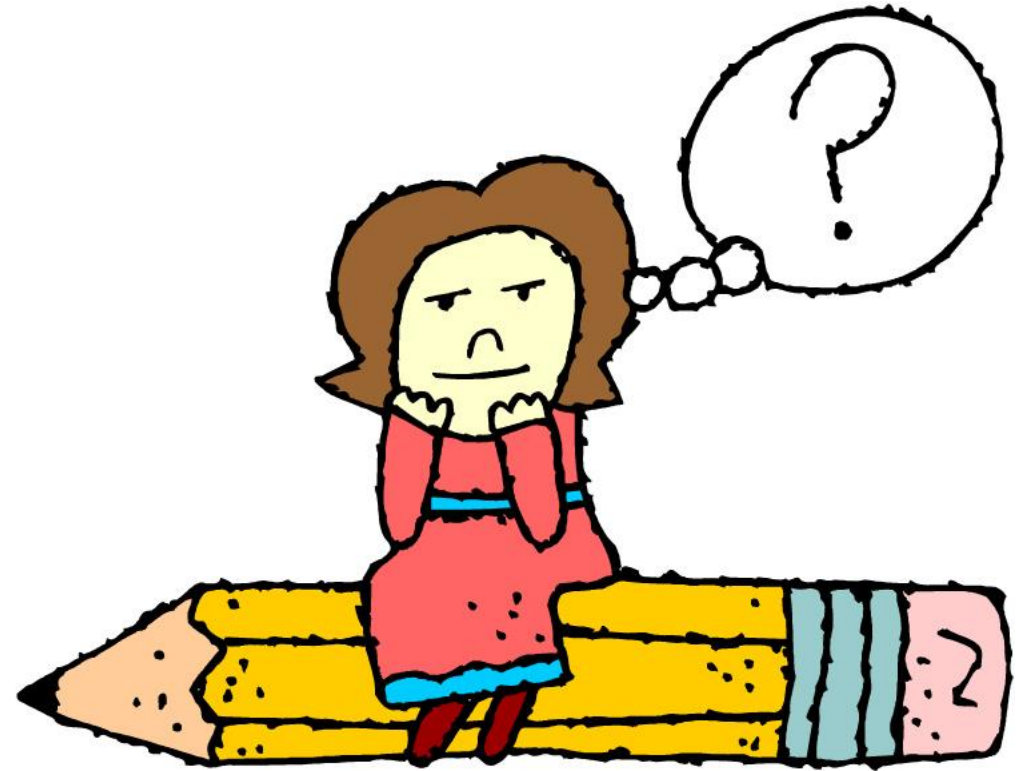
HOW DO WE TEACH? AN EXAMPLE:

Year 9 English

- How does Mark Haddon 'hook' the reader in the opening chapter of 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'?



EAL learner: *I need some help with this.*



SOME IDEAS...

How do I understand the techniques?

- Match character descriptions to emotions and pictures
- Learn the vocabulary of writing techniques (build tension etc.)
- Create and practise lists of useful adjectives
- Build meaningful sentences

How do I structure my essay?

- Use an easy-to-remember guide (e.g., PETAL)
- Learn and practise linking words
- Analyse a model answer



How do we teach? An example:

Year 8 Physics

- Gravity
- Orbit
- Asteroids
- Friction
- Magnetism

EAL learner: 'What is *gravity*?'



SOME IDEAS...

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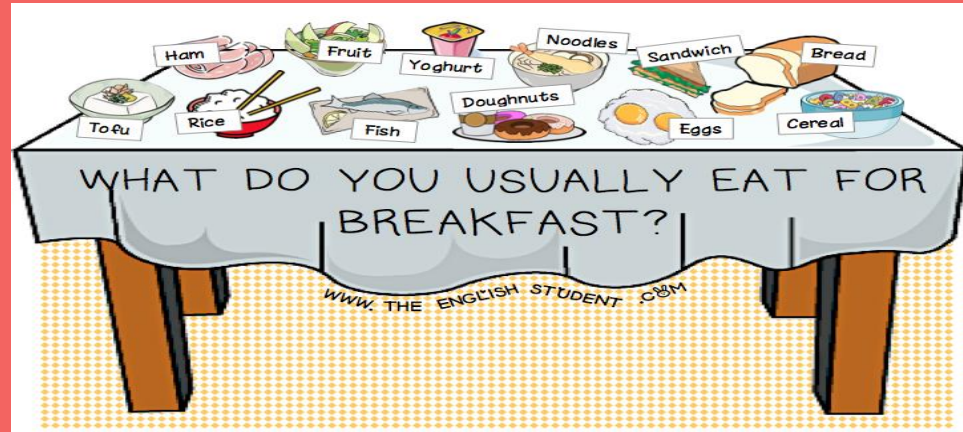
- Match picture and word
- Match definitions
- Methodically build meaningful sentences
- Watch short video
- Listen to short conversations
- Create vocabulary cards
- Mime



WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES FACED BY EAL LEARNERS?

Cultural

- Life in the UK (weather, food, customs, festivals)
- School culture (new subjects, classroom expectations, learning styles, friendship groups)



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Linguistic

EAL learners can:

- can take up to 2 years to become fluent in social language
- can take 5 to 7 years to become fluent in academic language

But later, the ability to move flexibly between languages is of great benefit to thought and expression!

Universities of Edinburgh, Cambridge, Toronto and the Bell Foundation

HOW DOES CLIFTON HIGH SCHOOL HELP EAL LEARNERS?

- Staff are experienced at welcoming international pupils
- Staff are given regular recommendations by EAL Department on how best to help their EAL pupils, and we work closely together
- Pupils are encouraged to talk to staff and their peers about any worries
- Pupils are encouraged to join school clubs
- EAL lessons include cultural awareness and take place 1:1 or in small groups where conversation may be easier



HOW CAN YOU HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

- Encourage use of Duolingo or British Council Learn English Teens – 10 minutes per day online
- Revise new words with them: use their EAL vocabulary lists
- Encourage *them* to teach *you* what they have learnt
- Read with them
- Watch English-speaking films/TV together and experiment with subtitle options
- Make sure they get enough relaxation time and sleep. Their days will be demanding!



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AND FINALLY...

...talk to us:

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