

# In Each Other's Pockets

Closed Facebook Groups

Theoretical and Practical  
Perspectives

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# Overview

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## Theoretical Perspectives

- Rationale for educational use

## Practical Perspectives

- Sharing ( $S \rightarrow S \ \& \ T \rightarrow S$ )
- Tracking

# Theoretical Perspectives

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What is the rationale for using closed facebook groups in language learning?

# Rationale 1

## (A Brave New World)

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The new generation of language learners are dependent on technology

- “... the emergence of the new generation of language learners who cannot lead a normal life without accessing one or more types of social media.” (Jabbari, Boriack, Barahona, Padron, & Waxman, 2015)

# Rationale 2

## (Everyday Education)

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Technologies that learners access regularly could be utilised to enhance education

- “... tools and services like wikis, social networking sites, online forums, blogs, and tools have become relevant not just in everyday life but also in the context of learning and education.” (Kimmerle, Cress, Held, & Moskaliuk 2010)

# Rationale 3

## (Transferability to Learning Settings)

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Facebook in particular can be a useful classroom management platform

- “Collaborative social media are also causing changes in formal learning settings, for example, where a class of students sets up a Facebook group for distributing course-related announcements and sharing materials.” (Wang, Woo, Quek, Yang, & Liu, 2012)

# Practical Perspectives: Sharing

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How can a closed facebook group facilitate sharing:

- among language learners?
- between language learners and teachers?



# Social Sharing $S \rightarrow S(S)$



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May 29

This picture in the immigration museum with teacher Ashly



Duy Cong Van

June 16



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# Information Sharing S → S (S)



**Yue Zhu**

July 5



## SEFS Exam Student Information Page 1505

Class	Day	Students arrive at	Door closes	Exam Location
SEFS Midcourse exam	Fri 18 WS TBC	8:40	8:55	TBA
SEFS Final exam	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> July	8:40	8:55	ILT 1

### BEFORE ARRIVING

- Make sure you know where the venue is before exam day.
- Go to the restroom.
- If you have a documented medical condition or disability you must apply for special consideration through your teacher **before exam day** so that arrangements can be made to assist you.

### AT THE VENUE

- Turn off your mobile phones and other electronic devices and **give them to your teacher**. No electronic devices are permitted in the venue.
- You may bring only pens, pencils, erasers and transparent bottles to your seat.
- Place your bags at the front of the room. Do not block exits or stairs.
- Be in your seat ready to start when the door closes.
- Late arrivals will NOT be admitted until the listening section has concluded.
- Arriving late will not be grounds for re-sitting the exam.
- Students who leave the room during the exam will not be permitted to re-enter.
- Students are expected to conduct themselves with honesty in accordance with the requirements and principles of the LTM Academic Integrity Policy at all times.



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**Dương Kim Nhung** Thank you!



# Information Sharing

## (Asking Classmates to Verify) $S \rightarrow S$

**Dương Kim Nhung**May 20▼

Will the writing test be in tomorrow afternoon?

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 **Like**  **Comment**


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**Nhi Tran** I agree with u, guys. Trial!!!  
May 20 at 2:53pm · [Like](#)

**Shawn Meng** Yes, wish u can get a high score!  
May 20 at 3:05pm · [Like](#)

**Lily Wu** we have 70 minutes to finish it.  
May 20 at 3:22pm · [Like](#)


# Resource Sharing and Feedback $S \rightarrow S(T)$



## ● Student Post

## ● Teacher Feedback

**Lolly Xiao**  
May 22

It is brief and clear. Giving examples of two completely different presentations to show the difference and to tell us how to improve.

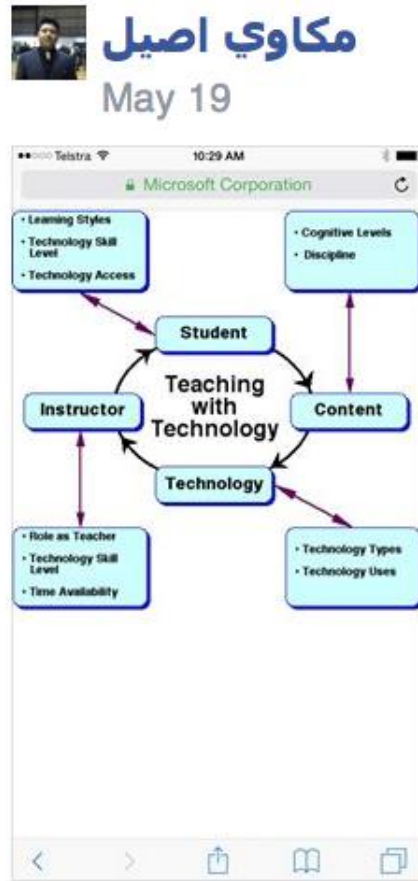
**Presentation skills - How to improve your presentations**  
YOUTUBE.COM

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**Ashley Carmody** This gives a very clear message about HOW to present well--eye contact, speaking, use of hands, how to stand... Very good!  
May 22 at 1:14pm · **Like**

# Class Content Sharing $S \rightarrow S(T)$

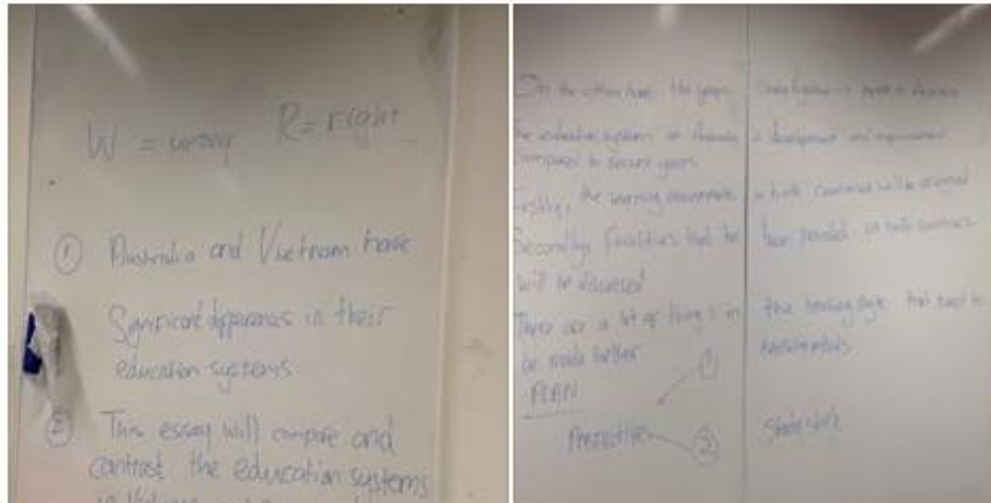


# Class Content Sharing $S \rightarrow S(T)$



**Lily Wu**

May 28



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You and 2 others like this.

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**Ashley Carmody** Thanks, Lilly. That is very kind.

May 29 at 12:03pm · Like

# Lecture Sharing $S \rightarrow S(T)$



**Duy Cong Van**

May 14

Some tips for your presentation



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# Exam Skills Sharing S → S



**John Nguyen**

June 29

relax before practice exam.....



Ellie Goulding - How  
Long Will I Love You

YOUTUBE.COM

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You and 4 others like this.

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# Non-Virtual Skills Sharing S → S



曲艺 uploaded a file.

October 19 at 10:55am

Atsu helped me finish my ppt ! Thanks VERY MUCH!!!



**Presentation1.pptx**

Presentation

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Ashley Carmody and 3 others like this.

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**Ashley Carmody** Fantastic! Looks great;-)

Like · Reply · October 19 at 1:10pm



Write a comment...



# Skills Resource Sharing

## (Listening for Research) T → S

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Hi all,

I hope you are having a good week.

To continue your listening practice, why not listen to some TED talks on the effects of immigration. This is just one example. If you go to the site and use the search, I am sure you will find many more interesting examples.... [See More](#)



**My immigration story**

TED.COM | BY TAN LE

# Skills Resource Sharing

## (Grammar for Academic Writing) T → S

**Ashley Carmody**  
May 15



### Purdue OWL Writing Exercises

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# Class Content Sharing

## (Instructions and Documents) T → S



**Ashley Carmody** uploaded a file.

July 28 at 10:57am

Task 2 (approximately 45 minutes - 1hr)

Secondly, visit the state library and learn how to use the pro quest5000 database.

1) Using your State Library of Victoria membership card, enter the members area and take a look at the database "pro quest".

If you cannot find or open Proquest 5000, look at the document attached for more specific advice... [See More](#)



**Databases available at the State Library of Victoria.docx**

[Document](#)

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# Practical Perspectives 2: Tracking

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Is it possible to see whether students:

- have read and or engaged with posts?
- have contributed to an activity?



# Tracking Reading and Engagement (Views and Likes)

**Duy Cong Van**  
June 16



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You, [Levent Ozgurler](#) and 6 others like this.

 [Seen by 20](#)

**Phương Anh Đỗ** What about another one? [Duy Cong Van](#)  
June 16 at 6:06pm · Edited · Like

**Rose Hotel Melbourne**  
1 friend · 14 likes


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# Tracking Contributions (Posts and Comments)


**Ashley Carmody**  
July 28 at 5:15pm


Hi everyone,  
The answers to the academic article tasks from the computer lab are,  
according to [Thang Nguyen](#),  
Source 1 ( Number 4)  
Source 2 ( Number 3)... [See More](#)



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5 people like this.   [✓ Seen by 19](#)



**Luân Bùi** I totally agree with these answers.  
July 28 at 8:41pm · Edited · [Unlike](#) ·  1



**Yogin Dudhat** I disagree with it.  
July 28 at 9:42pm · [Like](#)

**Ashley Carmody** Why is that, Yogi? What would you say? What do you think the right order is?  
July 28 at 10:39pm · [Like](#)

**Yogin Dudhat** Source 1 ( Number 4)  
Source 2 ( Number 2)  
Source 3 ( Number 1)... [See More](#)  
July 29 at 10:24am · [Unlike](#) ·  3

**Ashley Carmody** So, who's right everybody?? I can tell you that I completely agree with one list and most of the other is good...  
July 29 at 2:16pm · [Like](#) ·  1

**Liu Jiafei** I agree with Thang Nguyen  
July 30 at 8:17pm · [Unlike](#) ·  2

**Hải Yến Hoàng** I agree with Thang Nguyen too  
August 1 at 3:45pm · [Unlike](#) ·  1



# Conclusion

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## **Clear rationale**

- High acceptance among learners because of:  
technology dependency  
existing patterns in social web use

## **Increased Engagement and Autonomy**

- Learners:  
share information, skills, ideas and resources  
influence how course content is acquired/practiced/retained

## **Class Management Benefits**

- Teachers can:  
share accessible information, resources, activities etc.  
track student participation and engagement

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