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Speaking French from the very first lesson

The title of this article is not an idle boast when describing Pascal Teisseire. Pascal has been teaching English for over 11 years and set up his company Teisseire Formation in 1997.

He employs an extremely effective method, used by the best, called reformulation. The student is required to answer a string of similar questions on the same subject/point of grammar, with the emphasis very much on producing the spoken word correctly. Be it one-to-one or a small or big group, Pascal can "work the floor" to great effect, giving students optimum time to speak.

He began life as a civil servant in the Ministry of Defence, and qualifications include an English Masters

from Nice University, and a BA in translation (*licence*) from Paris' Sorbonne Nouvelle.

He has a varied experience in a wide range of subjects. His speciality may be civil service and catering, yet he also counts Texas Instruments, Synopsys, an electrician and small yacht company among past and present clients.

Although he is based in Nice, Pascal covers the Alpes Maritimes and Var border, teaching mainly onsite or at the client's home. He is a part-time lecturer at Nice University, teaching English to computer science students. As a committee member of the British Association Nice Branch, he has also instigated a Happy Hour *en français* which is proving popular. CL