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BeeD: Welcome to Blogstreams

LauraspGst5: hello

BeeD: So...how can I help you?

LauraspGst5: I just want to know about CELTA

LauraspGst5: it is a teaching course from the University of Cambridge UK

LauraspGst5: I don't know if I am at the right chat

LauraspGst5: is this chat from UK or USA?

BJB2: Tapped In is an international community, Laura

BJB2: Bee is in Brazil and I'm in the US

BJB2: in a few minutes, the Blogstreams Salon will start and people from all over the globe will be joining us

BeeD: And you are in Spain, right?

LauraspGst5: right

LauraspGst5: this is the first time I am in this website

LauraspGst5: that's why I don't know anything

BeeD: Just normal...I also went through the same process...some time ago

LauraspGst5: where are you from?

BeeD: I am in Sao Paulo

LauraspGst5: both from us

BeeD: Brazil

LauraspGst5: Bee are you Brazilian

LauraspGst5: and BJ are you from US?

BeeD: Yes...I was born in Brazil, have Polish parents and a Belgian husband. I teach EFL at a Franco-Brazilian secondary school

BeeD: a bit of a mix

LauraspGst5: GOOD

LauraspGst5: I think CELTA is like TEFL

JeffC joined the room.

BeeD: yes Laura

LauraspGst5: and

BeeD: it is the first course/exam you have to become an EFL teacher - it gives you a certificate

LauraspGst5: I would like to know if I can travel around the world with CELTA and get a job everywhere

LauraspGst5: yes

BeeD: then after some experience you can do the DELTA

BeeD: which is the diploma

LauraspGst5: and after the coursejjj what?

LauraspGst5: please, tell me

LauraspGst5: I am a little bit lost

LauraspGst5: but my degree isn't from the university

BeeD: You have CELTA (the Certificate in English Language Teaching) and later DELTA (Diploma in English Language Teaching). Both are offered by Cambridge University

LauraspGst5: then maybe I can not access DELTA course

LauraspGst5: can you tell me the requirements to make DELTA

BeeD: I have not been in touch with the people who work with this lately so do not know exactly what is required

BeeD: but you should find information on their site

BeeD: <http://www.cambridgeesol.org/teaching/celta.htm>

LauraspGst5: I will look for it now

LauraspGst5: thanks

BeeD: I believe you have TESOL as well, which is American...

BeeD: but although it offers courses and diplomas, it is a teacher association basically

LauraspGst5: but there's one college here in Valencia that it has just CELTA

BeeD: here is some information for emerging teachers

BeeD: http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/seccss.asp?CID=27&DID=32

LauraspGst5: thank you very much, you are really kind!!! thanks!!

LauraspGst5: I was reading DELTA on internet

LauraspGst5: I just need an initial teaching qualification

BeeD: Yes...language courses in different countries offer the CELTA course

Maggi joined the room.

BeeD hugs Maggi

BJB2 wonders if everyone is on vacation, Bee?

Maggi hugs Bee

BeeD: probably...Aaron is swamped

AaronPC joined the room.

BeeD: Hi Aaron

BJB2 grins...speak of the Devil!

Maggi: speak of the devil

AaronPC: Hi...good morning.

BeeD: I was just saying you were swamped

AaronPC: well...I AM wearing red pants right now.

Maggi: lol

AaronPC: and my room looks kinda like a swamp

BeeD covers her eyes at the sudden flash of colour

BeeD: is it raining?

AaronPC: no...we got lots of rain on Saturday...

LauraspGst5: Bee , is DELTA like a university degree?

AaronPC: but another typhoon is on the way.

BeeD: not exactly Laura

BeeD: well...DELTA is

BeeD: more like a teaching diploma

BeeD: but you can only take it after teaching for some time

Maggi: Certificate you have completed a certain training

LauraspGst5: then after DELTA

AaronPC: <http://www.cambridgeesol.org/teaching/delta.htm>

BeeD: after Celta...Delta

Maggi: yep

BeeD: First Certificate...and then Diploma

BeeD: Aaron...Laura is in Spain and she wants to become an EFL teacher

AaronPC: Cool

LauraspGst5: and after diploma, nothing?

BeeD: Laura...Aaron is an EFL teacher in Japan

Maggi: hopefully a job

AaronPC: After diploma...find job, right?

LauraspGst5: can I teach all over the world with DELTA, Isn't it?

LauraspGst5: good

LauraspGst5: hello Aaron

AaronPC: Yes...you can even teach without it too.

AaronPC: Hi Laura. Nice to meet you.

Maggi: I do

AaronPC joined the room.

Maggi: in Germany

BeeD: Welcome to Blogstreams Alexa

LauraspGst5: I called on Friday the college where I am going to study CELTA and they told me that after CELTA I can go to Japan to work

AaronPC: Hi Alexa

LauraspGst5: nice to meet you too

AaronPC: Hello. What is this?

BeeD: This is an informal chat

AaronPC: Okay. What sort of things go on here?

BJB2 waves hi to Alexa. Blogstreams is a chat about using blogs and similar tools in education

JeffC: Hi again Alexa

AaronPC: I suppose so, as long as you have a university degree.

Maggi: about blogging among other things

AaronPC: Otherwise you run into visa problems

AaronPC Alexa waves back

BeeD: I think that before going anywhere you need to know whether the country accepts teachers to teach there

BeeD: In Brazil for instance

BeeD: this would not be possible

BeeD: with Celta or Delta

SusanR joined the room.

Maggi hugs Sue

BeeD: unless you have a work visa

BeeD hugs Susan

AaronPC waves to Susan

JeffC: More important than being "allowed" to teach is how reputable is the place you're going to. Many companies allow native English speakers with just a BA to teach... and exploit them pretty badly.

LauraspGst5: well, I am thinking about studying CELTA in June, in July I would apply to teach at Caxton college in Valencia or the British school of Valencia

LauraspGst5: they have summer courses for children

BeeD: yes..your own country is the best place to start

BeeD: Why don't you check with the British Council office in Valencia'

LauraspGst5: and after this, I am thinking about going to England

SusanR waves Hi to the blog gang

LauraspGst5: they haven't information about CELTA

AaronPC: Is this a group, or just a chat room?

LauraspGst5: I called them, and they gave me the website where I found that college in Valencia

BeeD: They have an educational/cultural department who should inform you about it

LauraspGst5: well, I could call to England. but I just called the college in Valencia

BeeD: What are you looking for Alexa? And where are you from?

LauraspGst5: now, I don't trust them. that's the truth. that's why I am asking other people

AaronPC: I'm not looking for anything. I live in Colorado.

LauraspGst5: about CELTA

BeeD: It's a well-known certificate

LauraspGst5: that's what I wanted to hear!!!!

BeeD: Some language schools offer it here in Brazil as well

SusanR . o O (Just heard in the news here in Ontariodon't know if this was discussed here....apparently you have to be a certified teacher to teach in Korea..they are detaining uncertified teachers there..we are warned not to apply...)

BeeD: now...all will depend on who your tutors are

LauraspGst5: they are from England

LauraspGst5: this is the only thing I know

LauraspGst5: I feel better now!!!! I think I am doing the right thing

BeeD: the certificate is well-known

LauraspGst5: just one thing worries me

LauraspGst5: my English is not perfect

BJB2 wishes she only had one thing to worry about!

LauraspGst5: maybe it isn't a proficiency level

AaronPC wishes the same. LOL

BeeD: You learn by speaking Laura...by getting involved

BeeD: I am not proficient either

BeeD: and probably will never be

BeeD: but this gives me hope I can go on learning something new all the time

GrahamS joined the room.

BeeD hugs Graham

AaronPC: hey Graham!

BJB2: hi, Graham!

GrahamS: Hi everyone

BeeD: There you are Laura

BeeD: The right man at the right time

LauraspGst5: hi Graham

LauraspGst5: Laura from Spain. Nice to meet you

BeeD: The one and only Graham Stanley from Barcelona

GrahamS: Hi Laura, where are you from exactly?

LauraspGst5: Valencia

GrahamS: Just up the road from me then

LauraspGst5: yes!! right

BeeD: You can have the information straight from the expert's mouth

BeeD: Graham...Laura wants to become an EFL teacher

BeeD: and she would like to start a CELTA course in Valencia

GrahamS: Aha!

LauraspGst5: at Campbell college, maybe you know them

LauraspGst5: just in mad, bcn and vlc they teach CELTA

BeeD: Aaron...you are there as well?

AaronPC: lol

GrahamS: Campbell College? No, I haven't heard of them.

LauraspGst5: let me look for the website

GrahamS: When are you planning to start Laura?

LauraspGst5: June

LauraspGst5: the thing is that my English is not good

LauraspGst5: the last time I studied English it was in 1999

LauraspGst5: that's why I think June it would be a good idea

GrahamS: Well, you have time

BeeD: I believe they will be giving you some kind of entrance test

GrahamS: that's usual I think

LauraspGst5: I have been working with international college and using the language

LauraspGst5: yes, I have the test, but it is very easy

LauraspGst5: I think another test is waiting for me there lol

GrahamS: Have you been to speak to the organizers?

LauraspGst5: sorry, I have been working with international trade

GrahamS: I would go and try to speak to the teacher trainer running the course

LauraspGst5: I called them on Friday

LauraspGst5: I will have an interview and they will tell me about my English

LauraspGst5: if it isn't good enough, I will wait for the next course in September

GrahamS: I see - do you have anywhere in particular in mind to work after the course?
Will you stay in Valencia?

LauraspGst5: I just didn't trust them;;

LauraspGst5: now I know that CELTA is a well-known certificate

BeeD: who is them?

LauraspGst5: yes, they told me that Caxton college in Valencia and the British school of Valencia will look for teachers in summer

GrahamS: That's why you should speak to them (the teacher trainers) about the course - make sure it's the right course for you

LauraspGst5: they have some kind of summer courses for children

LauraspGst5: I will do it, but now it is soon

GrahamS: yes, you're right

BeeD: How is the podcasting planning going Graham?

LauraspGst5: they were telling me about March

LauraspGst5: but I will wait until June

GrahamS: Slow, Bee - I have lost touch with my fellow moderators, which doesn't help

BeeD: ???

AaronPC: ooops.

LauraspGst5: are all of you teachers?

GrahamS: they haven't signed up for the EVO moderators course yet, and I'm still waiting for them to respond to emails

GrahamS: I guess they are both really busy, but...

GrahamS: ...I'm worried

AaronPC: oh no

GrahamS: well, it's too early to really start worrying yet

AaronPC: Did you hear that AJ Hoge in Thailand got fired for blogging.

BeeD: I saw their posts on the EVO

BeeD: He DID?

GrahamS: AJ Hoge got fired for blogging?

BeeD: When was that?

GrahamS: You did, Bee? I must have missed them

AaronPC: Just yesterday.

AaronPC: He saw it coming though.

BeeD: Oh mine

AaronPC: I am going to meet with him tomorrow here in Kyoto.

BeeD: Well...he's got some history...

BeeD: he was fired from somewhere else as well

AaronPC: Really?

GrahamS: Aaron, what in particular caused him to be fired?

GrahamS: Was it just the fact he had a blog, or...?

AaronPC: He says they found his blog and fired him because of that.

BeeD: hmmm

AaronPC: That's all I know. Yeah....hmmm...

BeeD: I read some of his blogging bio...or whatever...do not remember where

BeeD: these things I do when procrastinating...not correcting tests and so on..lol

BeeD: and he commented somewhere that he had been asked to leave some social work he was involved in

GrahamS: <http://www.hobopoet.blogspot.com/>

BeeD: because he was not running it the way the authorities wanted it...you should be able to find it from his blog

AaronPC: Oh well...I'm sure to get an earful tomorrow

LauraspGst5: well, I am leaving. it is 23.36 pm

LauraspGst5: all of you were really helpful for me

LauraspGst5: thank you very much;;

AaronPC: good luck Laura!

GrahamS: Good luck Laura

AaronPC: Thanks for the link Graham. I hadn't seen this one before.

LauraspGst5: thanks Aaron. good luck for all of you too

LauraspGst5: good night. ciao

GrahamS: email me (blogefl@gmail.com) if I you want any help

BeeD: See you Laura and good luck

Maggi waves bye

BeeD: Oh thanks Graham...that was what I had seen

LauraspGst5: thanks Graham

AaronPC: Yeah Laura...if you have any questions about Japan...send me an email.

LauraspGst5: see you Bee. bye

GrahamS: bye

LauraspGst5: thanksssssssss bye

LauraspGst5 left the room (signed off).

UgurE joined the room.

BeeD: So he is traveling to Kyoto to see you, Aaron?

AaronPC: No.

BeeD: Welcome to Blogstreams Ugur

UgurE: hello...

AaronPC: He has been here in Kansai for a week now.

AaronPC: I suspect he is looking for work.

BeeD: IC

AaronPC: Hi Ugur

BeeD: Is he American?

AaronPC: Yes.

BeeD: Where from?

AaronPC: Where are you from Ugur?

AaronPC: I think he's from Virginia or West Virginia or something like that.

GrahamS: Hi Ugur

BJB2: Ugur is in Turkey

BJB2 . o O (and keeps very late hours!)

BeeD: Yes...what time is it now in Turkey?

BeeD: It's 19:43 here in Brazil...we have just started summer saving time

GrahamS: 23:44 in Spain

MiguelB joined the room.

BeeD waves hi to Miguel

GrahamS: Hi Miguel

MiguelB: Howdy all....feel asleep watching the games....LOL

AaronPC: Hey Miguel.

BeeD: Apparently not very exciting season Miguel...lol

MiguelB: Well Cowboys won....Saints lost....not bad at all....till now

GrahamS: Aaron, I've been having fun with your friend Mark's interactive stories

GrahamS: They work really well in class

AaronPC: Oh yeah?

AaronPC: That's great. He would be very happy to hear that.

GrahamS: I emailed him and told him

AaronPC: He's a real trip, that Mark.

GrahamS: He sounds it - I'm going to send him the handout from the session I gave about them

AaronPC: It is interesting to hear that they work well in Spain.

GrahamS: Yes, they went down really well

BeeD: give me the link Aaron..I do not have it at hand

AaronPC: Mark designed them for Japanese learners, who are famous for being silent in the classroom.

GrahamS: unlike the Spanish,

MiguelB: Sounds like most of my students....

BeeD: or Brazilians for that matter

GrahamS: <http://www.e-poche.net/conversations/>

BeeD: we must make podcasts to make them stop speaking...lol

GrahamS: a good idea Bee

GrahamS: when you put a mic in front of them it sometimes works

BeeD: lol

BeeD: mine would podcast forever

AaronPC: I'm going to try that tomorrow.

BeeD: even my little ones want to record something

GrahamS: that's great Bee

DavidWe joined the room.

BeeD: the trouble is getting this done

BeeD: very time consuming

UgurE: sorry my friends

UgurE: I'm from turkey

BeeD: Hi Ugur

AaronPC: hi David

GrahamS: yes, my problem too - time is so short

DavidWe waves

UgurE: I'm very busy

DavidWe . o O (Nasalsen)

BeeD: Oi David

GrahamS: Hi David

AaronPC: You don't have time? Time has you!

DavidWe: Bonjour, ca va?

MiguelB: Howdy David

BeeD: Tres bien mon ami

Maggi hugs David

DavidWe hugs Maggi

Maggi: Hi Ugur

UgurE: hi Maggi

Maggi: have a nice day Ugur?

UgurE: what is the subject?

UgurE: thanx..but here is 00:54

BeeD: We are just chatting informally...exchanging ideas on podcasting

Maggi: blogging

BeeD: and blogging

UgurE: I don't know what is blogging

BeeD: Blogging is publishing your thoughts online

Maggi smiles

UgurE himm understand

BeeD: and having the possibility of being commented upon

BeeD: by other readers

BeeD: and writers

MiguelB: <http://trinoms1@blogspot.com>

UgurE: yes

MiguelB: That is the site where I put three blogs.

BeeD: <http://dekita.org>

MiguelB: OH we got some bad news on Friday....we have two teachers being displaced on Monday....one from Social Studies and one from English....

BeeD: displaced?

AaronPC: uh-oh

UgurE: (:

MiguelB: Yep...moving from one school to another

BeeD: and why is that?

MiguelB: Low enrollment than predicted

BeeD: we had a lot of stds who left our school last year as well

BeeD: and many classes were closed

AaronPC: sorry folks...gotta be on my way. First period classes to get to.

BeeD: we had a peak of 1400 stds about 5 years ago

UgurE waves..this discussion is nice..but I must go bed.

MiguelB: We are 50 students below the predicted enrollment

BeeD: ciao Aaron

AaronPC: see you next week.

BeeD: see you

MiguelB: good nite Ugur

GrahamS: bye Aaron - have a nice week

AaronPC: hope you find your EVO partners Graham

BeeD: now we are down to 800

Maggi: goodnight Ugur

MiguelB: Bye Aaron

GrahamS: thanks Aaron

AaronPC left the room (signed off).

UgurE left the room (signed off).

GrahamS: we are up this year - the enrollment is better than ever

BeeD: We had a TV program on Spain...and the investment they are making in education

GrahamS: what was the conclusion Bee?

BeeD: that it was improving

Maggi . o O (look at the poor results in the US)

BeeD: they ran a series

BeeD: on different countries

BeeD: Chile was on the list as well

GrahamS: it does seem to be getting better (little by little)

BeeD: we need it so badly here

BeeD: and instead...we have what we have...argh...paying taxes for politicians who just shove the money in their pockets and do little else but speeches

BeeD: I am so fed up with the situation here...anyhow

DavidWe: not the best way to pay for government

MiguelB: Been there heard that Bee

BeeD: We should all refuse to pay them... A law-abiding citizen becoming an anarchist these days...really..it's just too much

Maggi: people should do it

Maggi: say not with my money!

DavidWe . o O (caveat emptor)

Maggi: civil disobedience

BeeD: it's infuriating when you see so many good hard-working people not getting anything...anything...no health, no education, no roads, no anything

DavidWe: dissatisfied customers

Maggi: Cindy Sheehan stopped paying her taxes

DavidWe: She's been arrested once, at least

GrahamS: There's an interesting film (documentary) out at the moment about Argentina after the crisis and the movement of the groups of workers returning to the factory (without bosses) to reclaim their jobs - I'd like to see it

GrahamS: <http://www.nfb.ca/webextension/thetake/>

BeeD: Well...must be going now...start classes tomorrow after a week break (which was very cool if it were not for the stacks of homework and tests...)

DavidWe smiles

MiguelB: Take care Bee See you next week

BeeD: Graham...I think Tim and Scott posted on Evo...

DavidWe: Bonne chance, Bee

GrahamS: me too - thanks for the interesting chat everyone

BeeD: Merci and see you all next week

MiguelB: We just ended the first nine weeks at school

GrahamS: Thanks Bee - I'll have to take a better look

MiguelB: See ya Graham

GrahamS: bye

BeeD: Ciao