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BjB: Uver, could you please tell Gina what you are researching?

UverC: Speaking through the tips of your fingers

UverC: The use of computer-mediated communication to enhance foreign language learning

GinaSo: hi Uver

UverC waves hi to Gina

UverC: Bj .. I would like to ask you a few things .

BjB: Gina, why don't you give us an introduction to what you're presenting?

GinaSo: www.porto.ucp.pt/kidzlearn

GinaSo: I create this project about 3 years

GinaSo: Portuguese as a native language

JeffC joined the room.

GinaSo: click on green tower

BjB: we're looking at <http://www.porto.ucp.pt/kidzlearn/> Jeff

GinaSo: Clerigos tower symbol of Oporto, my city

JeffC: thanks... nice

GinaSo: for the moments no activities I'm working on new ones

JeffC (will stay logged in... but will be afk)

GinaSo: now www.porto.ucp.pt/kidzlearn/frances/index.htm

GinaSo: click on Eiffel tower

BjB: I love the cartoon, Gina!

UverC excuses himself silently

UverC left the room.

GinaSo: I'm doing French lessons as foreign language and training teachers too

BjB: can you explain about the lessons for the teachers, Gina?

GinaSo: well, the project is for kids not my training teachers

BjB: are you saying you train the teachers?

GinaSo: yes

BjB: what do you use to train the teachers?

GinaSo: showing my lessons with my students

BjB: do you do a live demo for the teachers or train them online?

GinaSo: after sometime, they must do lessons to my students and I train them to do it

BjB nods to Gina.

GinaSo: not online, in presence

BjB: do you have your teachers submit additional lessons then?

GinaSo: yes, i help them to be teachers

BjB: great! Would you be interested in seeing lessons from other teachers of French?

GinaSo: during one year they come to my school

GinaSo: and I train them and the final I must evaluate their work

BjB: is that like our preservice or student teachers?

GinaSo: more or less

BjB: I know the standard for teaching languages is very high in Europe...do the students have to take a test?

GinaSo: Lugares&Aprendizagens is for kids a distance learning

GinaSo: mine?

BjB: the student teachers

GinaSo: with me they have some sort of examination made in front of me and I must evaluate them

BjB: what kind of distance do you mean with your students? Are they local students who learn from home?

BjB: or are they students in different countries?

GinaSo: doing the classes to my students after seeing my own classes

BjB: o O (students = kids)

GinaSo: the kids I can do different ways

BjB: can you give me an example?

GinaSo: sometimes some students of mine are doing some activities on Kidzlearn on web

GinaSo: sometimes they choose themselves the activities on Kidzlearn

BjB: at that time they are in your classroom or in a lab?

GinaSo: both

GinaSo: or at home and they send me by email

BjB: ahhh...cool. Do many of your students have computers at home?

GinaSo: yes

GinaSo: mine yes because they like to work on Kidzlearn

BjB: getting the kids to enjoy the activities is very important!

GinaSo: French teachers in France like a lot my project

BjB: was there anything else you wanted to add about your project, Gina?

GinaSo: I would like to explain the different activities but there is no one

BjB: if anyone wants to get in touch with you and ask questions about the project, should they contact you?

BjB: I'm a great listener! Don't I count?

GinaSo: I will be pleased

BjB: I would like to hear about the activities...I just don't want to keep you up too late

GinaSo: yes of course, bj

GinaSo: thank you

GinaSo: and today I'm not ok but I was so interested to present my project because in Europe it has a big success

GinaSo: some awards

BjB: I'm giving you the opportunity to describe the activities...

BjB: many people read the transcripts

GinaSo: it's not the same bj.... you are very kind

BjB: understands

BjB: Then I'll let you get to bed. Would you like to type your email so it's entered and people can contact you?

GinaSo: yes

GinaSo: I can speak a bit about some activities...

BjB listens

GinaSo: must I continue

BjB: that is up to you, Gina. If you'd like to stop, that's okay

GinaSo: ok

GinaSo: the email from the project Kidzlearnt is gisouto@yahoo.com

BjB: Thanks, Gina. Congratulations on your project. It looks very exciting.

BjB: I hope that you get some good feedback from this discussion.

BjB: I do know that Jean Michel was very interested in the session, but was unable to participate this time

JeffC: hi... i'm back

GinaSo: I'm sorry, I saw some presentations on Tappedin no so interesting and there was a lot of people, it's perhaps I'm not an American?

JeffC: Don't think that Gina.

GinaSo: teacher?

BjB: gosh, not at all, Gina!

GinaSo: ok

JeffC: The other day I had two presentations, and I had actually emailed many teachers to attend... no one showed up!

JeffC: I think it's because it's the end of the year for one thing.

BjB: it's the end of the year for most teachers in the US and they're busy with grades and closing up their classrooms

GinaSo: ok Jeff

JeffC: BJ... isn't there still an opening or two at the Festival?

BjB: this happens to us all occasionally, Gina

GinaSo: ok bj

BjB: yes, but they're not at a good time for Gina...she's in Portugal

JeffC nods

BjB: we can try again when you're feeling better and are not so busy too, Gina

BjB: maybe in the fall would be better

GinaSo: yes bj, in fall time

GinaSo: now I have a lot to do end of school, evaluation from my students (kids) and my students (training teachers)

BjB: remind me then, Gina, ok?

GinaSo: ok

BjB hugs Gina goodnight. Get some rest and feel better soon!

GinaSo: thank you Bj and Jeff to be there

GinaSo: Jeff do you want ask me something about Kidzlearn?

GinaSo: ok Bj thank you for your kind interest and you support

BjB: take care, Gina. Talk to you soon

GinaSo: ok Bj bye

GinaSo: bye Jeff