

**Title of Session:** BlogStreams Salon

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Room: Bee Dieu's Office (Bee Hive)

**BeeD:** Where are you from Anh and Lori...and what brings you here?

**AnhNguyetL:** My school calendar says it was @ 2 pm

**AnhNguyetL:** I'm from Houston, TX

**AnhNguyetL:** I'm here to learn

**BeeD:** great....then you are at the right place

**LoriSi:** Round Rock TX

**LoriSi:** here to see more about what blogs are...not very familiar

**BeeD:** Are you teachers or students?

**AnhNguyetL:** I'm a student/teacher

**LoriSi:** both...grad student in instructional technology/certified physical educator

**JeanMC** joined the room.

**GrahamS** joined the room.

**JeanMC:** Hello, hola, salut

**BeeD** hugs Graham and Jean Michel

**GrahamS:** hi everyone

**BeeD:** long time no see Graham

**GrahamS:** Just made it

**BeeD:** great

**JasonDe:** I am a K-3 teacher in Ontario, Canada

**GrahamS:** Yes, I've been really busy

**GrahamS:** how is everyone?

**BeeD:** busy as usual...but having fun

**JeanMC:** Well; bien

**GrahamS:** that's great

**AaronPC** joined the room.

**BeeD** hugs Aaron warmly

**GrahamS:** Hi Aaron

**JeanMC:** Salut aaron, bonjour au japon

**BeeD:** bom dia

**AnhNguyetL:** am I in French?

**AnhNguyetL** smiles

**BeeD:** Lori, Anh and Jason have come to learn a bit about blogs

**AnhNguyetL:** What's blogs?

**BeeD:** I teach EFL in a Franco-Brazilian secondary school in Sao Paulo

**JeanMC:** you are in English, French, Spanish, Catalá, Portuguese, Japanese...etc

**AnhNguyetL:** I'm just kidding

**AaronPC:** hello

**BeeD:** and on Sundays we get together to chat about blogs

**GrahamS:** I teach EFL in an academy, and ESP in a university school of Tourism in Barcelona, Spain

**BeeD:** so...if you have any specific questions to ask...we will try to answer

**GrahamS:** we're blog-a-holics, aren't we Bee?

**AnhNguyetL:** My question is what is blog?

**LoriSi:** mine too

**BeeD:** A blog is like a journal online...you can frequently update

**GrahamS:** a blog (short for weblog) is a frequently updated website, AnhNguyet

**AnhNguyetL:** uh oh...where's everyone?

**AnhNguyetL:** got it

**BeeD:** have you read any?

**AnhNguyetL:** read any blog?

**AnhNguyetL:** yes, I have heard about did

**AnhNguyetL:** but never actually read one

**LoriSi:** not sure I have

**BeeD:** <http://blog-efl.blogspot.com/>

**BeeD:** <http://namckeand.blogspot.com/>

**AnhNguyetL** checking the website

**BeeD:** These are two examples of teachers' blogs

**BeeD:** one is more informational, while the other is more reflective

**AnhNguyetL:** got

**LoriSi:** ohk

**BeeD:** there are different styles of writing

**BeeD:** different audiences

**BeeD:** different purposes

**AnhNguyetL:** oh ... I know this website

**AnhNguyetL:** My niece has been writing on it

**AnhNguyetL** didn't know what it was :)...thought it was just her homepage

**GrahamS:** they are very flexible tools, and easy to set up and use - that's why they offer great possibilities for students

**BeeD:** so..you have private blogs, on which just one person writes and others comment and community blogs, where many people contribute

**GrahamS:** <http://evo05.blogspot.com/>

**AnhNguyetL:** What is this?

**GrahamS:** this is an example of a community blog

**BeeD:** This is the community blog we set during our workshop

**BeeD:** You can see the name of the members on the right-hand side column

**LoriSi:** similar to discussion boards?

**BeeD:** not exactly

**NatashaJ** joined the room.

**AnhNguyetL:** The both look similar aren't they?

**GrahamS:** blogs have a more personal feel about them

**BeeD:** you can post photographs to them...videos, sound

**LoriSi:** alright

**GrahamS:** you can ask each student to set up a blog (you wouldn't have one discussion board per student)

**NatashaJ:** hi

**GrahamS:** hi Natasha

**NatashaJ:** I am sorry for being late

**NatashaJ:** I didn't know exactly how to get on

**AnhNguyetL:** Would you please show me how to set up a blog?

**BeeD:** just go to [www.blogger.com](http://www.blogger.com)

**BeeD:** and follow the instructions

**AnhNguyetL:** I'll try

**AnhNguyetL:** Thank you

**BeeD:** you should be able to have it up and start posting in no more than 5 minutes

**BeeD:** then come back and give us the address

**BeeD:** So Graham...tell us what you have been up to...long time no see

**GrahamS:** yes, well...

**AaronPC:** Yeah Graham...long time no see.

**BeeD:** . o O ( Aaron is not asleep )

**GrahamS:** I've been busy at work, but apart from that, I've been downloading lots of podcasts

**GrahamS:** and trying out Yahoo 360

**BeeD:** And...anything you recommend? I have been uploading many photos to Flickr now that I have a new camera...having loads of fun

**NatashaJ:** Can anyone set up a blog or only educators?

**BeeD:** Anyone can do it Natasha

**GrahamS:** I'm not convinced by Yahoo 360 - it's not very flexible

**NatashaJ:** I just looked on the web site and I see that it's a diary that is really cool

**BeeD:** Yes...are you a student or an educator?

**NatashaJ:** I am a graduate student and I have to interact with TappedIn for a class

**BeeD:** IC

**GrahamS:** But, I'm quite excited about podcasting. There's the Daily Idiom, for example (<http://www.englishcaster.com/blogs/>) that is great for students

**NatashaJ:** How could I use Blog as a student?

**BeeD:** Well...you can reflect on your learning for one

**NatashaJ:** Really?

**BeeD:** write what you have done...

**AnhNguyetL:** Houston....problem...:)

**NatashaJ:** I see that blogs can be published as well...

**BeeD:** yes Anh?

**AnhNguyetL:** They ask me for blog title...and blog address

**BeeD:** Blogs are journals online Natasha

**AnhNguyetL:** what do I have to put in there?

**NatashaJ:** Have you had one published?

**BeeD:** well...you invent one

**BeeD:** Anh's Blog for a title

**BeeD:** you can change it later

**GrahamS:** I think the possibility as a student to write something for a real audience is a good motivator

**BeeD:** and an address...you can find it later and you can give to your friends or students to read

**AnhNguyetL:** Got it...Thank you

**NatashaJ:** Good Statement Graham

**LoriSi:** <http://petechnology.blogspot.com/>

**BeeD:** Many Natasha

**NatashaJ:** WoW

**NatashaJ:** This is very interesting

**BeeD:** Why don't you try?

**NatashaJ:** I think I will

**GrahamS:** And you can connect to the L2 community and share intercultural experiences

**NatashaJ:** Is it hard?

**BeeD:** not at all

**NatashaJ:** OK I will try

**LoriSi:** L2??

**AnhNguyetL:** I got it....

**AnhNguyetL:** My address is NgTHcenter

**AnhNguyetL** smiles

**BeeD:** Have a look at this reflective post

**BeeD:** <http://hypertext.rmit.edu.au/vlog/archives/2005/04/19/reflexive-blogging>

**BeeD:** Have you posted anything Anh?

**AnhNguyetL:** not yet

**AnhNguyetL:** I want to change the background

**AnhNguyetL:** how do I do that do you know?

**BeeD:** you have to go to the template tab

**AnhNguyetL:** ok

**LoriSi:** Graham, what is an L2 community?

**BeeD:** and choose a new template

**BeeD:** We are language teachers Lori

**AnhNguyetL** smiles

**GrahamS:** Sorry Lori

**BeeD:** EFL/ESL and Foreign Language (Jean Michel for instance teaches French)

**GrahamS:** L2 = Second language

**LoriSi:** ohk..makes sense now

**JeanMC:** FLE = Francais Langue Etrangere

**AnhNguyetL:** how do I choose a new template?

**GrahamS:** Keeping a blog in a foreign language can be a fun way of practising the language

**AnhNguyetL:** got it

**BeeD** claps

**NatashaJ:** Bee I am trying to set up a blog but I am unsure of the address. For example what could be a blog address that I could use?

**BeeD:** The easiest is <http://www.blogger.com>

**NatashaJ:** Thank you

**LoriSi:** that is a very good idea (about the language)

**GrahamS:** Blogger is the most popular, and perhaps easiest-to-use of Blog sites

**GrahamS:** Yes Lori, I have a friend (from Belgium) who's gained a whole new set of online friends since I encouraged him to set up a blog...

**GrahamS:** His blog (<http://guiri1967.blogspot.com/>) is in Spanish and Catalan, but if you take a look at it, you'll get the idea

**NatashaJ:** I have just created a blog thank you Bee!

**BeeD:** Wonderful Natahsa

**BeeD:** what is the address?

**NatashaJ:** I'm not sure just yet? It is telling me to post it and create a personal profile

**NatashaJ:** Just one minute

**LoriSi:** so blogs are ways for a continuous discussion about different topics within that persons given idea?

**GrahamS:** There are so many things you can use them for



**BeeD:** yes...and I have my younger students record what they did...for homework...so it is like a notebook online

**NatashaJ:** Bee I think that it's Natasha j

**GrahamS:** there are some teachers and students that use them as online portfolios for their work

**NatashaJ:** I followed the instructions from the website you told me that was the easiest. Then I chose a template and went from there! Did I do it correctly?

**LoriSi:** ohk

**BeeD:** probably yes Natasha...have you posted anything yet?

**NatashaJ:** I just posted one thing

**GrahamS:** I think you need to publish the blog too, when you've created the post

**NatashaJ:** it was very brief I wanted to make sure that I did I right

**BeeD:** have you published it?

**BeeD:** because I cannot find your blog

**BeeD:** you must publish what you wrote

**NatashaJ:** no I will publish it now. It is just a draft

**NatashaJ:** ok

**NatashaJ:** It has successfully been published

**GrahamS:** hurrah!

**NatashaJ:** I only saved it as a draft because I didn't want to take up space.

**AaronPC:** that was easy!

**NatashaJ:** Can you find it now?

**GrahamS:** I can't

**AnhNguyetL:** I did it

**NatashaJ:** I'll try again

**AnhNguyetL:** I changed it

**AaronPC:** give us the url

**NatashaJ:** Thank you for being patient with me

**BeeD:** Here is a post from one of my younger students Lori

**BeeD:** <http://bugprincess.blogspot.com/2005/04/things-id-do-if-it-werent-for-my-mum.html>

**AnhNguyetL:** Thanks **BeeD**

**BeeD:** It has not been corrected....it was done in class

**GrahamS:** That's funny, Bee

**BeeD:** Anh...what is your blog address? Have you published anything?

**GrahamS:** poor cat - not allowed to sleep on her bed

**GrahamS:** Natasha, click on the 'View Blog' tab and then post the URL here

**AnhNguyetL:** hm...how come...I could not post

**NatashaJ:** <http://wwwbloggercom.blogspot.com/>

**AnhNguyetL:** what did I do?

**AnhNguyetL** frowns

**AnhNguyetL** trying again

**GrahamS:** I can see it now Natasha

**NatashaJ:** I just wanted to make sure that I did it right

**NatashaJ:** This is so neat

**GrahamS:** it looks fine

**AaronPC:** Looks good and you can always create a new one just as easily.

**NatashaJ:** I really like your students' blog

**NatashaJ:** Thank you Graham

**JeanMC:** I can see it also Natasha...in Colombia, South America

**NatashaJ:** Aaron, would I have to create a new one or could I just edit the one that I have?

**GrahamS:** From the settings menu, you can do things such as decide who can write comments to you, change the date, etc

**AaronPC:** You could edit the one you have....

**NatashaJ:** Wow Jean you're in South America

**AnhNguyetL:** O

**NatashaJ:** Ok Aaron

**AaronPC:** or go to the dashboard and click 'create new blog'.

**AnhNguyetL:** I'm sorry...but you can edit others' messages?

**AaronPC:** It's very simple to create and delete blogs on Blogger.

**BeeD:** Once you have opened an account

**NatashaJ:** It's nice to know that I can delete it just as easy.

**BeeD:** you can open others directly from the dashboard

**BeeD:** I have just posted a comment on it Natasha

**BeeD:** check it out

**NatashaJ:** And anyone would have access to my blog as long as they have my URL?

**BeeD:** yes...anyone can access it once they have your url

**GrahamS:** that's right

**NatashaJ:** I am so excited this is so much fun and a great learning experience!!

**BeeD:** Anh...have you managed to post?

**AnhNguyetL:** yes ... I did...thank you

**GrahamS:** that's why some people have even lost their job because they've been caught blogging

**AnhNguyetL:** I'm still composing

**NatashaJ:** Are you being honest Graham or joking?

**AnhNguyetL:** hihhi...so blogging is fun and also...dangerous too

**GrahamS:** no, it's true

**BeeD:** well...it all depends on what you post

**LoriSi:** that's the downer with technology, people who can't control themselves...

**BeeD:** and what your audience is

**GrahamS:** exactly

**AnhNguyetL:** I think it's one's journal....it should be...private..however; can't say that to technology

**JeanMC:** I know somebody from Apple (not sure) has lost his job because of posts on his blog against the Company

**NatashaJ:** so a person can construct a blog for any grade level or to accommodate any one?

**GrahamS:** there are other blog sites which you can keep more or less private

**AaronPC:** Well...you can choose how 'personal' to be, right?

**BeeD:** yes...you can invite your students to become members of your blog

**GrahamS:** But Blogger does not let you do this

**AnhNguyetL:** yes...that's what I said...can't say that to technology

**AnhNguyetL** smiles

**BeeD:** or just have the stds open their own blogs and link to yours

**BeeD:** like I did in mine <http://beeonline2.blogspot.com>

**AaronPC:** Yes...if you want more privacy, you can use Livejournal.

**NatashaJ:** In order for me to reply to your comments would I just leave a comment?

**AaronPC:** That's right.

**AnhNguyetL:** to me nothing is secure online

**BeeD:** Yes...just a comment or if it is a piece you would like to comment at length...just make a new post

**NatashaJ:** I saw your pic Aaron. Is that your child very cute!

**BeeD:** once you publish it online...it is there for everyone to see

**BeeD:** but there is so much online

**BeeD:** that unless your posts are outstanding

**BeeD:** nobody will bother...lol

**LoriSi:** ohk

**NatashaJ:** this is great! How did you guys learn about blogging?

**GrahamS:** I was told by a friend of mine

**BeeD:** I just discovered it and started tinkering with it

**JeanMC:** Bee, Graham and Aaron are EXPERTS

**GrahamS:** I set up a blog, posted once...

**AnhNguyetL:** I think so too

**NatashaJ:** Jean, I can tell. Everyone is so good at this

**GrahamS:** ...and then did nothing for 6 months

**GrahamS:** Then I remembered it and started experimenting

**AaronPC:** Oh...thanks Natasha....I think she is cute too!

**BeeD:** Next week we have a special guest

**LoriSi:** oh really

**BeeD:** who will come and talk to us about a project he has been developing

**NatashaJ:** I'm glad that I had the opportunity to experience this. I am definitely going to take this back to my instructor as well as all of my classmates!

**BeeD:** Why don't you come and join us?

**NatashaJ:** I think I will have to.

**BeeD:** and invite some of your classmates and instructor

**GrahamS:** definitely

**NatashaJ:** With a little guidance from Bee, Graham and Aaron I hope that I can become an Expert as well

**BeeD:** May 1st at 21:00 GMT

**BeeD:** UTC

**JeanMC:** Next week,....and during many Sundays I will not be able to be with all of you, but I will try

**NatashaJ:** That sounds great

**BeeD:** Tu seras en voyage JM

**JeanMC:** oui, Madame

**AaronPC:** I hope you can make it whenever you can Jean!

**AnhNguyetL** frowns

**LoriSi:** utc? is that the place we are now/

**BeeD:** Je pense que BJ va enregistrer ce chat

**BJB2** Nods

**AnhNguyetL:** <<<< clueless

**JeanMC:** je pourrai donc aller le chercher dans les archives

**AnhNguyetL:** am I in foreign room?

**AnhNguyetL:** hihhi

**NatashaJ:** I agree

**AnhNguyetL:** all in French

**BJB2:** I'll edit and put send it to the archives at [www.tappedin.org/transcripts](http://www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

**AnhNguyetL:** <<< using dictionary

**BeeD:** This is a double class...blogs and French

**NatashaJ:** I thought that maybe I hit a button and it changed languages

**JeanMC:** o en español para los que halan y entienden la lengua de Cervantes

**GrahamS:** claro que sí

**LoriSi:** really confused now

**BeeD:** si si por que no

**AaronPC:** oralle!

**BJB2** doesn't edit spelling in any language but English

**AnhNguyetL:** hhihih

**JeanMC:** o en Catalá, Graham

**GrahamS:** clar

**NatashaJ:** Before we leave could someone tell me how to save this archive and email it to myself?

**AnhNguyetL:** como esta everyone

**GrahamS:** benvinguts a tothem

**BJB2:** Natasha, when you log out you will be send a transcript in your email

**AnhNguyetL:** Natasha...it will email to you automatically

**BeeD:** Aaron is in Japan

**NatashaJ:** THANK YOU GUYS AND GALS FOR BEING SO PATIENT WITH ME.  
YOU GUYS ARE VERY NICE.

**BeeD:** perhaps you could teach us how to say goodbye in Japanese Aaron?

**AaronPC:** well...if you are not going to see someone for a long time....

**AaronPC:** it's 'sayonara'.

**BeeD:** ohh...too formal

**BeeD:** too romantic

**AaronPC:** it's 'mata ne'.

**BeeD:** mata ne?

**AaronPC:** Hai.

**NatashaJ:** no

**AaronPC:** that's right....

**AaronPC:** in Spanish it is a much different meaning.

**BeeD:** in Portuguese this would mean "kill it ok"

**AaronPC:** LOL

**NatashaJ:** oh, i c it now!

**JeanMC:** por cierto

**AaronPC:** aye caramba!

**LoriSi:** good night all

**NatashaJ:** Good bye!!

**JeanMC:** Aaron, hablas bien el espanol?

**GrahamS:** If you do the same with the Comments tab, then you'll receive notification everytime someone writes a comment on your blog

**AaronPC:** Si hablo.

**BeeD:** See you Lori

**LoriSi** left the room.



**AaronPC:** Me encanta hablar en espanol.

**BeeD:** que gracinha

**AaronPC:** Bye Lori

**JeanMC:** excelente...cualquier dia se gana trabajo extra a distancia. Mas adelante hablamos

**GrahamS:** Aaron, tienes una habilidad escondida

**AaronPC:** ojala que si

**BeeD:** si Aaron has many habilidades

**NatashaJ** left the room (signed off).

**AaronPC:** bueno pues....me voy con prisa

**AaronPC:** gotta go to work now

**BeeD:** he can even put his legs behind his head...lol

**JeanMC:** buen día

**AaronPC:** lol

**GrahamS:** hasta la proxima vez Aaron

**AaronPC:** thanks

**BeeD:** have a wonderful week Aaron

**AaronPC:** mata ne!

**AaronPC:** See you soon.

**BeeD:** do not kill yourself

**GrahamS:** que te vaya bien el día

**JeanMC:** Ciao, au revoir, adios,