

Title of Session: Video Webheads

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ElizabethH: Does everyone have Real Player?

ElizabethH: This is needed to view the videos.

MichaelMa: That's the best question to begin!

SusanneN: I hope I can persuade my Mac to use RP

ElizabethH: Susan, do you use video with students already?

SusanneN: I love your video Webheads page

ElizabethH: OK--maybe we should get started, Mike.

MichaelMa: OK, let's go directly to <http://realenglish.free.fr> BUT

MichaelMa: don't begin streaming until we assign each person to a server

ElizabethH: Intros first??

MichaelMa: OK - you have the floor, Elizabeth

MichaelMa: I don't know half the people here

HalaH: Hala. An ESP teacher from Sudan, Khartoum

ElizabethH: Mike is the creator/inventor of Real English--he does video for language learning, including taking/producing the videos, and devising the exercises.

HalaH: A Webheader

SusanneN: Sus Nyrop, Danish developer of online community and conferencing, active Webhead

HalaH: very active!! Sus

PaddyG: Paddy in Portugal - EFL teacher

SergeiG have a dial up connection, stay with you in TI

JeffLe: A Webhead and Worldbridges Webcaster - currently in Bow, NH, USA

ElizabethH: I got interested in Real English videos just before Mike started putting them online, and I set up a users' group for people who were interested in using video in ESL/EFL.

SergeiG: Sergei in Minsk, EFL teacher

ElizabethH: Mike uses the videos and exercises in his language school, The Marzio Institute in Provence.

MichaelMa: OK I suggest we go to <http://realenglish.free.fr> and stream the videos Susan and Susan use Server W

MichaelMa: Hala uses Server X

ElizabethH: Mike is assigning different servers to each person so that the streaming isn't affected.

SergeiG nice webpage!

MichaelMa: Jeff uses Server Y

MichaelMa: Sergei uses server Z

MichaelMa: Paddy uses server X

HalaH: ok

MichaelMa: This way, there will be no "bottlenecks"

MichaelMa: BJ uses server Y if she has time!

MichaelMa: There are 4 mirror sites at <http://realenglish.free.fr>

MichaelMa: We will look at the 2 videos now and come back in about 5 minutes or so

HalaH: Should we start?

ElizabethH: How about me, Mike?

ElizabethH: Yes, Hala--please start now.

ElizabethH: Let us know if you have a problem with Real Player or opening the videos.

SergeiG shall we go there right now?

MichaelMa: oh - scusi server X

ElizabethH: Yes, Sergei--go to the server you are assigned (Z) and watch a few minutes of the Got Video and all of Dorothy

MichaelMa: Yes - let's go there now <http://realenglish.free.fr> and scroll down a little bit to see the different servers,

SergeiG done!

MichaelMa: then click on your server, and then on "got" or "Dorothy" -

MichaelMa: Look at ALL of Dorothy

ElizabethH: Ok--Sergei--look at a few of the "What have you got in the bag?" and all of Dorothy, which is shorter.

MichaelMa: and as much of "got" as you like

MichaelMa: don't forget to turn on your speakers!

SergeiG don't have real player installed :(go ahead... I'll be with you in TI

SusanneN: Michael did you need to assign a server for us for streaming the video?

MichaelMa: Sus - go to <http://realenglish.free.fr> and click on server W

SusanneN: ok

HalaH: Does "Dorothy" end by "congratulations"?

MichaelMa: No

HalaH: ok

MichaelMa: It's 1 minute and 42 seconds

SusanneN: you may have to be patient with the streaming speed Hala

HalaH: 35 and it stopped

HalaH: now it is here

SergeiG find the task very interesting

MichaelMa: Did you see all of the "got" video, Sergei?

SergeiG plz share after watching

SergeiG nope, haven't installed a real player

HalaH: I love how she thought very deeply, and naturally saying "happiness, piece of mind and love"

MichaelMa: Sergei - If you have a good DSL connection, you can probably see the whole video before the others finish watching a small part of it

SergeiG I've just read the intro task... interesting

SergeiG: using dial up

MichaelMa: darn

SusanneN: argh . I tried to work from the Windows PC and now Real Player asks for an update

HalaH: can I save it on my desktop?

MichaelMa: just say NO to all updates

MichaelMa: Usually, yes, but in this case, no, Hala

HalaH: ok

SusanneN: but now I'm running successfully on the mac

MichaelMa: Just say NO to all requests for updates (it's adware)

PaddyG: fun video!!

BobZw joined the room.

ElizabethH: You can also save it Hala.

MichaelMa: Bob, we're at <http://realenglish.free.fr>

MichaelMa: choose any of the 4 servers

SusanneN: yes, I could not get to view anything in RM without the update on the PC.

MichaelMa: hmmm

ElizabethH: I have my Real Player set to download only, so you can do that too.

SusanneN: not to worry about now,

ElizabethH: Sus--Real Player recently did the update and I lost the ability to use it with my Windows 95.

ElizabethH: Time for a new PC, I guess.

HalaH: Technology frustration!!! especially when you are on a dial up

ElizabethH: They are not supporting the older versions, Mike, so they do need to update.

SusanneN: that's SO smart

MichaelMa: Sergei, it might work with dial-up. Try the VERY SHORT James video as a test (the third video)

SusanneN: back to the video, I like that way you're interviewing people

MichaelMa: I see

ElizabethH: I was enchanted by having real people, rather than actors.

PaddyG: How did you make the videos and upload them?

HalaH: That was rich in vocabulary, as you said, advanced

ElizabethH: That's how I got hooked on RE.

MichaelMa: Rita, we're at <http://realenglish.free.fr>

RitaZ: thanks, Mike

PaddyG: Digital camera? Home editing?

ElizabethH: Actually, Hala, the repetitions of the expressions mean it is quite understandable.

HalaH: This could not be the reaction of my people if asked the same question

MichaelMa: Rita, you might want to choose server Y and then look at Dorothy since you have already seen "got"

SusanneN: It's weird, though - the video is called Dorothy.ram, and all I can get to see is the black guy telling about his best decision

ElizabethH: Paddy--Mike has the pro version of various editors, but the taping is "on the street" so the quality isn't always great.

RitaZ: thanks, Mike, again

HalaH: no

MichaelMa: let me check that Sus

HalaH: Dorothy is there

PaddyG: Aha! Might have to use friends of mine with editing equipment!

HalaH: I have just watched it

PaddyG: we have a fairly decent video camera here at school...

ElizabethH: Sus--did you click on James?

SusanCor: I'm getting the same "James" video also as Susanne instead of "Dorothy".

SusanCor: I think we're both on the W server.

HalaH: I think you can ask your students to do it by their own and videotape people

SusanneN: yes

ElizabethH: The file name is Dorothy-on-wanadoo.ram

HalaH: That will be great Mich if done on

HalaH: streets

SusanneN: anyway, let's talk about ways to use such material!!

HalaH: Sorry we do not have facilities here

MichaelMa: I made a mistake there Sus, try a different server

ElizabethH: Hala--

SusanneN: haha

PaddyG: how do you upload these films?

ElizabethH: you can download the file and run it from your desktop with RealPlayer, too.

SergeiG: OK the sts watch it, answer the Qs andwhat's next? Yes, how can we use it?

MichaelMa: Paddy - upload or download ?

BJB2: welcome, Sharon

PaddyG: they must be pretty heavy...

SharonHo: Thanks, hi everyone

MichaelMa: I see what you mean

ElizabethH: I think hearing real people, not just the teacher is the first important point.

PaddyG: no I mean if you make a film and want to upload it

SergeiG: Right

HalaH: How can I save it? from save file on realplayer?

RitaZ: true, Eliz, that's the REAL thing about your videos

MichaelMa: The real producer makes very small compresses files for the real player - that's why I use it

ElizabethH: Hala--I think you set your browser preferences to download the video, rather than stream. Is that right, Mike?

PaddyG: OK - that the PRO-version Elizabeth mentioned?

MichaelMa: Hala - I will explain how to save it to your hard disk after we are done - OK?

ElizabethH: Yes--I think it is about \$100 for the pro version (haven't checked price lately)

PaddyG: right, thanks

ElizabethH: You can also use iMovie (Mac) or Movie Maker 2 for PC.

MichaelMa: Sharon, we are at <http://realenglish.free.fr>

HalaH: I got it

ElizabethH: They will export to Web-ready formats, such as QuickTime or WMV.

HalaH: I have chosen "save to disk" not open file

MichaelMa: Sharon - choose server Z and click to stream a video

HalaH: yes

SusanneN: a doughball!!! very American stuff

ElizabethH: OK, Hala--then you can double click to open, or open RealPlayer and select Open File from the menu.

ElizabethH: Yes, Sus--did you notice how many things were plastic-wrapped?

HalaH: yes, I have already watched it

SusanneN: sorry, wanted to report that I can now see a more elaborated lesson

ElizabethH: This is also the start of a cultural discussion.

ElizabethH: e.g., why is everything pre-packaged and pre-wrapped in various ways?

SusanneN: I can see a lot of relevant discussion topics here

RitaZ: I like that, Eliz, comparing and contrasting cultures, and learning

HalaH: You know my kids noticed that they are different from our culture

HalaH: brb

ElizabethH: So you have a video prompt with real people in a real situation.

MichaelMa: That's a great point, Hala.

ElizabethH: Followed by some discussion of the accent, culture, types of people (e.g., some didn't want to be interviewed, why?)

ElizabethH: How about the language point exercises, Mike?

SusanneN: when you're asking this way, what do you have in your bag, don't people suspect you're a shop detective?

HalaH: We buy lots of things when go to shopping, they do not. Also in clothes. My kids said the weather is great at that time

MichaelMa: No, Sus

RitaZ: that's the core of it all, to me: learning about other ways of living somewhere else on the planet

MichaelMa: Don't ask me why

MichaelMa: I don't know

ElizabethH: Hala--the kids are so observant! I was just going to mention clothes as potential discussion point.

HalaH: Maybe they thought it was candid camera

HalaH: and presents were to follow!!

ElizabethH: I also thought immediately that this is a whole foods market, or Trader Joe's, because of the types of food being purchased, and the small quantities.

MichaelMa: The exercises on the videos are a whole different field, Elizabeth. I didn't think we would have time to deal with exos as well in a 1-hour session.

SusanneN: yesterday a new book was presented on TV, suggesting that shopping is a very good brain exercise!

ElizabethH: Yes, one activity in class could be a shopping expedition.

RitaZ: ...which stirs all kinds of different speculations on needs, and cultures, and customs

SusanR: oh really, Sus

MichaelMa: Most of the filming is in front of the Grand Union on Nantucket Island (the ONLY supermarket there).

HalaH: My daughter commented about the girl taking Dostoevsky's book that "Why is she so afraid of showing the book"

ElizabethH: Teacher brings some items (or play items) and the students take turns buying and being the market manager.

SusanR: there is help for me ..I am a shopaholic

MichaelMa: Good question Hala ! !

HalaH: She noticed her fear!! That's great

SergeiG watch-listen> Qs> Discuss> Role Play

ElizabethH: A neat follow-up video might be to ask the store manager about the products--why a dough ball? are the peppers ripe or hot or what?

SusanR: Thanks all..must leave

SusanR left the room (signed off).

MichaelMa: Maybe the French girl doesn't want everybody to think she's an intellectual ?

ElizabethH: But Mike--you should show the exercises too.

SusanneN: yes, we want to see exos!!

ElizabethH: I want to mention that the interview questions came in part from our users' group, Real_English_Online YG.

HalaH: That will be on more advanced level maybe Elizabeth

MichaelMa: well - let's see

SusanneN: I love the What

ElizabethH: Hala--beginner lessons don't have to be uncomplex, since everyone is familiar with stores of some sort and shopping of some sort.

SusanneN: What have you got in the bag video, I love that one.

MichaelMa: we could go to <http://marziomichael.free.fr/index.htm> Elizabeth

ElizabethH: The language in these videos is really beginner level, isn't Mike?

MichaelMa: for exercises

MichaelMa: GOT is designed for "pre-intermediates" - beginners - yes

RitaZ: I guess they would interest all people willing to travel, to get familiar with the lang

ElizabethH: Yes, Sus--if you analyze, "What have you got in the bag?" is repeated several times, and the answers are a repetition of that as a statement + item.

SusanneN: yes - food shopping is indeed a global topic! and with so many cultural implications

ElizabethH: It's all simple vocab and sentence structure.

RitaZ: very natural, authentic situations

MichaelMa: Elizabeth - if we really have time to look at exos, we should go to "Exo 2 prep (preparation) " at <http://marziomichael.free.fr/index.htm>

SusanneN: many different voices

ElizabethH: It's like reality TV--you can't stop watching.

RitaZ: and very rarely met in some countries

ElizabethH: I like all the different types of people in the interviews, too.

RitaZ: they all add sth to the story, don't they?

ElizabethH: has everyone gotten to Exercise 2 at the site?

HalaH: I missed the last link

MichaelMa: about what Hala?

HalaH: the link please

MichaelMa: oh

ElizabethH: <http://marziomichael.free.fr/index.htm>

ElizabethH: scroll down to Exo 2 prep

HalaH: Thank you

MichaelMa: <http://marziomichael.free.fr/index.htm> for exercises

PaddyG: exo2?

MichaelMa: beginning with Exo 2 prep (preparation) Yes

ElizabethH: That leads to a page of explanation, but exo 2 is near the bottom of the page.

ElizabethH . o O (too complex!)

MichaelMa: then click on "After reading the text on this page, click here for the Brentney Video and some examples of the way I try to help the student with difficult vocabulary in a video by making "Multimedia Flashcards".

MichaelMa: I was not prepared to show exos, Elizabeth

ElizabethH: Did you find the link to the Brentney Video?

MichaelMa: **I thought we could discuss how to use the 2 videos with our students instead**

HalaH: yes

ElizabethH: Hala if you set the page to download, you will have to open the video there, I think.

SusanneN: OK - so let's follow the session leader

RitaZ: still waiting for the download

ElizabethH: Mike--I think we did that, but do want to indicate that there is grammar and syntax to study too.

HalaH: yes, I am waiting it to load

SusanneN laughs - there are always more than just one way!

MichaelMa: I'm looking for a good short exo - just a sec

HalaH: Oh I have seen that too

SusanneN: I like what you write about the choice between using chat and quiz with these videos, Mike

ElizabethH: I just wanted to give the address of our YG users' group before we have to depart:

ElizabethH: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Real_English_Online

PaddyG: no joy opening the bretney vids

RitaZ: cannot listen, for some reason

MichaelMa: <http://marziomichael.free.fr/ach2-7.htm> is interesting

HalaH: I think I have watched it longer than this

HalaH: With more people

ElizabethH: If you join the group, we have many activities built by users to link to, and also additional resources, such as activities to use with free video online, for example, movie trailers.

ElizabethH: Yes, the Bretney video didn't work with my Safari browser.

SusanneN: the fine thing about all these videos is that Mike offers us to use them for free, and do with them what we like to

ElizabethH: BTW, there will be a door prize given for this session.

ElizabethH: Yes, Sus--we are hoping that as people create activities, they will share them through our users' group.

SusanneN: the material is a fantastic source

BJB2 provides a drum roll for the awarding of the door prize!

PaddyG apologises for having to go but thanks all and will check the transcript out later with interest!

ElizabethH: Paddy--wait for the door prize.

MichaelMa: Hala won the door prize!

ElizabethH: Hurrah for Hala!

BJB2 cheers for Hala...cool!

HalaH: YEEEEEEEEEEEEES

ElizabethH: What is the prize, Mike?

HalaH: YEEEEEEEEEDSDFASs;lfms;adfpoas

RitaZ: congrats, Hala!

BJB2: The door prize is a one year subscription to RealEnglish Online

HalaH: Thank you

SergeiG: Congrats!

HalaH: Alright!!!

ElizabethH: Hala--this is the non-free part of the site, and it has many exercises and activities.

MichaelMa: Hala, you get a free subscription to the official Real English site for one year, plus unlimited (relatively unlimited) chat with your students if they want to chat with me

HalaH: Thank you soo much

SusanneN claps her hands

SergeiG: cool!

ElizabethH: We want to thank you all for coming to the session!

RitaZ adds to the clapping

SusanneN: congratulations Hala, I'm sure you'll find some useful ways to work with this material

HalaH: I sure will invite them

ElizabethH: If you aren't already a member of our YG, we hope you will join and have a look at the resources.

SergeiG: Thank you Elizabeth and Michael!

MichaelMa: You're welcome. Hala, please send me an email at MichaelMarzio@free.fr

RitaZ: thank you, Eliz and Mike, you are always so very generous!

MichaelMa: I need your email address and name of your school

SusanneN: Hooray for VideoWebheads Mike & Elizabeth!!

RitaZ: HOORAY!

HalaH: I am a member

ElizabethH: And hope you all have a chance to explore the Real English site and use the free videos--it's a great opportunity to expand your students vision of English.

MichaelMa: You are not a member with "A Gold Pass for Teachers" are you Hala?

ElizabethH: I think she means of REO YG.

MichaelMa: Oh - ok

HalaH: Thank you both. You do a great team together

HalaH: haloolahakema@yahoo.com

HalaH: College of Technological Sciences

HalaH: no, I am not

HalaH: Sudan, Khartoum

MichaelMa: OK!

SusanneN: this is a special gift - the Gold pass usually costs some \$\$ right?

ElizabethH: And don't forget, there is another Webheads' presentation this afternoon -- Blogstream Salon.

MichaelMa: \$79

SusanneN: that's not 'very' expensive!

ElizabethH: Our WiA Group Room also has been lovingly decorated by Sharon for the poster session, so have a look.

HalaH: AAAAright. Thank you soo much. I will send you an email later Mike

HalaH: Thanks Elizabeth

ElizabethH: Yes, the Gold Pass is a real bargain!

SusanneN: and then, there is also a Scavenger's hunt that I'll take later, after a dinner break

RitaZ: thank you, Mike and Eliz, once again, you are fab!

MichaelMa: Finally my advert - the "official site" is www.real-english.com (end of advert) !

MichaelMa: Thanks to you all for coming.

