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The NGSL Project: 10 Years of Helping EFL Learners to Succeed

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This presentation introduces 7 open-source, corpus-derived high frequency vocabulary word lists known collectively as the New General Service List Project which were developed by the presenter to help meet the needs of ESL/EFL learners. It will then go on to introduce a large and growing number of free, pedagogically-driven online tools, apps and resources for helping to utilize these lists for teaching, learning, assessment, materials creation and research. The tools include gamified flashcards, an NGSL-specific Wordle game, a video-concordancing study tool, new online placement and achievement tests, text creation tools, and a brand-new AI-powered text profiling tool which helps teachers to generate and then simplify texts to the level of their students.

With an eye towards efficiency, each word list was made to be as short as possible (between 600-2800 words) while still offering extremely high coverage (between 92-99%) of language in that genre, and includes lists for general daily English (New General Service List), spoken English (New General Service List-Spoken), academic English (New Academic Word List), business English (Business Service List), TOEIC English (TOEIC Service List), children's English (New Dolch List) and fitness English (Fitness English List). Most lists were developed in a modular approach so they can be efficiently mixed and matched to meet a broad range of academic needs. Time permitting, the presentation will also briefly review the growing amount of refereed NGSL research which in addition to confirming high coverage for the intended genre of English also finds excellent coverage for high stakes exams such as the Japanese high school entrance exam, the Japanese National Center Exam and the TOEIC exam.

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