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A fully qualified TESOL and TEFL certified English teacher with more than 30 years of brilliant teaching experience across the world in places such as Dubai, Texas, and more recently, North Cyprus. Has taught English to more than 40 different nationalities, has excellent teaching credentials, and has a fierce dedication to the profession of teaching and overall student growth. A talented educator, skilled at capturing the attention of students and sparking their passion for learning.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:

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| 2008 | TESOL Certification (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) - Trinity College London, Dubai Branch |
| 2007 | TOEFL iBT - Certified Test Supervisor and Proctor |
| 1998 | M.A. in English Language Teaching - IAU, Rudehen Branch |
| 1994 | B.A. in English Language Teaching (TEFL) - IAU, Mashhad Branch |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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| 2024 – 2025 | Ada Kent University (University of City Island) - English Lecturer
I served as a part-time English lecturer at the university's English Preparatory School. |
| 2021 – 2025 | Cyprus West University - Head of the English Preparatory School
Besides teaching students English courses at both the English Preparatory School as well as professional English to the many faculties of the university, a few of my responsibilities as the head of the English Preparatory School included creating course curriculums, searching for and approving of course material, creating English proficiency exams, as well as aiding HR with employing professors at the university. |
| 2020 – Current | EPD Class Online - ESL Instructor
I began my own English teaching business in which I was able to teach students from around the world and from all walks of life online. My classes were marketed through my Instagram page @epdclassonline, which currently has more than 350k followers. |
| 2019 – 2020 | Cyprus West University - English Lecturer
Besides teaching English foundation courses at the English Preparatory School, I taught professional English to the many departments of the university, such as the civil aviation, psychology, tourism, and business departments. |
| 2019 | Girne American University Multicultural Summer School - ESL Instructor
I served as an ESL instructor to a diverse group of students from many different nationalities and English levels. |
| 2018 | Doğa Koleji - IELTS Instructor
During my time at Doğa Koleji, I taught IELTS to 11th and 12th grade students. |

- 2008 – 2017 **Dubai Police Academy, Dubai, UAE - Head of the English Department**
As the head of the English department, I taught English to students of various levels at the academy, aided HR in hiring English teachers, and supervised teachers as well.
- 2013 – 2017 **Eton Institute, Dubai, UAE - ESL Instructor**
I taught corporate English courses to workers and managers of hotel, insurance, and car companies. A few of these include The Oberoi Group, Jumeirah Group, Virgin Megastore, Christian Louboutin, Richemont, AXA Group at Dubai Airport Free Zone, Mitsubishi, and ISUZU. I also taught Farsi to students from countries such as the US, Russia, China, Japan, and France; one of my many students was an Australian ambassador.
- 2011 **Zayed University, UAE - ESL Lecturer**
At the Dubai campus of the university, I taught IELTS courses and, in affiliation with the university, I taught English to the managers of Dubai Economic Development (DED). At the Abu Dhabi campus of the university, I taught English to students at the university's summer camp.
- 2011 **iEnglish Institute, Dubai, UAE - ESL Instructor**
Through the institute, I taught English at 13 different schools around the UAE.
- 2010 **Language Plus Institute, Texas, USA - ESL Instructor**
Teaching English to Mexican immigrants through the Intensive English Program (IEP).
- 2008 – 2010 **Direct English Institute, Dubai, UAE - ESL Instructor**
- 2009 **ELS Institute, Dubai, UAE - ESL Instructor**
Through the institute, I taught at Dubai Police Academy as an adjunct teacher.
- 2008 **Canadian University, Dubai, UAE**
Through the university, I taught at Dubai Police Academy as an adjunct teacher.
- 2006 – 2008 **Institute for International Technology Education Center (ITEC), Dubai, UAE - Head of the Language Department**
Besides teaching students English courses, a few of my responsibilities as the head of the language department included creating course curriculums, searching for and approving of course material, creating English proficiency exams, supervising teachers, as well as aiding HR with employing teachers at the institute.
- 2004 – 2006 **Institute for Cultural and Scientific Studies (ICSS), Dubai, UAE - ESL Instructor and Teacher Coordinator**
Aside from teaching English at the institute, I was responsible for the supervision of 8 English teachers at schools across the UAE, planned assessments, and ensured that all areas of the curriculum were covered.
- 2001 – 2004 **Kish Air Training Center, Tehran, Iran - ESL Instructor**
I taught English to students of many different English levels.
- 1999 – 2004 **IRIB, Tehran, Iran - Translator**
I translated films into Farsi to be broadcast nationally.
- 1997 – 1999 **Kish Air Training Center, Tehran - ESL Instructor**

- 1996 – 1996 **Samma High School, in affiliation with Azad University, Tehran, Iran - ESL Instructor**
- 1996 – 1996 **Bushehr Industrial Company, Tehran, Iran - Export Marketing**
- 1994 – 1996 **The National Institute of English, Tehran, Iran - ESL Instructor**
- 1988 – 1993 **TOEFL Institute, Tehran, Iran - ESL Instructor**
- 1989 – 1990 **Millad Institute, Baharan Institute, Tehran, Iran - ESL Instructor**

CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

- 2025 9th International Conference on Modern Research in Education, Teaching and Learning, Oxford, United Kingdom

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED:

- 2022 “Virtual Classroom to the Metaverse. What is this Sorcery?” presented by Steve O’Farrell at the FLEPS 7th Workshop Festival at Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus
- 2022 “Digital Literacy for a Transformed World” presented by Pamela Johnson at the FLEPS 7th Workshop Festival at Eastern Mediterranean University, North Cyprus
- 2014 “Teaching, Reading, and Listening Skills” presented by Samantha M. of Princeton University, at ETON Institute, Dubai, UAE

SEMINARS PRESENTED:

- 2023 Presented “My Career Journey” at the FLEPS 8th Workshop Festival at Eastern Mediterranean University
- 2019 Presented “Improving Listening and Speaking Skills as an ESL Student” at Cyprus West University

ARTISTIC TRAINING:

- 1994 Advanced watercolor course at the University of Fine Arts, Tehran, Iran
- 1989 – 1994 Drawing and painting courses at the Espahbodi Art Academy, Iran
- 1987 Painting and design courses at the Ministry of Culture, Tehran, Iran