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## IMPROVING COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FROM A DISTANCE

### The project

iCom is an Erasmus Plus project which aims to compensate for the lack of formulaic language-based teaching materials by creating a **handbook** for teachers, an **app** for learners that uses all authentic sources from target languages, and an **Open Educational Resource** for teachers which provides practical teaching materials for formulaic language. The project is coordinated by Eurospeak (United Kingdom).

### Handbook

After researching what formulaic language is, how to incorporate more of it into the foreign language lessons (in person and online), and how students will benefit from it, the Guide on teaching communication through formulaic language, led by Valodu Mape (Latvia) is ready!

You can download the Guide here: <https://rb.gy/rtkxrb>

It is also available in German, Italian, Latvian, Spanish and Russian with unique and original activities in each language!

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## Information about the project

**Duration:**  
Summer 2021 - Spring  
2023

**Project number:**  
2020-I-UK01-KA226-  
VET-094510

### Products:

-Teachers' Guide on  
teaching  
communication through  
formulaic language

-Learners' Mobile  
Application

-Teachers' OER for  
formulaic language  
teaching

### Website

[http://icom-  
erasmus.site/](http://icom-erasmus.site/)

Stay tuned for more!

## Partner meetings

Our final transnational partner meeting took place in Valmiera, Latvia, from 10/05 to 11/05 of 2023!



Oxford Headway 5<sup>th</sup> edition Upper-Intermediate

**SPOKEN ENGLISH Adjective intensifiers**

1 Look at these lines from what the people said. Which words intensify the adjective?  
 'He used to make these dead languages seem *dead easy*.'  
 'He had a *razor-sharp* wit.'

2 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.  
 brand stiff freezing tiny wide great boiling fast

- They live in this \_\_\_\_\_ big house in the centre of London.
- I made one \_\_\_\_\_ little mistake in my driving test, but I still failed.
- Careful with the soup - it's \_\_\_\_\_ hot. Don't scald yourself.
- It's \_\_\_\_\_ cold in here. Can't we put on the heating?
- Do you like my car? It's \_\_\_\_\_ new.
- Don't worry. You won't wake the children. They're \_\_\_\_\_ asleep.
- I have a cold shower every morning, then I feel \_\_\_\_\_ awake.
- I'm fed up with this lesson. Me, too. I'm bored \_\_\_\_\_.

3 Find more examples in audioscript 9.8 on pages 148 and 149.

Screenshot from the iCom Educational Platform

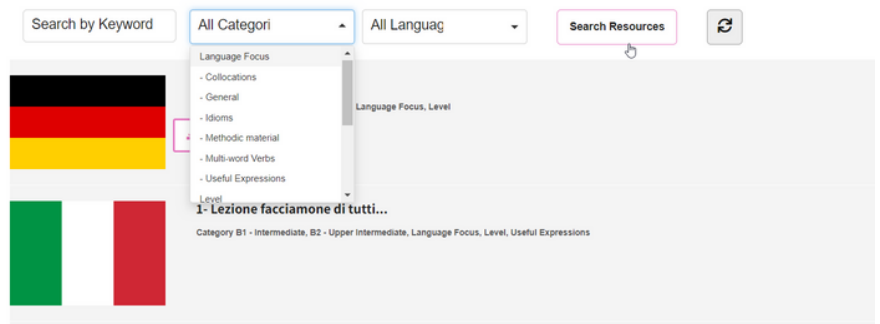
## Project complete!

Our project has been completed! After working together for 2 years, our team can now present all of the project results, that will be free and available online for both language teachers and learners to use. It has been a pleasure working with each other and we hope to collaborate again soon!

## Intellectual Output 3: the iCom Educational Platform

Our online platform is a tool mainly focused on language teachers that wish to find exercises for formulaic language. Our materials are available in English, Italian, Spanish, Latvian, Russian and German! Users can enter the platform without any registration needed, and find the resource the most suitable for their needs. They can search via keywords, by selecting a category (collocations, general, idioms, methodic material, multi-word verbs, useful expressions) or language level (A1 to C2).

Scan the QR code below or visit our website to find out more!



## PROJECT PARTNERS

