

# training approach

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This linguistic-didactic-methodological project, aimed at the **secondary school curriculum**, has been developed within the memorandum of understanding between **eni** and the **Italian Ministry of Education** and complies with the requirements envisioned in the **"digital school"**, within a **web 2.0** context.

Smartenglish consists of a **"motivational approach"** to be employed in class and via the web (**blended mode**) inside the autonomy of each individual school, to integrate the curriculum and support the recovery of missing English language credits. It is a best practice model based on the guidelines of the **CEFR** and the **recommendations of the high level group in multilingualism** – European Commission – which considers **interdisciplinary activities** and **learning to learn / learning by doing strategies** as basic key factors for effective learning/teaching.

In this case, it is a blended English course based on a **"webquest"** with an **avatar** (Simon) introducing interactive topics (also in edutainment mode), complemented by different types of self-correction exercises and printable games combining language resources, functions and grammar rules with the following 4 subjects/10 units:

<b>Subject: nature</b>	<b>Grammar rules</b>
marine life - level A2	present simple
primates - level A2	comparatives - superlatives
sun - level B1/B2	adjectives - adverbs
volcanoes - level A2/B1	past simple - past continuous
<b>Subject: science</b>	<b>Grammar rules</b>
renewable energy - level A2/B1	countable- uncountable nouns quantifiers
oil - level B1	modals - conditionals
<b>Subject: society</b>	<b>Grammar rules</b>
technology - level B2	future - will - going to
recycling - level A2/B1	present perfect / continuous
<b>Subject: media</b>	<b>Grammar rules</b>
cinema - level B1	passive - wish
music - level B1/B2	phrasal verbs - verb + ing

Each unit is based on a **video** related to the **Avatar speech** with scrolling text and downloadable **transcript**.

The avatar speech is matched with the following **online self-correction exercises**:

- a) *True or False (comprehension)*
- b) *Matching (glossary-lexicon)*
- c) *Multiple Choice (grammar)*
- d) *Drag and Drop (grammar)*
- e) *Cloze (grammar)*

Each unit introduces other resources, such as:

**Games:** online and paper texts to entertain while learning.

**Q&A:** online and paper questionnaire referring to a specific text.

**References:** online and paper webliography to further explore the contents of the unit.

**Podcast:** function to download audio files.

**Dictionary:** link to online English Dictionary.

In addition, there are some useful sections such as:

**Grammaronline:** English grammar course composed of many selected links according to a specific table of contents.

**Learnonline:** various types of activities and teach-yourself drills to review and strengthen language and communication skills in an edutainment environment. **Toolsonline:** auxiliary resources for terminology and theme-oriented support, in text, video and audio formats.

**FAQs:** information on the most frequent problems relating to the operation of the web platform and educational approach.

**News:** updated press review about education lectures, events, issues of the Anglophone world.

## Teacher Section of the Smartenglish Website

**Operational Instructions:** basic guidelines on all content-language-didactic-methodological supports, the educational approach, the teachers' notes and complementary resources.

**My Classes:** each teacher can create their own virtual classroom by adding as many students as they want. Thanks to individual codes, the students access all the functions that Smartenglish has addressed to them and, in the meantime, the teachers may track their work and their learning progress.

**Smartenglish Assistant:** asynchronous assistance system (personal tutor) that supports teachers with reference to all the methodological approaches and didactic supports provided.

**Thanks to its creative contribution to the improvement of the quality and innovation of language learning/teaching approach, "smartenglish" was awarded the European Language Label by the Lifelong Learning Programme and the Italian Ministry of Education.**