

# Reading Books while Improving Speaking and Writing!

Improve your Communication skills, Language Awareness, Learning Methodology, Self and Peer evaluation and Sociocultural Knowledge in a most interesting workshop!

As you learn to find time for some joyful moments using your English on a daily basis, work to later share with others once a week in this busy two-hour workshop!

We use original texts, written, audio and audiovisual. Outside the face-to-face sessions, the eCampus on talkingpeople.es will be available for extra online support. Also, weekly online videoconference for questions and updates on demand!



Each of the parts of this workshop starts with an introductory session where working guidelines and materials or resources for the tasks and projects will be given out.

## Part 1. Intensive Reading Aloud

Learners train in reading aloud with audio/AV materials during the week, then read aloud in the workshop session. Feedback and how-tos for improvement. Language questions. Retellings and Conversations. Related teamwork project: Dramatized Reading or Talking Book.

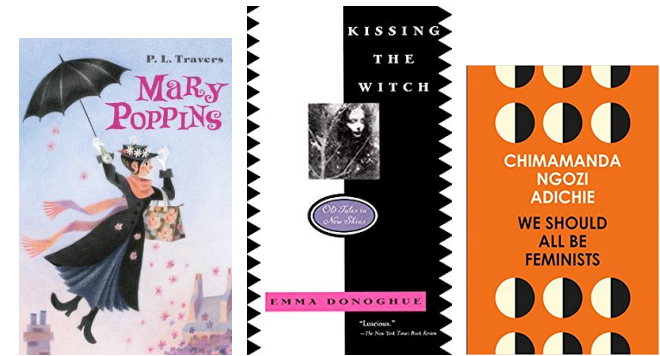
## Part 2. Amazing Book Projects

Learners follow methodology to improve how to learn from reading, and share their week's work in the workshop (individual & collaborative work). Useful Language and List of Mistakes for Writing and Speaking Files. Each person works on one book but learns about the three! Sociocultural knowledge and selected oral and listening activities designed by all. Peer evaluation using rubrics. Fun!

## Part 3. Creating a Magazine!

Learners create contents of a Celebration of Learning Mag, working thus on their Writing File. The Mag is presented by the small groups and published on talkingpeople.net if agreed.

## 2022-23 Workshop Reading Materials



**Intensive reading aloud practice** with Pamela L. Travers, Emma Donoghue, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Conversations, language & textual matters.



**Book Projects**, to choose one, and enjoy all!

- Wangari Maathai's autobiography. A journey with the Nobel Peace Prize activist who started off the Green Belt Movement!
- Hilsum's bio of Marie Colvin, a war correspondent who explored a path few treaded for reporting.
- Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz's An Indigenous History of the USA, to learn about what white history omitted.

# About Michelle Ford

I have a **culturally mixed background**, being a bilingual in Spanish and English who has studied and worked abroad (Australia, the USA, Britain) in her childhood & youth.

As a **teacher in the public system** in Spain, I worked for 26 years in public / state-run high schools and *Escuelas Oficiales de Idiomas* in Madrid & Málaga. I won my position as a civil servant in 2006 when I was no. 1/500 at the EOI Public Teachers' Exams in Madrid (*Oposición, Ingreso Libre*).



As a **teacher-researcher-in-class** due to my curiosity and interest in helping people overcome learning problems, I have **created a methodology** which has helped both lifelong learners of English and those who needed to pass certification exams.

## An Engaging Learning Experience

We work with original reading and listening materials and with Speaking and Writing Files learners create, so language awareness, and training in the communicative skills and in different kinds of texts happens naturally while we enjoy the amazing world of Language Learning.



### IN LOVE WITH LEARNING

Before retiring, I would like to devote a few years to enjoying the fruits of my labor in absolute teaching freedom!  
New business site (2022) for this project, my work as a freelance teacher: **TALKINGPEOPLE.ES**



**NON-PROFIT SITE:** in 2004, as a teacher in the public system committed to the construction of a Society of Knowledge, I created **TALKINGPEOPLE.NET**

Today the site remains free of charge to help net surfers learn and discover amazing people and their interesting actions and work

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### COURSE 2022-23 (B2+, C1, C2)

- ✦ Fuengirola / Las Lagunas area
- ✦ 6-12 learners per group
- ✦ From October to April – 80€/month  
Discount for people who completed courses with me
- ✦ **Contact [info@talkingpeople.es](mailto:info@talkingpeople.es)** writing the no. of Group in **Subject** line. Applications will be considered in order of arrival and after online interview

SESSIONS	MONDAY	TUESDAY
16.30	GROUP 1	GROUP 2
18.30		
19.00	GROUP 3	GROUP 4
21.00		



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**my new site for this new Project!**