

# 101 Strategies and Resources for Accelerating **COMMUNICATIVE PROFICIENCY** in the Target Language (Grades 6-12)



A Unique One-Day Live Online Seminar Presented by

## **Rebekah Stathakis**

**Award-Winning World Language Teacher and Presenter**

**Specifically Designed for World Language Educators Serving  
Grades 6-12: Classroom Teachers, Department Heads, Curriculum  
Specialists, and Administrators**

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**Engaging, innovative, time-saving techniques** to accelerate communicative proficiency in the target **language in-class, online and in hybrid learning environments**

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**Ready-to-use activities, tools and resources** that promote time in the target language and active negotiation of meaning

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**Effective strategies** for evaluating and leveraging technology in powerful ways to enhance target language proficiency

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**Receive an extensive world language digital resource handbook** packed with a wide variety of proven, fun, engaging resources, activities and tech tools for in-person and remote instruction

### **Live Online Seminars**

#### **February 25**

**9 AM Eastern**, 8 AM Central,  
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#### **March 5**

**9 AM Central**, 10 AM Eastern,  
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CEUs and Graduate Credit Available  
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# Ten Key Benefits of Attending

'Rebekah gives a lot of ideas I can put to work right away.'

– CLARA SOLANO,  
SPANISH TEACHER



## Who Should Attend

World Language Educators  
Serving Grades 6-12:  
Classroom Teachers,  
Department Heads,  
Curriculum Specialists,  
and Administrators

### 1. Promote Authentic Communication in the Target Language In-Person and Online

Discover innovative, highly effective activities and tools for both remote and in-person instruction that develop communicative proficiency in meaningful and culturally-relevant ways

### 2. Cultivate a Safe and Engaging Language Learning Environment

Foster an environment in which students experience a sense of belonging and connectedness and feel safe to try out the language while taking academic risks ... **How to nurture and maintain a supportive language learning environment whether instruction is in-person or remote**

### 3. Engage Students Through Fun and Meaningful Activities

Learn practical strategies and a variety of tools that will develop students' communicative proficiency in the target language in both remote and in-person settings ... Your students will be having too much fun to even realize that they are communicating using the target language almost exclusively!

### 4. Connect with Language Communities Around The World

Discover a variety of tools and resources that will allow you to virtually visit and explore the world while meaningfully connecting with other people and places

### 5. Differentiate Target Language Instruction to Reach All Learners

Incorporate differentiation techniques to help all learners experience success ... Specific, practical strategies, resources and tech tools that help maintain a focus on communicative proficiency and provide the appropriate degree of rigor for your students

### 6. Maximize Comprehensible Input

Learn practical strategies and the most effective tools that will help you immerse your students in language that is comprehensible, compelling and relevant

### 7. Use Assessment to Advance Language Learning

Learn a variety of efficient and effective ways to track students' understanding and their development of communicative proficiency ... How to use this information to drive instruction and advance learning

### 8. Teach Students How to Effectively Use Circumlocution

Play circumlocution games and learn new strategies to scaffold circumlocution skills so that all students (even novices!) can use circumlocution to avoid language breakdowns and communicate effectively even when there are gaps in what they know how to say

### 9. Learn Proven Ways to Increase Time in The Target Language

Discover a variety of strategies to increase the time both you and your students spend authentically using the target language

### 10. Receive an Extensive Digital World Language Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive world language digital resource handbook with over 100 resources designed specifically for this seminar ... Bonus downloads that can be modified for your own classroom use will also be shared, ideal for both in-person and online teaching

# Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

## What You Will Learn ...

- **Highly effective ways to adapt and implement effective language instruction** in in-person, online and hybrid learning environments
- **Engaging digital tools, apps and extensions** for any language level or world language course
- **Meaningful activities and games** that will help students develop communicative proficiency by exchanging information, negotiating meaning and expressing their ideas
- **Highly practical tips** for how to motivate all students (even reluctant linguists!) to want to use the target language
- **Carefully-developed games and activities** that will enable even novices to effectively use circumlocution to explain themselves in the target language
- **How to create a nurturing language learning environment** where students feel seen and feel comfortable taking academic risks
- **Questioning techniques** that will extend conversations and develop communicative proficiency by pushing students towards more sophisticated language use
- **Differentiation techniques** that appropriately challenge all students while maintaining a focus on accelerating each student's communicative proficiency
- **Practical language teaching strategies** that are rooted in sound theory and current research on language acquisition
- **Timesaving tips and tools** to provide meaningful feedback
- **Authentic and compassionate resources** and approaches to foster students' social-emotional skills in your world language classroom
- **Technology tools and resources** that allow students to travel the world and connect with others



*"Wonderful, hands-on strategies and tips from someone who knows her stuff and puts it into practice!"*

– KARLA AVILA, HIGH SCHOOL SPANISH TEACHER

## Practical Ideas and Strategies

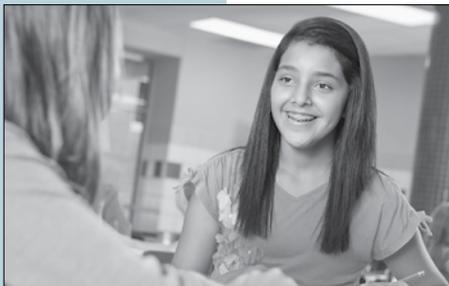
This outstanding **NEW** and engaging seminar by nationally-recognized world language teacher, **Rebekah Stathakis**, has been carefully designed to help accelerate your students' communicative proficiency in the target language. Each strategy and idea will be thoughtfully considered in terms of how it can be leveraged or adapted based on your current teaching conditions whether your language instruction is in-person, online or in a hybrid learning environment.

Rebekah will share more than 100 meaningful resources, technology tools and activities to help all of your students develop their communicative proficiency in a way that is natural, engaging, differentiated, and effective. This is a hands-on seminar with immediate applicability – you will leave excited to try out and use these new tools and resources with your students!

***Throughout the day, Rebekah will share, present, model and provide opportunities to discuss activities and techniques. You will leave this seminar with numerous practical strategies and effective tools to accelerate your students' communicative proficiency.***



# A Message From Seminar Leader, Rebekah Stathakis



## Uniquely Qualified Instructor

**REBEKAH STATHAKIS** is an engaging, dynamic presenter, award-winning national board certified world language educator and author. Throughout her career, she has focused on finding engaging and effective ways to enable students to authentically use the target language while fostering a classroom culture where students want to use the target language. She has been honored with many educational awards, including the national Disney Teacher Award which recognizes creativity and innovation in teaching. Rebekah is the author of *101 Strategies and Resources for Accelerating Communicative Proficiency in the Target Language (Grades 6-12)*, the extensive digital resource handbook each participant will receive at the seminar. The handbook is filled with practical, effective ways to develop communicative proficiency by meaningfully staying in the target language. Rebekah's seminars are known for being fun, fast-paced, personable, inspiring, and filled with strategies that you can immediately implement in your world language classroom.

Dear Colleague:

I am so excited to have the opportunity to spend the day working with and learning alongside you. I have carefully designed this seminar to highlight our shared goals as world languages educators. For each goal, we will consider how we can select and leverage highly-effective tools, strategies, and resources to meet that goal. This brochure highlights some of those shared goals (such as building relationships, teaching circumlocution, and using feedback to advance learning); however, I promise that there is much more that couldn't fit in this brochure! You will receive a packed digital resource guide that you can begin using the very next day in a variety of ways with your own students. Everything we do will be grounded in research but with an emphasis on practical application.

Central to our whole day is a focus on developing students' communicative proficiency through active negotiation of meaning and personal connections and relationships. We will share strategies for delivering compelling, comprehensible input through multiple formats based on whatever instructional model your school is currently using. Everything that I share will be adaptable to fit your needs, the needs of your students and your curriculum. I will honestly share how I have used these strategies and resources, what obstacles I have faced, and how I have been able to respond to (and eventually prevent) those issues.

I am really looking forward to spending the day with you sharing ideas about how we can best facilitate language acquisition and develop communicative proficiency. ***Whether your language instruction is in-person, online or in a hybrid learning environment, you'll leave with numerous ideas you can use immediately.***

Sincerely,

Rebekah Stathakis

P.S. This seminar is designed to **be highly practical and readily applicable** so that you leave with new tools, techniques, and strategies to try out immediately! I can't wait to hear what is working in your classroom and how you might integrate these ideas!

*'Everything that I share will be adaptable to fit your needs, the needs of your students and your curriculum.'*

# What Your Colleagues Say About Rebekah Stathakis

*"Rebekah is **an amazing presenter and truly empowering!** I can't wait to meet my goal of 90%."*

Beth Vind, High School Spanish Teacher

*"Rebekah's seminar is **very helpful!** I am taking away many concrete strategies to use immediately."*

Liz Evert, High School Spanish Teacher

*"Rebekah has a great personality for presenting! She is **engaging, comical and energetic.** She covers all that was promised and I feel confident that I will use her strategies and suggestions."*

Melanie Lasee, High School German Teacher

*"Rebekah is very informative and this is a very worthwhile seminar. She **gave me a lot of new ideas that I can apply immediately.**"*

Meghan Ray, Middle School Spanish Teacher



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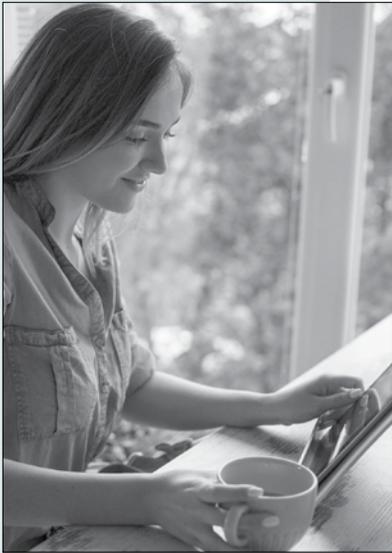
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BRIGITTE MARTIN,  
FRENCH TEACHER

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## Extensive Digital World Language Resource Handbook

Each participant will receive an extensive digital resource handbook giving you access to countless strategies before, during and after the seminar. The handbook includes:

- More than 100 resources, technology tools, and activities that are focused on world language instruction and communicative proficiency!
- Ways to adapt each strategy whether in-person, online or in a hybrid learning environment
- Detailed descriptions of practical activities presented during the seminar so that you can easily take them back to your classroom and implement them
- Effective and manageable strategies to nurture classroom community and build relationships with students
- A variety of carefully designed games and activities to explicitly teach students to effectively use circumlocution

## Share Ideas with Other World Language Educators

This seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to share ideas with other world language educators interested in strengthening their world language program.

## Consultation Available

Rebekah Stathakis will be available to answer your specific questions and the unique needs of your own program.

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To enroll, see registration form on page 7.



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## Registration (FPX1S1)

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