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TEACHER TRAINING IN VIRTUAL WORLDS: WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

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LANGUAGE LIFE 



What do you think?





My Experience: Since 2002

Web-based teaching



Since 2007 → Second Life

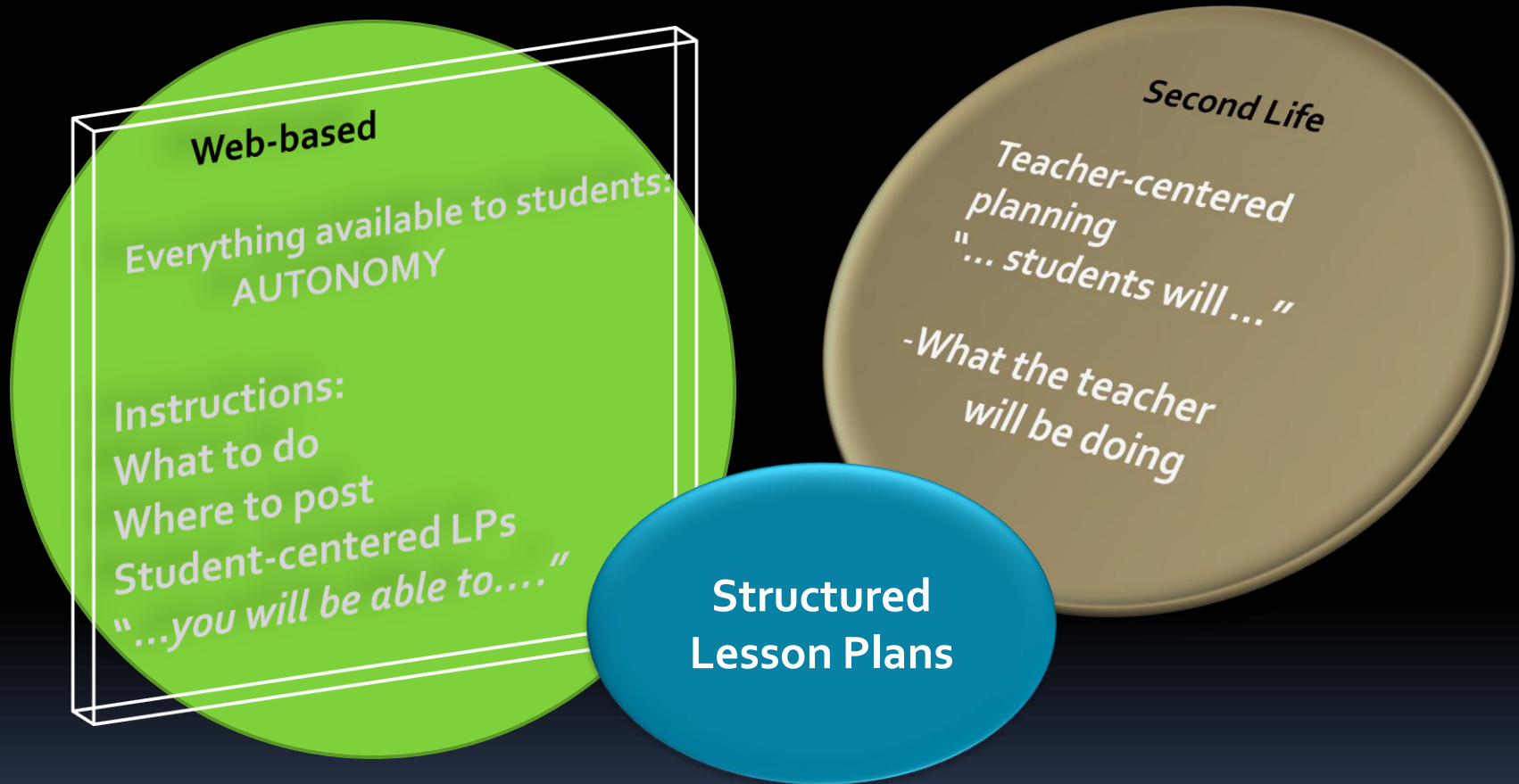


SL vs. Web-based teaching and learning
Are they different?

Actual Teaching

Web- based	Both	Second Life
	Content	
	Methodology	
Synchronous	Mediating tools	Synchronous
Asynchronous	Promoting interaction	Taking care of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- own avatar (skills teachers should master)- teaching tools- students avatars- Sound- SL platform

Planning Process



Materials Design

Both

- Materials and tools needed
 - Free and paid services
 - Teacher-made materials

Web-based:

Web 2.0 tools easily available online

Second Life

- New tools: challenge (basic building and scripting skills)
 - Experts needed to create materials
 - Photo editors skills for textures

Social Aspect: Interaction



Web-based:

People

- Real names
- Photos
- Webcams
- Videos

Real Voice

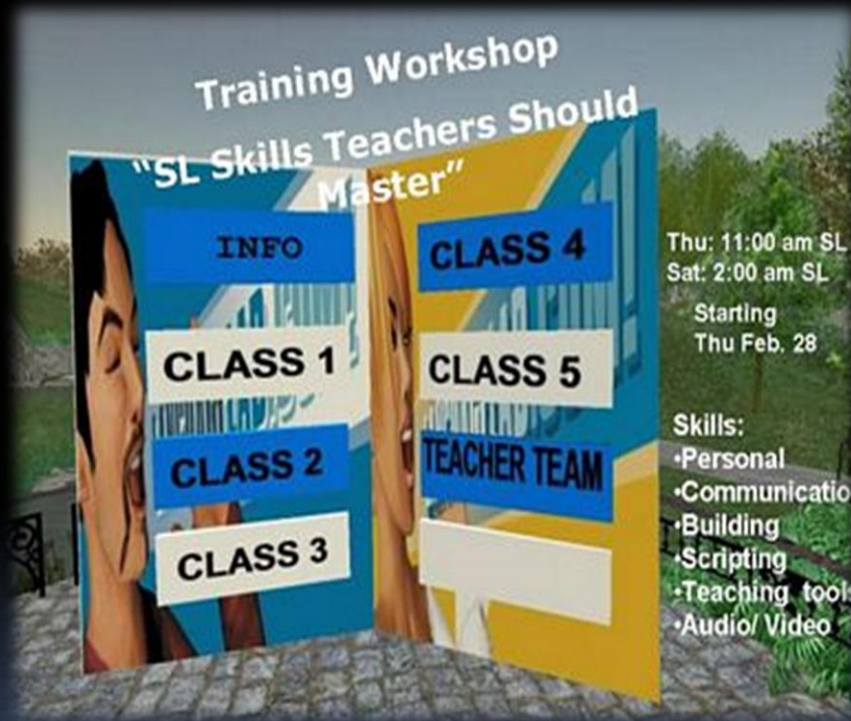


Second Life:

Avatars

- Names
- Look
- Gender

Implications for Teacher Training?



Technology Requirements

System Requirements

Your computer must meet these **REQUIREMENTS**, or you may not be able to successfully participate in Second Life

[Get Second Life →](#)

Windows

Internet Connection*:

Operating System:

Computer Processor:

Computer Memory:

Screen Resolution:

Graphics Card for XP**:

Graphics Card for Vista
(requires latest drivers)**:

Minimum Requirements

- Cable or DSL
- XP, or Vista
- 800 MHz Pentium III or Athlon, or better
- 512 MB or more
- 1024x768 pixels
- NVIDIA GeForce 2, GeForce 4 MX or better
 - OR ATI Radeon 8500, 9250 or better
 - OR Intel 945 chipset

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- OR ATI Radeon 9500 or better
- OR Intel 945 chipset

Recommended



- Cable or DSL
- XP or Vista
- 1.5 GHz (XP), 2-GHz (Vista) 32-bit (x86) or better
- 1 GB or more
- 1024x768 pixels or higher
- NVIDIA Graphics cards**
 - 6000 Series:
 - 6600, 6700, 6800
 - 7000 Series:
 - 7600, 7800, 7900
 - 8000 Series:
 - 8500, 8600, 8800
 - GeForce Go Series:
 - 7600, 7800, 7900
- ATI Graphics Cards**
 - X800, X900, X1600, X1700, X1800, X1900
 - x2600, x2900
 - x3650, x3850

- NVIDIA Graphics cards**
 - 7000 Series:
 - 7600, 7800, 7900



Personal Skills

1. Desktop Management
2. SL profile
3. Navigation
4. Library
5. Changing appearance
6. Gestures
7. Pie Menu
8. Inventory management



Training Sessions



Vicks Zanzibar [63m]
Vicks Zanzibar [29m]



Communication Skills

- 1. Sound / Voice
- 2. Chat & IMs
- 3. Notecards



Building & Scripts Skills

1. Moving & creating objects
2. Adding Textures
3. Editing scripts



Using Educational Tools

1. Projectors & Readers
2. Givers
3. Poll & Quiz creators
4. Time Takers
5. Games



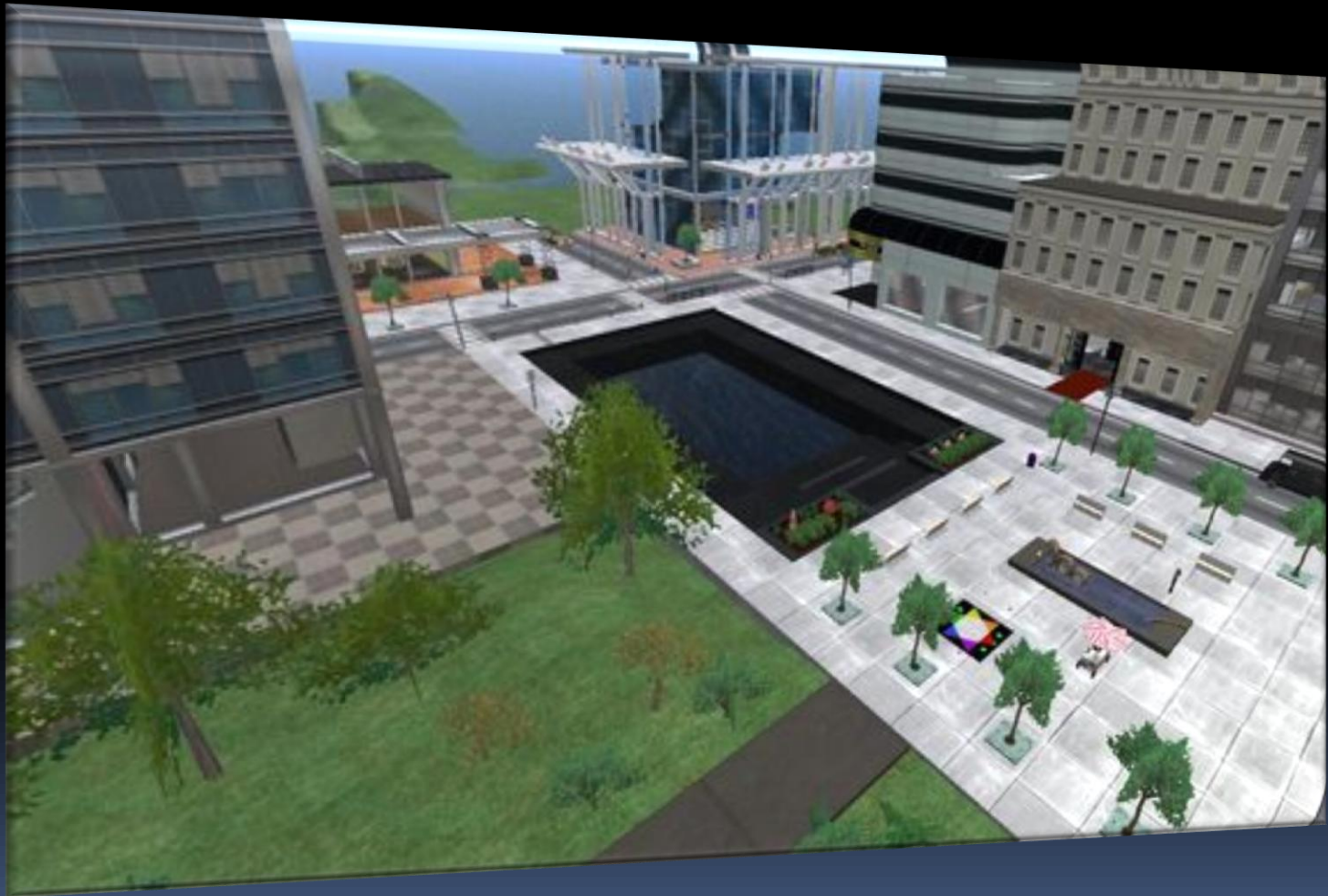
Dictado

Me gustan las manzanas
Mi comida favorita son los pos
Hay dos cucharas en la mesa
No tengo tenedor
Quiero carne asada con patatas
Vino para beber, por favor
)Cu)nto debo?

Mini-lessons



English Sim: The City



Spanish Sim: Ciudad Bonita



Thanks for your attention!

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