

Our Educational Team

- Lisa has a BA in Education. She is multilingual and in addition to English, speaks German and Portuguese at native level. This contributes to her cross-cultural sensitivity, since she has intimate knowledge of all three cultures. In addition to being an ESL teacher since 2003, for the last seven years she has also been taking on other roles in education as an ESL curriculum developer, content writer and course designer.
- Andrew is a supervisor and teacher for Burlington Live Speaking and also holds orientation sessions for the new teachers who join our team. He is a CELTA-certified teacher and an accredited examiner for Cambridge exams. He specializes in IELTS, TOEFL and Cambridge exam preparation. Andrew is a firm believer that teaching should be fun for both pupil and teacher, and feels that results prove this. He has had extensive experience with all age groups, from kindergarten to adult professionals.
- Amanda is an elementary education/ESL teacher with an M.Ed and over seven years of teaching experience. She is focused on building positive, student-centered environments for everyone in the classroom. Besides being an educator, she has also taken part in the planning and creation of curricula.
- **Garry** is a native English speaker from the USA. He has worked with ESL students for over 20 years. His teaching style is interactive, enthusiastic, patient and encouraging. He uses his background in performing arts to engage students and to make learning enjoyable.
- **Daniel** is an ESL teacher with a TEFL certificate from the International TEFL Academy. He has nearly 10 years of experience teaching English to children and adults.
- Monica's teaching philosophy is based on a famous quote from Brad Henry: "A good teacher will inspire hope, ignite imagination, and instill a love of learning." She believes that creativity is vital to teaching and she loves to create lessons that are vibrant and engaging with exciting and interesting materials and topics. She brings energy into her classroom with a view to creating a warm and welcoming environment that celebrates cultural diversity and the uniqueness of every child.
- **Donald** is a highly experienced TESOL-certified teacher, Cambridge University Speaking Examiner and accent coach. He uses the latest EdTech tools for pedagogical content and interactivity within virtual classroom environments, making the online experience extremely fun and interesting for young learners.
- Maya pays special attention to preparing lessons that are relevant for the students and cater to their different learning needs and styles. Her strong suit is imparting information to others in a clear, patient and empathetic manner. Since 1996, she has been teaching and getting positive feedback from her students all around the world, including Turkey, Germany, England, Ireland and Saudi Arabia.
- Julie is a teacher for Burlington Live Speaking. She is a Level 5 TEFL-certified English teacher. She also holds a UNISA Grade R Diploma with distinction and a UNISA ECD Diploma with distinction, both NQF Level 5. She had 10 years' experience as a deputy principal prior to her teaching career.
- **Lora** is the perfect combination of a TEFL professional and a life coach. Using her background in psychology, she is able to provide psychosocial emotional support to her students as well as teaching them English.

- Martine is a supervisor and teacher for Burlington Live Speaking. She is an attentive and dedicated teacher with excellent communication skills and the ability to work as part of a team. She is organised and driven with the innate ability to stay on task. She uses effective, innovative and efficient teaching methods while focusing on the individual needs of each student. She has a B.ED degree from the University of South Africa. Prior to starting her career as an ESL teacher five years ago, she was a class teacher in various grades of primary school for many years. She is multilingual and speaks Afrikaans, French and Spanish.
- **Gloria** has been an ESL Trainer since 2016. She is motivated and multi-skilled and is always learning, always optimistic! She has experience in planning, preparing and delivering lessons to a wide range of classes, with students varying from 4 to 18 years old.
- Amanda has a BA in Psychology. She is passionate about teaching and is a staunch advocate of global education. She has been working as a native English teacher since 2015. She is a TESOL- and TEFL-certified teacher. She speaks Spanish, Italian and Korean.
- Andreas is a Master's graduate with five years of English-teaching experience. He is a CELTA-certified teacher. He has taught English at a university in Taiwan and at language schools in Asia and Europe.
- Jonathan is a dedicated teacher. He is amazing at tailoring lesson plans to incorporate students' diverse interests, capturing students' attention and imagination, and has a talent for integrating thematic units. He initiates class discussions to generate independent thought. Above all, he aims to improve his students' speaking skills and instill in them a love of literacy. He holds a PhD, Bas, PGDE, PGCE and Phil from the University of Cambridge. He has been a dedicated English teacher for over 12 years.
- Sue is an ELT materials writer and is creator of the Burlington English Live Speaking lesson content. She has been working in the field of ELT for more than 35 years as a teacher, director of studies, teacher trainer and author specializing in the primary and lower secondary sectors. With a degree in English literature and linguistics, Sue moved into teaching as a way to communicate her passion for language to students of all ages. As a teacher, she has always worked to nurture speaking skills through empathy, engagement and creativity the approach now at the heart of the Live Speaking programme.
- **Tina** is a passionate and ambitious teacher, motivated by the development and growth of young learners through holistic and innovative educational practices. She has travelled widely and taught abroad, propelling her to flourish amongst diverse cultures and overcome challenges. She has a BA in English Studies and a postgraduate degree in Early Childhood Education and Foundation Stage. She has been a CELTA-certified English instructor since 2010.
- **Eileen** is a speech therapist and has been teaching since 2008, mostly in the US. She is not only a Burlington Live Speaking teacher, but has also been an ESL teacher for Burlington English since 2021.