



The Center for Open Educational Resources & Language Learning (COERLL) is one of 16 National Foreign Language Resource Centers (LRC's) funded by the U.S. Department of Education. These centers are tasked with improving the teaching and learning of foreign languages by producing resources in the form of instructional materials and best practices.

# LRC FOCUS AREAS:

- 1. Applied linguistic research
- 2. Teaching materials
- 3. Language assessment
- 4. Teacher development
- 5. Less commonly taught languages
- 6. K-12 initiatives
- 7. Outreach and dissemination.

## COERLL'S MISSION

COERLL focuses on Open Educational Resources (OER) and Open Educational Practices (OEP). OER are teaching and learning materials that carry an open license that allows you to use and reuse them, or even modify and redistribute them, at little to no cost. Traditionally, pedagogical materials are created by commercial publishers for teachers and students to purchase and consume. However, OER allow teachers and students to collaborate and share their own usergenerated materials.

The term OER refers to any activity that contributes to the creation, use, and reporposing of OER such as combining several OERs into a single "mashup" or extending

a copyrighted textbook with supplementary OER, and so forth. In other words, OEP are all the creative ways teachers and students develop and share their open materials to promote language learning.

# WITH OER, YOU CAN...

- Customize content to meet the specific needs of your students.
- Motivate your students with authentic resources
- Redefine your role stand back and facilitate students' exploration
- Enrich your own curriculum with supplements and modules
- Make use of the multimedia rich online landscape
- Test new tools and platforms
- Find and create current content
- Engage in learning communities with other teachers and students, and even include parents
- Share and be recognized for your work
- Reduce costs of materials

# COERLL RESOURCES AND PROJECTS

COERLL offers OER in over 15 languages. Every grant cycle COERLL partners with faculty from all over the U.S. to create new open language projects. We invite you to use these resources, and make them your own!

#### LINKS:

http://coerll.utexas.edu/coerll/materials http://coerll.utexas.edu/coerll/projects http://coerll.utexas.edu/coerll/projects/archive

# OER/OEP TRAINING, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

COERLL hosts webinars and events for professional development at the University of Texas at Austinto train teachers about OER and OEP for language learning. In addition, COERLL gives presentations at conferences and events across the country about how to create foreign language OER or how to find existing OER.

### LINK:

http://coerll.utexas.edu/coerll/events

### HOW DO I KNOW WHICH ONE IS AN OER?

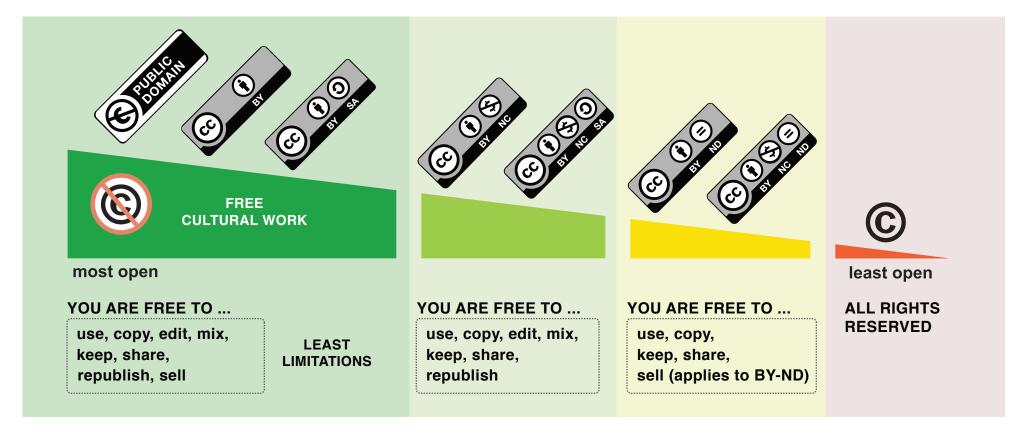
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# **SHARING COMMUNITIES**

When people share their open language resources with each other, they create a community. Being a member of a sharing community saves you time and effort by teaching you the basics of open education. If you are a teacher who wants to learn more, we invite you to join COERLL's community of practice. After all, learning is sharing.

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