

Powerful Strategies for Maximizing **COMPREHENSIBLE INPUT** in the Target Language



Presented by
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Outstanding World Language Teacher
and World Language Teacher Trainer

**Specifically Designed for World Language Teachers, Department Heads
and World Language Administrators Serving Grades 6-12**

- **Train your teachers on the most effective strategies** for increasing the level of comprehensible input (CI) in the target language
- **Train your teachers on practical ways** to achieve ACTFL's goal of 90% use of the target language ... **Accelerate communicative proficiency in the target language**
- **Build expertise among your staff on comprehensible input teaching strategies** that will help them use the target language almost exclusively from the first day of instruction

LIVE ONLINE INSTITUTE

February 11 and 12

9 AM Eastern, 8 AM Central,
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“Receive Jan's extensive digital resource handbook filled with the tools needed for your own trainings, including a companion web-based link with additional free resources and a PowerPoint template for training your staff.”

Practical Ideas and Strategies

You've heard the expectations for today's world language classroom: stay 90% in the target language, engage all learners, embed lessons with meaningful cultural content, get your students speaking and writing accurately but let go of the way you were taught grammar. Today's professional standards set a high bar for world language teachers. This two-day training is designed to give you the tools and strategies to effectively train world language teachers. Award-winning world language teacher **JAN HOLTER KITOK** models comprehensible input mini lessons that will engage you through experiential learning as a novice language learner – the same principles that are easily adapted to work with higher language levels. Every strategy is followed by research-based insights and step-by-step explanations so teachers can immediately adapt ideas to their own learning environment – any age group, any language or any language level.

You will leave this two-day training with an extensive world language teacher digital resource handbook and dozens of strategies and timesaving planning templates you will be able to use immediately to support your teachers in increasing the level of comprehensible input in all their world language lessons.

“Jan presents a great training.”

– REBEKAH LINDSEY, TEACHER



A Practical, Two-Day Train-the-Trainer Program to Train Your World Language Teachers on Ways to Maximize Comprehensible Input in the Target Language

Send one or more staff members or a team to this training program and they will return to your school(s) with professional development strategies and resources to support and train your teachers. Participants will learn:

- Ready-to-use strategies to support your staff in significantly increasing the level of comprehensible
- Practical strategies for strengthening reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, and decoding
- Timesaving templates for creating cultural lessons and curriculum design
- Practical, formative assessment ideas that work to monitor student progress
- Engaging activities that lower the affective filter



This Two-Day Train-the-Trainer Program is Cost-Effective

If you are interested in providing high-quality training in assessing and increasing the level of comprehensible input in your world language classes, this is the perfect opportunity. Send one teacher or a team and they will leave with an extensive digital resource training handbook filled with the tools needed for their own training, along with access to a companion web-based link filled with additional resources and a PowerPoint template to use and adapt to meet the needs of your own training. The focus of the two-day training will be on practical, highly effective ways to maximize comprehensible input in the target language.

“I’m so excited to put these ideas and methods into use!”

– Kristie Quillen, French/Spanish Teacher

Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

Support and Train Your World Language Teachers in Proven Ways to Maximize Comprehensible Input in Their World Language Classes

- **Highly effective strategies** for increasing the level of comprehensible input
- **How to stay in the target language** AND have students understand
- **Numerous quick and easy formative assessments** to check for understanding
- **How to design output activities** so students use the target language to write and speak in a natural way
- **How to vary task difficulty and the level of support** given to students to scaffold and differentiate their learning experiences
- **Engaging activities that lower the affective filter** and will help you use the target language almost exclusively from the first day of your instruction
- **Dozens of comprehensible input strategies** that foster a language learning environment where all students are comfortable to experiment and take academic risks
- **Innovative questioning techniques** that will extend conversations by guiding students towards more sophisticated language
- **How to teach grammar in a natural, whole language context**, allowing students to get a sense of how the language works versus memorizing isolated rules
- **Sheltered language techniques** that open the door for teaching target culture content topics in the target language at any level
- **The power of story and narrative** contexts to make language comprehensible and increase the rate of language acquisition
- **How to make CONNECTIONS** with other subject areas by teaching content such as geography, history, biography, the arts, etc. related to the target culture as part of your world language curriculum

“*The way Jan presented CI was well organized. Her training is captivating and enjoyable.*”

– CINDY CONNORS, SPANISH TEACHER



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A Message From Institute Leader, Jan Holter Kittok



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Dear Colleague:

My professional journey as a world language educator has led me to many places and people at just the right time. Throughout this two-day training, I will be sharing the many “Aha moments” I have learned along the way with the hope that these insights will also guide you in your journey. My lessons are drawn from a variety of teaching experiences: positions in elementary, secondary and college classrooms, immersion camps, study abroad programs, administration and teacher training.

I have designed this two-day training to share with you the very best ways I have discovered and developed over the course of my teaching career to increase the level of comprehensible input in every language level. I will share with you very practical ways to lower the affective filter and make the target language more understandable from the first day students enter your world language classroom. I'll share proven ways you can teach content in the target language from the very beginning of level 1. The strategies I share with you will not only boost your students' proficiency in the target language but will also expand their background knowledge of target culture as well. ***Teachers of any grade, any level and any language will be able to use these strategies immediately.*** My goal is that you leave this training so energized that you can't wait to get back to your school to share them with other world language teachers.

Sincerely,

Jan Kittok

P.S. **I invite you to grab your professional passport and join me for an idea-packed trip. Leave room in your bag to return with oodles of fresh, practical ideas.**

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What Your Colleagues Say About Jan Holter Kittok

*"Jan was obviously **very knowledgeable and passionate**, making it easy to embrace the concept of comprehensible input."*

– Kim Brown, H.S. Spanish Teacher

*"**Very well organized.** Very interesting! Finally, a training that allowed me to experience teaching strategies through the eyes of a student!"*

– Patty McGrath, World Language Teacher

*"Jan is a wonderful facilitator, and she gave me strategies I will use in class tomorrow. The combination of **her depth of knowledge and her practical approach to language learning made this institute valuable on multiple levels.**"*

– Kristina Snavelly, HS Spanish/English Teacher

*"Excellent examples and illustrations of how language acquisition can be done in a very different way – **her method will really interest many more students.**"*

– Josephine Tracey, French Teacher

*"**Very lively presentation! Jan is engaging** and entertaining. She brings a whole new world of possibilities to teaching a world language."*

– Ana M. Garcia, Spanish Teacher

*"Jan presents **research-based, excellent content with practical strategies** for the classroom."*

– Julie Hansen, Spanish/Latin Teacher

*"**Great hands-on information**, how to incorporate it into your plans, and how to help your students succeed."*

– Francesca Rector, Spanish Teacher

*"I appreciate Jan's insights and knowledge. **I learned a lot of strategies I can share with other world language teachers.**"*

– Eunice Moreno, Spanish Teacher

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JAN HOLTER KITTOK is an experienced world language teacher and sought-after world language teacher-trainer whose lively and thought-provoking presentations consistently receive rave reviews. She is a knowledgeable and intuitive world language teacher and educational leader. Jan is a recipient of her state's prestigious Narvaéz Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Spanish and the Emma Birkmaier Award for Outstanding Language Educator. In addition, the Central States Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages recognized Jan with the Founders Award. Her professional conference presentations have been honored with the "Best of State" and "Best of Central States" titles. Every participant will leave this two-day training with a copy of her most recent work, *Powerful Strategies for Maximizing Comprehensible Input in the Target Language (Grades 6-12)*, the extensive digital resource handbook specifically developed for this training, as well as a PowerPoint template you can adapt and use in your training back in your school.



Who Should Attend

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- Descriptions of all activities presented in the institute with variations for all levels of instruction
- Step-by-step guidance for designing lessons with comprehensible input strategies that lead to successful student output in the target language
- Timesaving outlines for easy-to-create culturally rich and comprehensible lessons in the target language
- The key principles of brain-based language acquisition and how they apply to your learning environment
- Unique tips and tricks for teacher success when implementing the strategies demonstrated in the institute

Share with Other World Language Educators

This institute provides participants a wonderful opportunity to share ideas with other world language educators interested in comprehensible input to enhance their world language programs.

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by Jan Holter Kittok



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Fee includes Institute registration, a certificate of participation and an extensive digital resource handbook. The fee is the same for Live Online Institutes or Recorded Institutes.

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100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the institute. Late cancellations made prior to the event date will be refunded less a \$15 service fee. Substitutions may be made at any time without charge.

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