Using corpora to inform teaching and materials development

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Many teachers are eager to use corpora (e.g., databases of natural language) in their classrooms but lack the training and resources to accomplish this task. This presentation will help to demystify corpus linguistics with clear explanations, examples and hands-on activities. Ideas for creating classroom materials and activities to address specific class needs will be provided.

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