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BeeD: I have just come back from a lovely weekend in the countryside

BeeD: It was sunny and warm

SedatA: hi to all

SedatA: how are you all?

BeeD: doing great...where are you from Sedat?

SedatA: I am from Turkey

BeeD: OH...lovely...from Istanbul?

SedatA: unfortunately no

SedatA: three hours from there

SedatA: Bolu

BeeD: Why unfortunately?

SedatA: Istanbul is really a big city

SedatA: with a population of 15 million people

BeeD hugs Marsha

SedatA: and there are many opportunities there

JeffC waves

BeeD: I live in a city with almost 20 million inhabitants and flee from here whenever I can

MarshaR: Hello....glad to see everyone

BeeD: I live in Sao Paulo (Brazil)

Maggi: it got BIG since I was there

SedatA: also you are living in a city which bounds Europe and Asia

BeeD: It's the 2nd largest city in the world Maggi...real hell

SedatA: some parts of Istanbul are in Asia and some parts are in Europe

BeeD: this is convenient

BeeD: Have you tested the new Yahoo 360?

MiguelB: Yahoo 360?

AaronPC: Hi there folks.

BeeD: Aaron has just arrived from his holidays

SedatA: the worst time

SedatA: returning from holiday

MiguelB: How nice...we have been back to work for the last two weeks..

AaronPC: It feels pretty nice to be back.

BeeD: east west home is best

SedatA: home sweet home

Maggi: Aaron lives in Japan Sedat

SedatA: Japan?

Maggi: yes

SedatA: I always wanna see there

BeeD smiles

AaronPC: Where are you from Sedat?

SedatA: Turkey

AaronPC: I see. Are you a teacher, too?

MiguelB: Howdy Robert

BeeD waves hi to Bob

Maggi: Hi Bob

AaronPC: Hi elder Bob.

SedatA: I am a Research Assistant at the Department of ELT

RobertWB: Hello all.

SedatA: I worked as an English teacher for two years

SedatA: and also I am 24

AaronPC: Right on.

SedatA: a little bit young we can say

MiguelB: No comment from this old man....

SedatA smiles

RobertWB: No OLD men here.

AaronPC laughs

Maggi: lol

RobertWB: Maybe elder but not OLD>

MiguelB: Well I know I am old.....I have been feeling it all week long...

SedatA: no one is old until they accept

AaronPC: Big difference!

MiguelB: Even my shirt says I am old..."Older than dirt"

SedatA smiles

AaronPC: That *is* old.

RobertWB: Maybe that refers to your shirt, Miguel.

MiguelB: And my body....

RobertWB: My body says, "this side up"

SedatA: if you were old, you would be watching your TV in your pyjamas doing nothing else but waiting for the death

SedatA: but since you are here

RobertWB: My shirt, today, says, "I have raised my standards, now up yours."

SedatA: you are young

MiguelB: LOL

MiguelB: How did you know I was in my PJ's watching TV....and waiting....

MiguelB: Howdy Bernadette

SedatA: you can't do that

BernadetM: Hello

SedatA: if you were old

SedatA: you would do so

AaronPC: welcome Bernadette

SedatA: but now you are here

BernadetM: thank you

SedatA: since you are here

SedatA: you are also young

RobertWB: Were any of you here last Sunday.

MiguelB: Howdy Rita

AaronPC: I was, yes. What were you up to?

SedatA: hi Rita

AaronPC: Hi Rita.

MiguelB: Naw.... I got my times messed up...but I heard it was a good session.

RitaZ says hi to all, sorry to be late

BeeD joined the room.

RobertWB: Hi Rita.. I had family issues....I'm looking for a transcript....

MiguelB: Welcome back Bee!

BeeD: I am sorry...the chat did not want to open

RitaZ says hi to all, sorry to be late

RobertWB: Hi Bee.

BeeD hugs Rita

BeeD: Hi Bob

MiguelB: Robert ask Bee to send you a copy...

BeeD: Welcome Bernadette

BernadetM: Thanks

RitaZ: mine didn't, either, Bee, what can be wrong today

RobertWB: I thought they were posted somewhere.

AaronPC: Bee has the transcript from last Sunday I'd imagine

RobertWB: Thanks Aaron.

BeeD: I do yes...why?

MiguelB: Robert wants a copy

AaronPC: Bob asked about it

RobertWB: Can I get a copy Bee or is it stored where I can find it?

BeeD: Isn't it going to be archived BJ?

BJB2: yes

RitaZ listens for the answer

RobertWB: So maybe I looked too early for it.

BJB2: did you want a copy of last week's discussion, Bob?

RobertWB: Yes.

BJB2 . o O (I've just edited it today. I'll send you a copy)

BJB2: archived transcripts are at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

RobertWB: I apologize for missing the meeting...after I promised I would be there.....I had a family emergency come up.

RobertWB: I'm really sorry I missed it, I love her blog...its one of the most creative ones I have seen.

BeeD: I will provide a link to it at Blogstreams once it is online

MiguelB: great....

AaronPC: It sure is - very colorful.

BeeD: Yes...Natalie is an incredible person

BeeD: we met virtually

BeeD: through a common friend

BeeD: and then I met her sister f2f

RobertWB: Bee, you are like a cool people magnet.

AaronPC: In Brazil?

BeeD: yes...her sister came to Brazil last year

BeeD: to launch a project in a shanty town

BeeD: an art project

MiguelB: kewl

AaronPC: wow

BeeD: the two sisters lived in Brazil for some time

BeeD: and in Paraguay when they were younger

BeeD: now Natalie lives in London and Anne lives in Paris

BeeD: <http://leadershipforchange.org/awardees/awardee.php3?ID=129>

BeeD: This is the project they came to launch here in Brazil

RobertWB: I'll check out that link later.

AaronPC: Community Art Parks - participatory and collaborative.

BeeD: Anyhow...curious if Miguel has started blogging

MiguelB: I created two blogs last week...wasn't sure of what to include...but I created two lessons in Mathematics that I have used before...

MarshaR: Can we see them? I'd be interested because that is what I am doing too

RitaZ: btw, there's been an explosion in mine, folks, due to a project I'm carrying out with Buth and a std from Kuwait, it's amazing how my stds have taken to it!

BeeD claps her hands

MiguelB: <http://trinom.blogspot.com>

AaronPC: Tell us more.

MiguelB: <http://paralines.blogspot.com>

RitaZ: me, Aaron, or Miguel?

AaronPC: Please Rita. ..what do you mean by 'explosion'?

RitaZ: explosion of enthusiasm

BeeD: wonderful Rita

MiguelB: Good to hear that Rita...

RitaZ: it's this feeling of "communicating meaningfully "with other cultures....

RitaZ: what has trapped my stds

BeeD: Miguel...from what I have read on paralines...you are addressing other teachers

AaronPC: It's great to hear that, Rita. This world needs as much intercultural communication as it can get.

AaronPC: Can you post the URL by chance?

MiguelB: I was hoping that other teachers can read what I have used...maybe will help them out

RitaZ: true, Aaron, peace will be achieved only by mutual understanding

BeeD: are there any other teachers using blogs at your place Miguel?

AaronPC: Do you know of any other math teachers who are blogging, Miguel?

RitaZ: <http://cae2005.blogspot.com/>

BeeD: . o O (Aaron always reads my mind)

MiguelB: Well I just started two weeks ago and as far as I know...I am the only one in my school

RitaZ: and have your stds already seen it, Miguel?

MarshaR: I started out with my math class blog this past week. My kids have loved it

MarshaR: <http://teachingtechie.typepad.com/6thgrademath/> is where I am keeping it. I have all their Math Curse stories here under my feet

MarshaR: and will be having them add them to the blog next week.

MarshaR: It definitely isn't a HS math site, but it is very functional for the kids.

RitaZ: HS?

BJB2: HS=high school

MiguelB: When I taught math....I always used the nines tables to get them hooked....

BeeD: I am very very bad at math...but I was wondering...is there a way one could set a challenge kids would have to communicate with each other through their blogs...or read each other's blogs to solve it?

MiguelB: I am sure that my GT kids can do that...but need to get an okay from administration before I begin...

AaronPC: That would add a strong personal element to it.

MarshaR: Sure...I think you could model it on the Math Forum's Problem of the Week idea <http://mathforum.org/pow/>

MarshaR: I'd first use the comments section of our class blog before I set them out on their own...convince my administration that it is safe.

BeeD: or perhaps they could create challenges for younger ones to solve

BeeD: and tutor them

MarshaR: You can tell quite a bit from reading the problems they write...see if they truly understand what you've taught

BeeD: yes...I am sharing this because I use it in language teaching

MarshaR: If they don't get it, they can't write their own problems for sure. Or the problems are very rudimentary.

AaronPC: Yes...they can tell there own math curse stories.

MarshaR: I think the biggest challenge is typing math...not that there aren't ways around it...but it's hard for my age kids.

AaronPC: Or post problems they cannot solve.

MarshaR: Precisely Aaron...that's what I had my students write as a pre-assessment of their abilities

MarshaR: I keep math journals and I needed to know who needed help in learning to write about math

MiguelB: As you saw in my blog...I couldn't figure out how to write the exponent on word documents...so had to spell the word...

MarshaR: and I assessed their math skills...all while they thought they were imitating the read aloud book from the first day of class

BeeD: Blogs were not made for math

AaronPC: Interesting. When I was in school, our math teachers never asked us to write about math, just do it.

BeeD: we must complain

AaronPC: But what a great reflective exercise!

RitaZ: yes, Aaron, most reflective

MarshaR: And those who are not particularly mathematically strong get to work in a medium that might be more theirs...verbal linguist

MiguelB: OHHHHH....my brain just went ballistic....

AaronPC: Exactly. It can enhance the emotional side of problem solving.

MarshaR: Miguel can probably tell us, but it also helps our students prepare for the writing about math they'll do on AP math exams.

MiguelB: Just thought of another idea for my GT Class....will see if it administration agrees...

AaronPC: You have to write about math on AP exams?

MiguelB: Not write but able to analyse the problem...so reading and analyzing pieces of writings is essential for their success....

MarshaR: That's what I've been led to believe...I thought they had to defend their answer...but hey I teach 6th graders...maybe I've been duped again.

BernadetteM: I am new to blogging, do you have students blog in class, or anytime, say for homework?

MiguelB: That is what I am hoping for....at least for my GT class in History

AaronPC: I did a google search for 'math' and 'blogs' and turned up quite a few blogs by math teachers or blogs about math - a community in waiting.

MarshaR: I use them all times....mostly up to this point as a class activity...only parents commented from home

BeeD: Mine blog once a week in class...and complete their writings or reflections at home if they did not have time to finish

RitaZ: mine blog from home, or from the Multimedia area at school

AaronPC: Both Bernadette, it depends on the class, subject, and students. I like to give students time to blog in class if possible. We can work through issues well that way.

BernadetM: That is wonderful. I teach fourth grade, I wonder if I could start something up with them. . .

BeeD: I am sure you could...

MiguelB: Check with administration first...

MiguelB: and get it in writing....

BeeD: yes...this is important

MiguelB: then you would need to get an okay from parents....

MarshaR: I also think it's really important to model what a good entry looks like

MarshaR: and doesn't look like before you ask them to do their own

BernadetM: How do you regulate what gets blogged?

BernadetM: entries, I mean.

RitaZ: I've just deleted a photo one of my syds uploaded

MarshaR: I also always try to prepare a checklist for them to use whenever they are just starting...make sure everything gets in there that should be there

MarshaR: And I also make them compose in Word, spellcheck and copy/paste into the blog

MiguelB: You could have them do a word document first and have them bring it to you...prior to having it posted on the web....

RitaZ: it was of many teenagers in their swimsuits, nothing obscene at all, but....

MarshaR: My blog has an approval feature that I can turn on, if I want.

RitaZ: or you could use the blog new feature?

BeeD: Bernadette, to check the entries, use Bloglines...an aggregator,
<http://www.bloglines.com>

BernadetM: so the teacher has final review before entries are uploaded?

BeeD: if you use Yahoo 360, you have different privacy levels

AaronPC: If that is what the teacher wants, yes.

MarshaR: o O (Bee that's an incredibly efficient way to do what I've been doing the hard way)

MarshaR: Yes...nothing gets posted on my Typepad blog until I say so...if I have that feature turned on

MarshaR: Right now I don't because I haven't had a problem over the past few years but it's always there in reserve, just in case.

BernadetM: cool. thanks!

BeeD: Mine have the freedom to post what they want...we have talked about it before starting the project

AaronPC: Yeah, I cannot imagine blogging with students without the use of an aggregator - too time consuming to check up on posts manually.

MarshaR smiling because I just gathered a new bit that will vastly improve my life.

AaronPC: I never regulate what my students blog - just establish a few ground rules about what is acceptable and then monitor the posts daily.

RitaZ: I like Bee's way, trusting stds and guiding them to know

BernadetM: Just like everything else with teaching, set the expectations.

BeeD: yes...if I notice something which I deem incorrect, I talk to the student and explain what the consequences may be

MarshaR: I believe in trust, too. But it's always a selling point for admin and parents that you have it just in case.

AaronPC: That's right. Let's begin with trust.

BernadetM: That's true Marsha.

RitaZ: it depends on stds' age as well

MarshaR: The younger the more trust, right? :-}

RitaZ: uh, dunno...;-))

BeeD: well...I get the worst age...from 14 to 19...but have been very rarely disappointed

MarshaR nodding in agreement with Bee

AaronPC: lol...that's the *best* age!

RitaZ: but they can be manageable,,,

RobertWB: I wish I could say something about the level of trust being two sided.

RobertWB: But I don't teach kids.

BeeD: I love them...I say the worst age for keeping under control

AaronPC: I can imagine.

RitaZ: teacher generated, you mean, Bob?

BeeD: because they have fiery imagination and a hundred ways to trick you

RobertWB: I do say there is something a bout teaching them to do it right and then allowing them to follow through.

RitaZ agrees

BeeD: but if you trust and respect them...they will do the same

RitaZ: exactly

RobertWB: Once you have taught them, they pretty much have the right to say what ever they want

RobertWB: I like lighting the fire of imagination and creativity, then trust may not be so much to be concerned about.

RobertWB: I am also a big believer in peer assessment or judging.

RobertWB: Kids who act up often get a negative approval from their classmates.

BeeD: Bernadette...this is a blog of a 12 year old who has just started learning English

RitaZ: you give away and build up this trust conscience all the time

BeeD: <http://stuckinamerica.blogspot.com/>

SusanMS joined the room.

AaronPC: I have always found peer evals to be effective.

BeeD: Hello Susan!

MiguelB: Howdy Susan

MarshaR: Just started learning English....this is excellent for anyone...especially someone who is learning English

SusanMS: Hi Bee

RitaZ: need to leave, people, thank you for the interesting session today

MiguelB: bye Rita

AaronPC: Adios Rita

RobertWB: bye Rita.

BeeD: See you Rita...thanks for coming

BernadetM: Thanks Bee. That was really cool.

RitaZ: thank you all

RitaZ left the room (signed off).

BeeD: I have a tutor blog with this class Bernadette

MarshaR: Bye...I must go too. I still have lots of things to do and need to relax a bit before tomorrow morning. Thanks everyone.

AaronPC: I must be on my way, too.

AaronPC: Great chatting with everyone.

BeeD: Have a great week all of you

MiguelB: Bye Aaron

AaronPC: See you all next week!

BernadetM: What do you do in the tutor blog?

BeeD waves ciao

AaronPC left the room (signed off).

MiguelB: Bye Bee

BeeD: for the very young ones I use it to model

RobertWB: Bye now.....

BeeD: <http://6eme05.blogspot.com>

BeeD waves ciao to Robert

DavidWe joined the room.

MiguelB: how do you become a member of the blogstreams?

BeeD: Hi David

DavidWe waves

RobertWB: Hi David

BeeD: I think you have to click somewhere at the top Miguel

BeeD: Join this group is says

BeeD: David...how do people join Blogstreams?

BernadetM: Everyone, thanks for sharing your knowledge with me. I must be going now. Take care

DavidWe: search for the group or get info about Bee

MiguelB: Okay I found it...

BJB2: if you're in the group room...as you are

MiguelB: Bye Bernadette

BJB2: go to the welcome note

BJB2: scroll to the bottom

DavidWe . o O (/showprofile BeeD)

BJB2: This is the group room for The Blogstreams Salon

BeeD see you Bernadette

BJB2: click on the green i

Maggi hugs David

BJB2: takes you to the group ID page where you can join the group

BeeD: Sedat..are you planning to start blogging at the university?

MiguelB: Thanks it was a great session...as always...and you did great...Bj

BJB2: thanks, Mike

BeeD: I am glad you enjoyed it Miguel

MiguelB: I will be back next Sunday...

BeeD: I think I will be going as well...I have just bought a new puppy...and want to upload the photos from the countryside to Flickr so my son can see it...it's so much fun!

BeeD waves goodbye to all

DavidWe waves to Bee