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Australian Curriculum: Languages PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM



Module 2

Design and structure of the *Australian Curriculum: Languages*

Module 2: Aims

- To build on understanding of the AC:L conceptual underpinnings
- To engage with the curriculum design and structure
- To engage with linked resource materials

Australian Curriculum: Languages

Language specific curricula
 Chinese, French, Indonesian, Italian
 available now on the Australian Curriculum website
 http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/languages/preamble

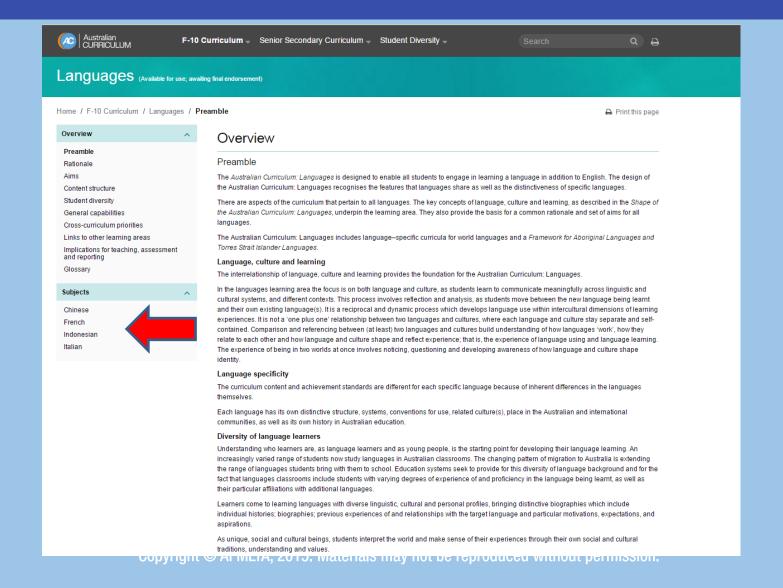
Arabic, German, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish, Vietnamese pdf draft versions available now on the *ACARA* website http://acara.edu.au/curriculum/learning_areas/languages.html

*Once approved final versions will be available on the Australian Curriculum website

Hindi, Turkish, Australian Sign Language, Classical Languages
Writing in 2015

 a Framework for Aboriginal Languages and Torres Strait Islander Languages – under development

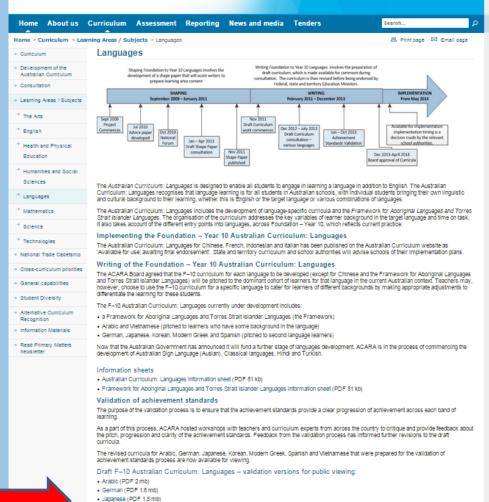
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. Vletnamese (PDF 1.8 mb)



Korean (PDF 1.9 mb)
 Modern Greek (PDF 1.7 mb)
 Spanish (PDF 1.6 mb)

Pathways

- For the majority of languages, the Foundation to Year 10 curriculum is pitched to the *dominant cohort* of learners for that language in the current Australian context.
- For Chinese, pathways have been developed for three learner groups:
 - second language learners,
 - background language learners
 - first language learners.
- Vietnamese and Arabic curricula are pitched to background language learners
- All other language curricula are pitched to second language learners
- For Aboriginal languages and Torres Strait Islander languages, a framework is being developed that caters for different learner pathways that also take account of the state of the particular language.

Sequences of learning

- The design of the Australian Curriculum: Languages takes account of
 different entry points into language learning across Foundation Year 10,
 which reflects current practice in languages.
- For the second language learner pathway and the background language learner pathway, there are two learning sequences:
 - Foundation–Year 10 sequence
 - Years 7–10 (Year 7 Entry) sequence.
- For the first language learner pathway, there is one learning sequence:
 - Years 7–10 (Year 7 Entry) sequence.
- The achievement standards for the end of Year 8 and the end of Year 10 in the Foundation Year 10 sequence are not equivalent to the achievement standards at the end of Year 8 and the end of Year 10 in the Years 7–10 (Year 7 Entry) sequence

Source: http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/languages/content-structure

Indicative hours to guide writing the curriculum

Level	Allocation	Weekly	% of total teaching time/year
F-6	350 hours	For example: 75 mins/week F-6 OR 2hrs /week 3-6	5%
7-8	160 hours	2 hours / week	8%
9-10	A further 160 hours	2 hours / week	8%

Curriculum Organisation: Strands → Sub-strands

Strands

The content of the Australian Curriculum:
 Languages is organised through two interrelated strands

Sub- strands

A set of sub-strands has been identified within each strand, which reflects dimensions of language use and the related content to be taught and learned.

Communicating Strand & Sub-strands

Strand	Sub-strand	Description		
Communicating: Using language for communicative purposes in	1.1 Socialising	Interacting orally and in writing to exchange, ideas, opinions, experiences, thoughts and feelings; and participating in planning, negotiating, deciding and taking action.		
interpreting, creating and exchanging meaning.	1.2 Informing	Obtaining, processing, interpreting and conveying information through a range of oral, written and multimodal texts; developing and applying knowledge.		
	1.3 Creating	Engaging with imaginative experience by participating in, responding to and creating a range of texts, such as stories, songs, drama and music.		
	1.4 Translating	Moving between languages and cultures orally and in writing, recognising different interpretations and explaining these to others.		
	1.5 Reflecting	Participating in intercultural exchange, questioning reactions and assumptions; and considering how interaction shapes communication and identity.		

Understanding Strand & Sub-strands

Strand	Sub-strand	Description		
Understanding: Analysing language and culture as a resource for	2.1 Systems of language	Understanding language as a system, including sound, writing, grammatical and textual conventions.		
interpreting and creating meaning.	2.2 Language variation and change	Understanding how languages vary in use (register, style, standard and non-standard varieties) and change over time and place.		
	2.3 The role of language and culture	Analysing and understanding the role of language and culture in the exchange of meaning.		

Activity

- Australian Curriculum: Japanese language
- Watch the film clip entitled
 "Challenges & Opportunities New emphases"
 http://www.lls.edu.au/teacherspace/professionallearning/2041
- Reflect on the comments raised in the clip
- Discuss:
 - How do the AC: L sub-strands compare with existing curricula/syllabuses being used?
 - How will you think about using the AC: L sub-strands to guide planning, or to fit with current approaches?

Curriculum Organisation: Sub-strands → Threads

Threads

- The sub-strands are further differentiated according to a set of 'threads' that support the internal organisation of content in each sub-strand. These 'threads' are designed to capture (1) range and variety in the scope of learning and (2) a means for expressing the progression of content across the learning sequences.
- Whilst the strands and sub-strands are the same across all languages, the threads vary across the language specific curricula

Threads: French F-10





F-10 Australian Curriculum: Languages - French - Foundation to Year 10 Sequence

	Communicating Using language for communicative purposes in interpreting, creating and exchanging meaning							
Sub Strand	Description	Thread	Foundation to Year	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6	Years 7 and 8	Years 9 and 10	
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Socialising	Interacting orally and in writing to exchange, ideas, opinions, experiences, thoughts and feelings; and participating in planning, negotiating, deciding and taking action.	Socialising and interacting	Interact with each other and the teacher using simple language and gestures for exchanges such as greetings and farewells, thanks and introductions, and for talking about self and family	Participate in routine exchanges such as asking each other how they are, offering wishes and sharing information about aspects of their personal worlds	Interact using descriptive and expressive language to share ideas, relate experiences and express feelings such as concern or sympathy	Participate in a range of spoken and written interactions, for example, exchanging views or experiences, apologising or excusing, inviting or congratulating	Discuss and compare young people's interests, behaviours and values across cultural contexts, using formal and informal registers	
		Taking action	Participate in guided group activities using simple repetitive language in songs, rhymes, games and transactions	Make statements, ask questions and collaborate in shared tasks such as science experiments, cooking or craft activities, building collections or swapping items	Participate in guided tasks such as organising displays, developing projects or budgeting for events	Engage in tasks and activities that involve negotiation and problem-solving	Engage in shared activities such as planning and managing events, exchanging resources and information	
		Building language for classroom interaction	Recognise and respond to classroom interactions such as opening and closing of lessons, transition activities, and giving and following instructions	Follow the teacher's instructions and use simple questions, statements and gestures to support own learning, such as asking for help or permission or attracting attention	Use questions, statements and responses to participate in learning activities, to indicate understanding and to monitor learning	Interact in classroom activities and discussions through asking and responding to open-ended questions, offering opinions and explaining positions	Compare and reflect on the experience of learning and using French	

Threads: Chinese & Indonesian

Sub – Strand	Thread (Indonesian)			
Socialising	Socialising and interacting			
	Taking action and transacting			
	Building classroom language			
Informing	Obtaining and using information			
	Conveying and presenting information			
Creating	Participating in and responding to imaginative experience			
	Creating and expressing imaginative experience			
Translating	Translating and explaining			
	Creating bilingual texts			
Reflecting	Intercultural Experience			
	Identity in intercultural interaction			

Sub – Strand	Thread (Chinese)			
Socialising	Oral - interacting, participating and taking action			
	Written - interacting, participating and taking action			
Informing	Oral - Obtaining, processing and using information			
Written - Obtaining, processing and using information				
Creating	Oral - Participating in, responding to and creating imaginative experience			
	Written - Participating in, responding to and creating imaginative experience			
Translating	Translating/interpreting			
	Creating own Chinese translations			
Reflecting	Reflecting			

- Band Descriptions provide a general description of language learning that is typical at particular year levels along the F-10 continuum.
- Content and achievement standards are described in bands of learning:

Foundation – 2

Years 3–4

Years 5–6

Years 7–8

Years 9–10

 Content Descriptions describe the knowledge, understanding, skills, concepts, processes and text types that teachers are expected to teach and students are expected to develop at that band level. Content descriptions specify content to be taught in a holistic and integrated way. They do not provide prescriptive directions for teaching.

 Content Elaborations provide elaborations of aspects of each content description: illustrations, descriptions or examples to indicate possibilities for teaching. They are intended as complementary support material. They are neither comprehensive nor prescriptive.

- Achievement Standards describe what students are typically able to understand and able to do. They describe expected achievement and emphasise the depth of conceptual understanding and the sophistication of skills.
- The Achievement Standards describe the quality of expected learning.
- For each subject (language) the achievement standards will be accompanied by portfolios of annotated work samples that illustrate the expected learning.

Activity

This curriculum is not an 'outcomes-based' or a 'proficiency- based' approach. It is a 'language-specific, achievement-based' approach which is sensitive to learner needs and context and supports intercultural learning.

How is this similar/different to the curriculum you are currently using?

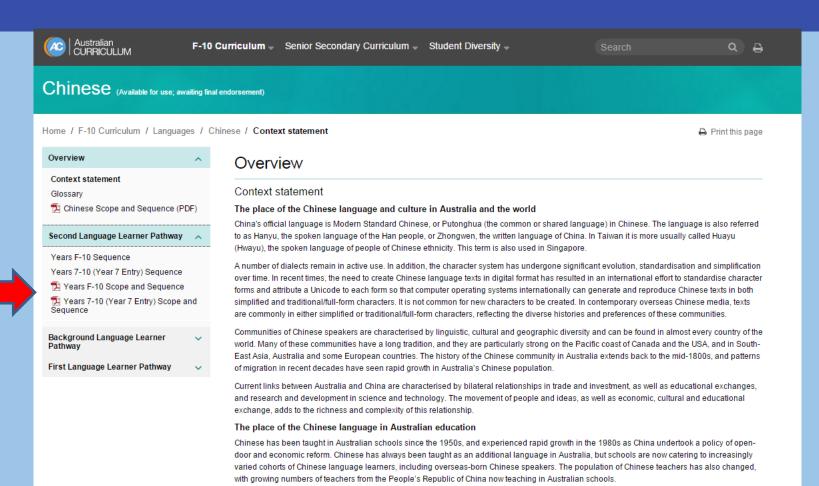
Curriculum Documents

- Scope & Sequence (PDF)
 - Strands
 - Sub-strands
 - Threads
 - Content Descriptions

For more details:

http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/languages/content-structure

Scope and Sequence



engagement with Asia

The nature of Chinese language learning

Chinese is recognised as an important language for young Australians to learn as Australia progresses towards a future of increased trade and

For the purposes of the Australian Curriculum: Languages, 'Chinese' refers to Modern Standard Chinese, Pinyin Romanisation and simplified characters. Given the ongoing use of both forms of Chinese characters (simplified and full form) in the media, in education and in environmental print (advertisements and shop signs), some knowledge or awareness of both systems is an advantage, for Chinese speakers and Chinese learners alike. Although both writing systems and the range of dialects should be recognised in any Chinese language curriculum, the priority in

'Scope and Sequence' (pdf) - includes all Content Descriptions (F-10 / 7-10)





F-10 Australian Curriculum: Languages - Chinese Second Language Learner Pathway - Foundation to Year 10 Sequence

	Communicating Using language for communicative purposes in interpreting, creating and exchanging meaning						
Sub Strand	Description	Thread	Foundation to Year 2	Years 3 and 4	Years 5 and 6	Years 7 and 8	Years 9 and 10
Socialising	Interacting orally and in writing to exchange, ideas, opinions, experiences, thoughts and feelings; and participating in planning, negotiating, deciding and taking action	Oral – Interacting, participating and taking action	Participate in class routines, structured conversations and activities using teacher-modelled tones and rhythms	Interact with teachers and peers in social and class activities, exchanging ideas and opinions, using correct tones	Initiate interactions with peers and known adults to plan and organise social activities	Initiate and sustain interactions with peers and familiar adults to plan and arrange activities or social events in the context of the school or local community, and vary spoken language in response to the needs and demands of other participants	Exchange and elaborate on suggestions and opinions in spoken interactions related to planning and negotiating activities and events, adjusting spoken language for familiar and unfamiliar participants, purposes and contexts
		Written – Interacting, participating and taking action	Interact with simple written texts in familiar contexts to contribute to class discussions	Exchange simple correspondence with teachers and peers to contribute suggestions and arrange activities	Exchange correspondence and create simple written material to plan future activities and events and contribute ideas	Correspond with peers and other familiar participants to plan activities, and compare opinions on and attitudes towards different cultures	Sustain and extend written exchanges about places, future plans, and contemporary social issues and activities

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Activity

- Download the Scope and Sequence for a language and pathway that you teach
 - For Chinese, French, Indonesian and Italian go to:
 http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/languages/preamble
 - The Scope and Sequence pdf is a separate downloadable document
 - For Arabic, German, Japanese, Korean, Modern Greek, Spanish,
 Vietnamese go to:
 - http://acara.edu.au/curriculum/learning areas/languages.html
 - The Scope and Sequence is within the full pdf document
- Notice :
 - the content to be addressed over a 2 year band
 - the progression across the year levels within each thread

Curriculum Documents

- Sequence (interactive)
 - Band Description
 - Content Descriptions
 - Elaborations
 - Links to Resources(Scootle)
 - Achievement Standards

For more details:

http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/languages/content-structure

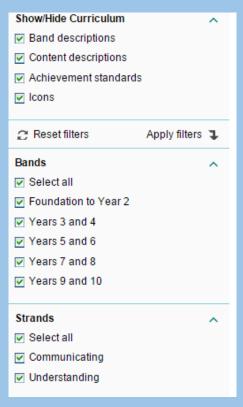
'Sequence' Materials - Choose your view!

Customise the way you view the curriculum sequence materials online to match the way you want to use it

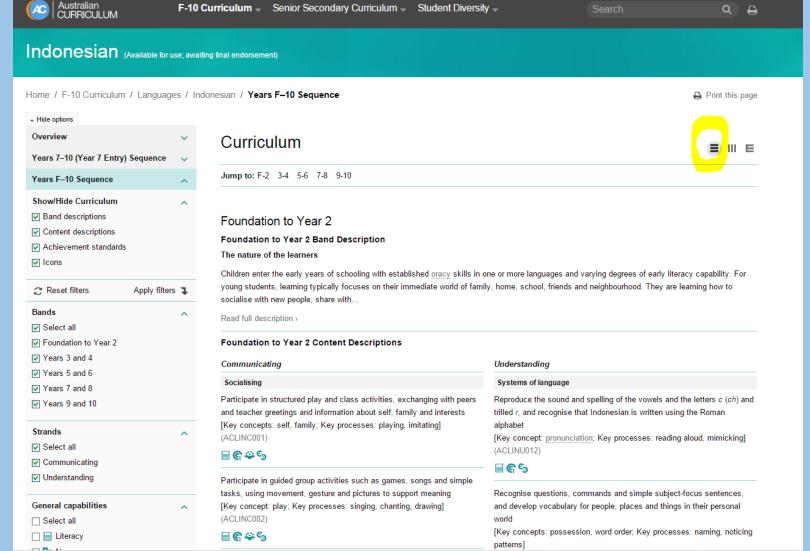
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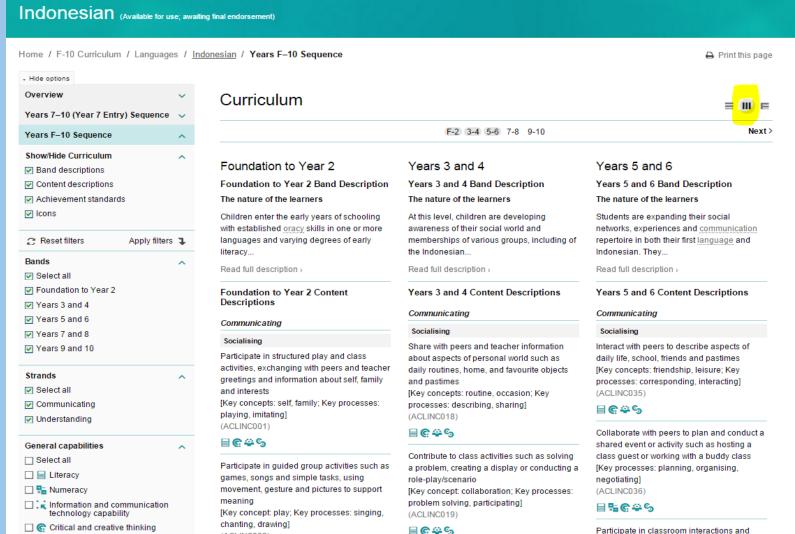
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View ≡:Content Descriptors for 1 Band



View III: Content Descriptions: F-6 / 7-10

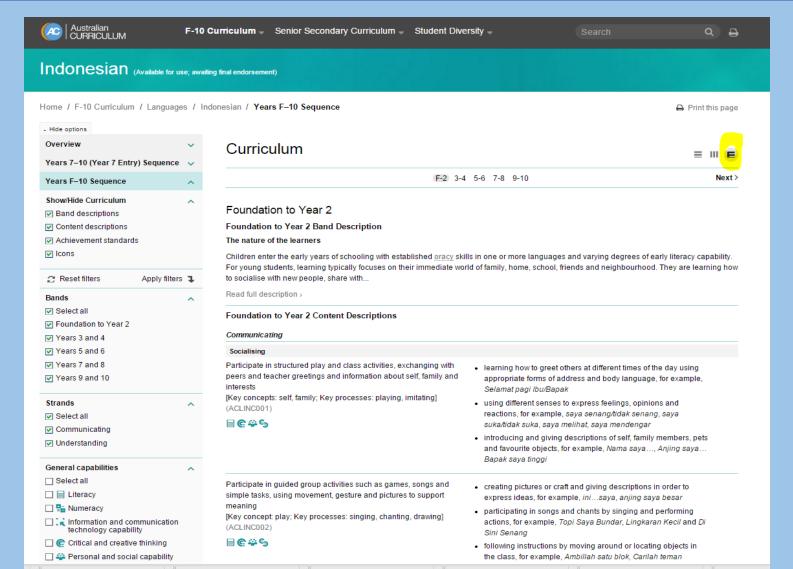


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Personal and social capability

structured tasks by asking and responding to

View E: Content Descriptors & Elaborations for 1 Band



Tips for working with the *Australian Curriculum: Languages*

- Look for opportunities to combine aspects of both the Communicating and the Understanding strands in all activities/units of work
- Do not attempt to 'cover' all of the elaborations

 these are suggestions only of ways in which
 the content descriptions may be addressed!

Achievement Standard F-10 Sequence: Indonesian

Years 5 and 6 Achievement Standard

By the end of Year 6, students use Indonesian to convey information about themselves, their family and friends, and daily routines and activities. They locate specific details and use familiar words and phrases to predict meanings in texts. They respond to and create texts such as descriptions and conversations to share factual and imaginative ideas and experiences, using formulaic phrases and modelled language. Students produce ng/ny/ngg sounds, and apply knowledge of pronunciation and spelling to predict the sound, spelling and meaning of new words. They ask and respond to questions using Apa?, Siapa? Berapa? and Di mana?, and interact spontaneously with peers in discussions on familiar topics. Students use subject-focus construction with a range of ber- verbs (bermain, berjalan, bercakap-cakap, berenang) and formulaic me- verbs (membaca, mendengarkan, menonton). They express numbers using ratus and ribu, and describe character and appearance using noun + adjective word order, for example, Rumah Budi besar; Dia tinggi dan lucu. Students use possessive pronouns with some accuracy (for example, Nama teman saya...) and describe events in time using pada with whole numbers and days of the week. They use prepositions such as di atas/dalam/belakang, and the conjunctions karena and tetapi. They translate texts, relying on key words and formulaic expressions, describing how meanings may vary across languages and cultures. Students comment on how experiences and cultural perspectives, including their own, influence people's assumptions and language use in intercultural interactions.

Students understand that Indonesian is a <u>language</u> system that has rules, and that (subject-focus) sentence construction is similar to English. They recognise features of texts such as adjectives in descriptions, superlatives in advertisements and imperatives in signs. Students observe that <u>language</u> use varies according to age, relationships and situation, particularly in relation to terms of address and the nature of what is discussed. They recognise loan words from English and their Indonesian spelling (*televisi*) and <u>pronunciation</u> (*kriket*). They comment on similarities and differences between aspects of <u>language</u> and <u>culture</u>, such as celebrations (*Idul Fitri, Hari Ulang Tahun*), leisure (*takraw, bulu tangkis*) and environment (*desa, hutan*). Students understand that in both Indonesian and English some terms and expressions reflect culture-specific practices (for example, *Selamat siang, mandi, guling*) and cannot be directly translated.

Activity: Reflect on your current program in relation to the Achievement Standards

- Read through an achievement standard in your language for a level that you teach
- Highlight using 3 colours:
 - 1. aspects you currently do at this level
 - 2. aspects you need to consider including at this level
 - 3. aspects you might not include at this level
- Reflect on the implications for your planning and write some notes identifying what you may need to include/remove from your current program

Links to Resources

- Click on the unique code (eg. ACLITC100) for each Content Description.
- Then click on the Scootle image which appears on a 'pop-up' screen to be taken to a range of resources which may be useful in addressing this content descriptor.



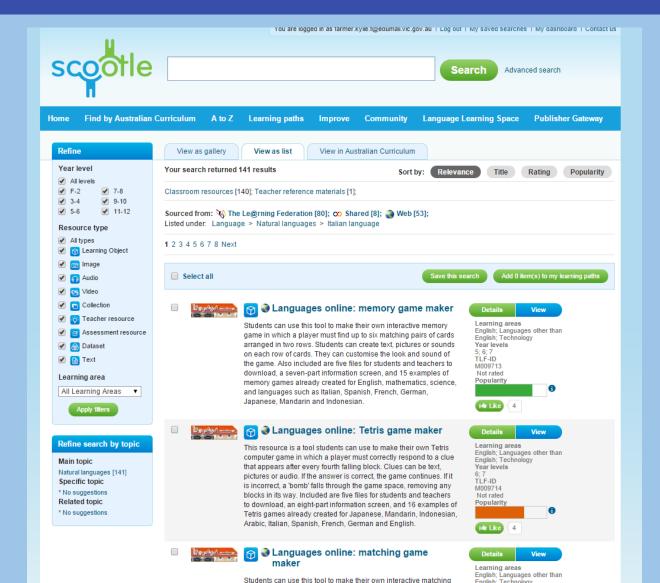
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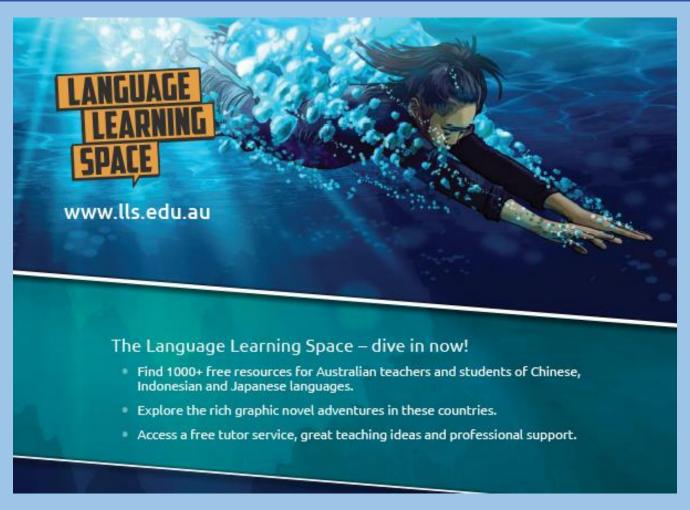
Scootle Resources

- Scootle is a content discovery portal containing more than 22,000 teaching resources.
- To obtain a 'Scootle' password go to: https://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/preregister.action

Scootle Resources



Teacher and Student Resources: Language Learning Space



Professional Learning Modules relating to AC:L available on the Language Learning Space



Australian Curriculum: Japanese language

http://www.lls.edu.au/teacherspace/ professionallearning/2041



Chinese Language

http://www.lls.edu.au/teacherspace/professionallearning/18



The Australian Curriculum: Indonesian

http://www.lls.edu.au/teacherspace/professionallearning/1145

Implementation

 Relevant curriculum and school authorities in each state and territory make decisions about the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in their schools

Source:

http://www.acara.edu.au/curriculum/foundation - year 10.html
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