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Enhancing outcomes for bilingual learners in collaboration with educational settings

Course Title: EAL03 - Preparing for SATs: The Language of Instruction in Maths
Date: Tues 25th Feb 2020 **Time:** 4.00 pm – 5.30 pm **Venue:** Blaise Primary, Bristol
Bookings: <https://bptsa.org/courses-and-events/>

Context:

'How can mathematical attainment be fairly assessed if learners are still developing their proficiency in English? If learners of EAL find word problems hard to make sense of, for example, they may get them wrong, particularly in a test situation. Would such incorrect responses fairly indicate the learner's mathematical or linguistic proficiency?'

Outline:

This course will:

- highlight the 'language demands' of SATs, in terms of test instructions & responses
- explore the typical areas of English difficulty for EAL learners in Maths
- provide strategies and resources to support EAL and all pupils with reasoning questions.

Purpose:

'Whilst the idea that mathematics is a language is a useful metaphor, it should not be allowed to obscure the complex role of language in mathematics. Learners' English does matter as in our classrooms English provides the means for learners to think about mathematics, as well as to express that thinking.'

<https://www.naldic.org.uk/eal-teaching-and-learning/eal-resources/maths-eal/>

Outcome:

At the end of the course, participants will:

- better understand the distinction between 'test language' and Maths concepts
- know how to teach Maths vocabulary in a more comprehensible way for EAL pupils
- be equipped with ideas and resources to support pupils' comprehension of reasoning questions & ability to answer
- have acquired transferable knowledge about EAL to apply to other subjects.



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