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AaronPC: Hello Bev

BevC: Hi Aaron - I'm a newbie - just checking things out...

Maggi joined the room.

Maggi: hi

BJB2 waves hi to Maggi

AaronPC: Hi Maggi

Maggi: Hi Aaron

Maggi: good morning

BJB2: Aaron, perhaps we could all introduce ourselves

AaronPC: That would be great.

BJB2 . o O (especially since Bev is a newbie)

Maggi: Maggi in Germany Bev

BJB2: then maybe you could explain the purpose of the group

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania

AaronPC: Ok

AaronPC: I'm an EFL teacher in Kyoto, Japan.

BevC: I'm a Computer Science teacher in not so sunny South Florida

AaronPC: I teach university students and am interested in the use of internet technology to support language learning.

AaronPC: And Blogstreams is a place to share our experiences and knowledge with that technology in its many forms.

AaronPC: So if you have any questions or want to share anything, please do.

BJB2: Bev, there are several archived transcripts of the Blogstreams discussions at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

BJB2: do you use blogs in your school, Bev?

BevC: My high school is 95% Hispanic - great majority new arrivals - I will definitely give your transcripts a look...

AaronPC: Wow.

BJB2: podcasting has also taken the ESL world by storm...and every other world

AaronPC: It's quite a bit of fun too!

BJB2: the major advantage to podcasting is the ability to hear and speak the language

AaronPC: And to carry those voices around with you.

AaronPC: Bev...when you say 'computer science', what type of things do you teach your students?

BeeD joined the room.

AaronPC: Hi Bee.

BJB2 hugs Bee. Hi!

BeeD: Hi there..I'm sorry I am late...got stuck again in a traffic jam

AaronPC: Good to see you made it home OK.

BeeD: Yes..it was a gorgeous weekend

BeeD: How about you?

BevC: I am the Instructional Technology Specialist for the school providing assistance to our 200+ teachers and I also teach 3 classes of Web Design.

AaronPC: Rainy weekend...good time though...lots of laughs.

BeeD: Nice to meet you Bev, welcome to Blogstreams...I teach EFL at the Franco Brazilian secondary school in Sao Paulo, Brazil

AaronPC: That's sounds like fascinating work, Bev.

AaronPC: Bev teaches at a high school that is 95% Hispanic.

AaronPC: In South Florida.

BevC: I didn't realize how international this was...

BeeD smiles

BJB2: Tapped In has an international membership of over 17,000, Bev

BevC: Wow

BeeD: Have your teachers/students been blogging, Bev?

BevC: The kids are in to it - still new for the teachers including me...

AaronPC: I wonder what software they are in to?

BeeD: Are the kids blogging at school or outside?

BevC: Mostly outside of school - our system blocks a lot of sites including no email for students - afraid of viruses... and porn

AaronPC: Do you read their blogs? Or do you know about them through word of mouth?

AaronPC: Few if any of my students have ever heard of blogs....but they're becoming more popular in Japan now.

BeeD: Can the students connect with the rest of the world at all ?

ElianaE joined the room.

BeeD waves to Eliana

AaronPC: Hello Eliana.

BevC: Mostly word of mouth

ElianaE: Hi

ElianaE: I've just arrived.

BeeD: Welcome to Blogstreams, Eliana.

ElianaE: Thank you

BeeD: Where are you from?

ElianaE: Paraná, Brazil

AaronPC: How far is that from Sao Paolo?

BeeD: Uma brasileira, que bom!

ElianaE: Oi Barbara

ElianaE: Julian Wing from BC introduced you to me.

BeeD: Great...are you from NAP?

ElianaE: No, but I work with all those people. Which NAP do you know?

BeeD: I was in Curitiba in February last year...this is where I met Marisa and Julian

AaronPC: Sorry...what is NAP?

ElianaE: Have you been at the Seminar on Interculturalism?

BeeD: Nucleos de Apoio Pedagogico...correct me if I am wrong Eliana

BeeD: Yes...I took part in the Seminar

ElianaE: Unfortunately I was not there. But I was with Mariza in Poland when we start that project. Yes, you are sure.

MiguelB joined the room.

ElianaE: NAPs are in the University to give support for teachers, Nowadays they offer courses for public school teachers

BeeD: Oh...great...did you enjoy your stay in Poland? You know I speak Polish (my first language)

BJB2 waves hi to Mike

BeeD waves to Miguel

AaronPC: Hi Miguel

MiguelB: Hello all

ElianaE: Yes, it was a good experience and the place is enjoyable. I can't speak Polish, it's a shame

BeeD: Hi Miguel...Welcome to Blogstreams

MiguelB: Hello Bee and you can call me Mike

BeeD: I have just read your mail where you point me to your blog...<http://www.schoolink.blogger.com.br/>

BeeD: Tell us a little bit about your project

BeeD: OK Mike...Nice to meet you...where are you from?

MiguelB: I am from San Antonio, Texas

RobertWB joined the room.

RobertWB: Well, it's about time.

ElianaE: I was in San Antonio at TESOL convention. Your city is REALLY very nice.

BeeD: Hi Bob

AaronPC: Hey there Bob

Maggi: Bob made it

RobertWB: I didn't think I was going to make it.

BJB2 cheers for Bob

MiguelB: Well it's kinda hot at the moment and very very dry....

AaronPC: Yes...I'd like to hear about your project Mike.

MiguelB: My Project?

BeeD: It's Eliana's project Aaron...

BeeD: <http://www.schoolink.blogger.com.br/>

AaronPC: Oh...sorry...misread that.

Maggi: maybe Aaron can send some rain your way

MiguelB: I sure hope so....everything is dry and dying....

AaronPC: Yeah...we've got just about as much as we can handle...drives all the centipedes indoors.

ElianaE: It's a school link project between a Brazilian and a British school.

BeeD listens attentively

RobertWB: elderbob is listening too....likes the website

ElianaE: The schools develop or work on joint curricular activities with global dimension goals

BeeD: How many students were involved ?

ElianaE: Directly involved four groups of students (about 200)

ElianaE: here in Brazil, and there might be the same

ElianaE: and then we decide to develop a blogger on the project

MiguelB: What age group?

AaronPC: Is the blogger a student?

BeeD: The blog was used as a homepage to display the project

BeeD: or did the students open blogs to communicate with their peers'

ElianaE: Both, the first idea was to systematize all the activities developed,

MiguelB: This sounds like something I can do with my US History students.

ElianaE: the initial idea, but we would like to be an open blog to communicate with the students' peers

BeeD: How did they communicate during the project? By mail?

ElianaE: No, by letters, posters,

MiguelB: Could they have communicated by using chat lines?

MiguelB: Along with letters and posters

RobertWB: These are college aged students.

BeeD: Is your school connected to the net Eliana?

ElianaE: the internet facilities at school is very poor, so we can't use that at school, but most of students have internet access at home

BeeD: right

MiguelB: What age group?

ElianaE: High school from 14 to 17

BeeD: My high school students also did a unit on heroes this year...and they blogged about it...maybe your students would be interested in reading them and responding

ElianaE: Yes, I've see your blogger on heroes

BeeD: You have??...

BeeD: My students' blogroll is on the right...

BeeD: <http://beeonline2.blogspot.com/2005/03/heroes.html>

ElianaE: I've seen that and I like that idea of your students' blogroll

BrianR joined the room.

BrianR: [;

AaronPC waves to Brian

BeeD: Hi Brian...Welcome to Blogstreams

BrianR: Hi...

BrianR: I'm a member but have never been to a session

BrianR: what's the topic?

ElianaE: But my idea was develop a page for students and display webquest and students findings to

BeeD: We are chatting...discovering each others' projects

BrianR: aha

BrianR: bring it on

ElianaE: spark a forum about some topic

BrianR: like what kind of topics?

BrianR: about... Blogging and international webpublishing projects

BrianR: I have a good idea for a website but I need to code it

RobertWB: Have any of you tried "Google Earth" yet.

Maggi: yes

BrianR: what is it?

RobertWB: What did you think of it Maggi.

Maggi: found a few people in the US

RobertWB: Did you see me waving from my backyard?

BJB2 smiles

Maggi: our small town isn't important enough to be clearer

AaronPC: Oh is this the one where you can see satellite images?

Maggi: just about

RobertWB: I am not sure whether it has indexed all the countries yet or not.

RobertWB: I meant to find out.

RobertWB: Aaron, it is three dimensional.

Maggi: the US is pretty clear

BeeD: Are you blogging as well, Brian?

RobertWB: And in its beta it was just the states, but it is past the beta now.

Maggi: and now you have the buildings in NY

BeeD: Oh...this is the google zoomer you are talking about?

RobertWB: I haven't looked at NY, but I have looked at some sites in the western states...like the Grand Canyon.

Maggi: oh Darmstadt was pretty clear

RobertWB: Perhaps. It's now called Google Earth, it had another name earlier.

RobertWB: So it does have foreign sites.

RobertWB: or foreign tome.

Maggi: it has the world

RobertWB: I would think that people who were interacting with people elsewhere would find it interesting to see geographically where that was.

Maggi: yes

BeeD: Brian...I see you are teaching in Poland

RobertWB: It's really just a search engine for satellite photos.

BrianR: yep [;

BeeD: Eliana was recently in Poland

RobertWB: and it uses a 3D card to transpose them into a multidimensional screen image.

Maggi: well have you seen the number of satellites up there?

BrianR: really? what for?

ElianaE: In June, 2003

AaronPC: Imagine the search engines they will have in 10 years....?

RobertWB: I'm not sure which satellites are doing the photos.

RobertWB: Aaron, we have just barely scratched the heap of information out there..

BeeD: I believe it was part of a British Council cultural project

RobertWB: Currently only about 16 % of all information on the web is indexed.

Maggi: well, I wouldn't want to be on a space shuttle dodging them

AaronPC: Wow.

MiguelB smiles

BrianR: aha... sounds neat

ElianaE: It was part of the BC Interculturalism project. We took a course at Summer school.

BrianR: where in Poland Eliana?

RobertWB: There is still more of the unknown, unlisted web than the listed.

ElianaE: and then we prepare the second Seminar that was held in August 2003.

ElianaE: You were at the third one in Feb, 2004

ElianaE: Krakov

RobertWB: and also out this week was the yahoo web.

RobertWB: new browser.

AaronPC: I'd imagine that the amount of information and knowledge will continue to grow as well.

BeeD: I visited Poland twice...but a long time ago

AaronPC: Have you checked it out?

Maggi: Brian is in Poland

RobertWB: I haven't had a chance to look at it yet.

RobertWB: I will be doing that this week.

BrianR: Krakow is a nice place

BrianR: I've been there

BrianR: I have a nifty idea for a website it resembles a blog but has a twist of forum to it

BeeD: Brian and Eliana...have you visited Dekita.org?

BrianR: it's like a writers workshop

RobertWB: Folks it's after 5:00PM here, and I'm tired, and I have been on the net all day...and I am logging off to eat supper and take a nice long nap.

BrianR: yes I have [;

BeeD: <http://dekita.org>

BrianR: two columns

Maggi: sleep well Bob

MiguelB: Have a nice dinner Robert and thank you

AaronPC: Ok...thanks for stopping by Bob!

RobertWB: So I bid you all good nite...and have a great week.

BrianR: one column a person adds chapters or what not to a story

BrianR: bye Robert

BeeD: Good night Bob

AaronPC: Enjoy your nap.

BrianR: and in the other column a discussion

RobertWB: Did anyone notice EVOnline went over 10,000 posts today.

BrianR: one can get grammar help corrections and so on [;

BrianR: Robert I noticed...

BrianR read his email [;

RobertWB: Sus was 9,999 and I was 10,000.

BrianR gives Robert a trophy

AaronPC: Did you win a prize?_

ElianaE: I will see that

BeeD is lost

RobertWB: Woohoo...maybe I'll make the record books.

RobertWB: Bye all.

AaronPC: Bye

BrianR: see ya

AaronPC: I have to run too.

ElianaE: Miguel, have you been at the TESOL convention?

BeeD: Ok...have a nice day Aaron...

AaronPC: See everyone again.

Maggi waves

RobertWB left the room (signed off).

BrianR is going to a IATEFL conference in Sept.

MiguelB: No I haven't and the way that things go at my school, I probably will never be there...

BrianR: in Torun

BeeD: this is nice

BeeD: Are you planning to present?

BrianR: present what?

BeeD: at the IATEFL conference?

BrianR: no

BrianR: I'm fresh out of school

BrianR: I haven't even finished my BA yet

BrianR: but I'm full of ideas

BrianR: and rearing to go

BrianR: [;

MiguelB smiles

BevC: Got to run, too - I know I have just been lurking but thanks for the websites -- maybe in the future I will be able to make some contributions

MiguelB: Have a good one Bev, you take care

BeeD: Ciao Bev...good to see you here

BevC: Thanks - bye all...

BJB2 also needs to go make dinner. I'll stay logged in to capture the transcript

MiguelB: Save some for me Bj....

BeeD: OK...I must go as well...my son has already asked me twice about dinner

MiguelB: bye bee

BeeD: I will call for a delivery pizza I think...it's Sunday after all

MiguelB: Pizza sounds good.

BrianR: that's healthy

BeeD: not very healthy but practical

BrianR: not in the long run [;

ElianaE: I hope talk to you soon Barbara,

BeeD: What do you eat on a Sunday evening?

MiguelB: depends on how much you eat

ElianaE: enjoy your dinner

BeeD: It was great to see you here Eliana...and vamos trocar fichinhas

BrianR: open faced sandwiches with fresh vegetables and a lean ham slices

BrianR: really cheap

BrianR: and quick

BrianR: and Polish

BeeD: hmmm...sounds good

ElianaE: Sim, eu enviei um e-mail para vc,

BeeD: Polish sausages...

BrianR: yes

BrianR: sliced polish sausage on the open faced sandwiches

BeeD: my mouth is watering

BrianR: and yellow cheese

MiguelB: only if they were on the grill

BrianR: polish gouda

BeeD: with some pickled cucumbers

BeeD: gherkins

BrianR: sandwich makers are good

BrianR: practical too [;

BrianR: or just regular cucumbers

BrianR: and sprinkle some salt on it

BeeD: hmmm...

BrianR: probably healthier

BrianR doesn't live in the states anymore and thinks healthier cause of it

BeeD: Polish food is excellent...better still when your mother makes it for you

BrianR: hehe true

BrianR: I started living on my own and had the opportunity of having a roommate with a gf that can cook

BrianR: she taught me how to make all sorts of traditional polish dishes

BrianR: all of them require potatos and bulka tarta

BrianR: I don't know what its called

BrianR: its crushed bread

BeeD: with butter?

BrianR: to where it's like sand

BrianR: and you use it to bread things

MiguelB: All I know how to prepare is Mexican food...

BeeD: yes...this is called chapelure

BrianR: I can make tortillas [;

BrianR: chapelure?

BrianR: is it French?

BeeD: tarta bulka and butter...that you put on top of vegetables

BrianR: also

BeeD: chapelure in French

BrianR: or you can use it to bread the schnitzel (schabowy)

BeeD: and asparagus with butter and eggs...hmmm

BrianR is learning French too [;

BeeD: or Polish mushrooms

BrianR: yeah pieczarki are AWESOME!

BrianR: I went once with some friends collecting mushrooms

BrianR: we found 3

BeeD: 3 only?

BrianR: but we got wasted under the canopy [;

BrianR: that was the point of the escapade

BeeD: hehehe

BrianR: we ate them on the way back [;

BeeD: rydze?

MiguelB: Well I need to go...my son just arrived...thank you for the information

Maggi: Brian is still sowing his wild oats

BeeD: Ciao Mike

MiguelB: Adios

BrianR: buahahaha

BrianR: Maggi well said [;

BrianR: quest-ce que ca vais dire chapalure en anglais...?

Maggi: sowed a crop or two myself

BeeD: A kind of topping I would say

BrianR: ce nest pas possible que c'est chapelure... je n'ai pas jamais la ecoute

BrianR: l'ecoute

BrianR: probably

BrianR: oi

BrianR needs to practice his French

BrianR: I practiced my German the other day with Maggi [;

BrianR: hehehe

BeeD: breadcrumb topping

BrianR: but it's not just a topping

BrianR: but breadcrumbs

BrianR: good enough [;

ElianaE: It's to go

BrianR: see ya

ElianaE: see you

BrianR: I have to come up with a story to tell while my students mime key vocab words [;

Maggi waves

BeeD: See you...and have a nice gourmet week

BrianR writes

ElianaE: Thanks

BeeD waves ciao

Maggi: ciao

BrianR: maybe y'all know of a site with such kinds of stories?

BeeD: What do you need exactly?

BrianR wants the internet to do his homework for him...

BrianR: a small story for beginners or low levelers

BrianR: about going to a doctors office

BrianR: and talking about symptoms

BrianR: hehe it would take about 5m to write

BrianR: but I'm lazy

BeeD: <http://iteslj.org/Lessons/Elliott-GroupActivities.html>

BeeD: do not know their age

BrianR: teenagers

BeeD: <http://www.eslflow.com/ICEBREAKERSreal.html>

BeeD: Will leave you at that

BeeD: Enjoy

BrianR: yeah I know all these sites [;

BeeD: and have a great week

BrianR: but I just need to write a few sentences

BrianR: so when I say for instance fever

BrianR: or toothache

BrianR: the students will mime that word

BrianR: fever == palm on forehead

BrianR: bridges the gap between word and idea

BrianR: gets rid of the L1 association

BeeD: Must go...see you...pizza delivery ringing

BeeD waves ciao

BrianR: bye