



Charles J. S. Goodger BA Hons.

Teacher, Teacher Trainer and Action Songs writer
Creator of the "FunSongs Method"

Details and Family

Nationality: British, born in London in 1955. Married to Maria Teresa Brintazzoli, Italian and English teacher. One son born in 2000.

Foreign Languages

English, French, Spanish, Italian (*fluent*), German (*B1*) Latvian (*A2*).

Qualifications

RCM Music Diploma (piano)

London University, BA degree in Modern Languages and Literature: French and Spanish: TEFL RSA Teaching Diploma, IH, London.

Work and teaching experience

Over 35 years experience as a freelance teacher, teacher trainer, textbook writer, pianist, guitarist, singer and songwriter.

In 2001 he won a national *concorso* in Italy to become a part-time *esperto linguistico* at Bologna University where he has indefinite tenure.

He has been employed by CLA at Bologna University since October 2001.

In the last 20 years he has been invited to hold seminars at international teaching conferences in the following countries: Portugal, Spain, France, UK, Germany, Greece, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Russia and China. He has spoken regularly at numerous British Council and TESOL Italy conferences. He was on the Young Learners Committee of the British ELT teacher association IATEFL from 2012 till 2017.

On June 1st 2017 and again on November 2 2017 he conducted seminars for teacher trainee students on using actions songs in language teaching for the Faculty of Education Sciences, Bologna University.

On 6th September 2017 he conducted a 3-hour teacher training course for primary school teachers of English at IC Malalbergo in Altedo (BO)

From February till May 2018, after winning a European PON competition on using drama and music in English language teaching, he worked with a team of teachers and 3 classes of primary school children at IC 2 S. Lazzaro (BO).

From September 2018 till May 2019 he was appointed to hold special "FunSongs English" classes for 2nd year children by San Lazzaro Municipality.

In 2018 he won a competition to teach English at the Faculty of Education Sciences, Bologna University and conducted a 2nd year "Gruppo G" course of 32 hours from February till May 2019.

He was invited to hold special "FunSongs English" courses for children by the Antoniano Foundation in Bologna from October 2017 until May 2019.

In 2019 he again won a competition with the Education Sciences Faculty to teach 2 courses on English language and pronunciation from February 2020 till June 2020 (Lab H 3rd Year) and June 2020 till July 2020 (Lab I 3rd Year). In November 2020 the Istituto Giunizelli in Castelfranco (MO) invited him to deliver and coordinate 16 hours of online teacher development for primary school teachers.

From 2018 to 2023 he won several competitions at the Faculty of Education at the University of Bologna to teach and optimise the English language. In January 2021, the Istituto Comprensivo Guinizelli in Castelfranco (MO) invited him to coordinate 16 hours of online training for primary school teachers.

He retired on 31 December 2023 after 21 years of service as an employee of the University of Bologna but continues to work as an adjunct professor for the Faculty of Education Sciences. From February to June 2023, he held three English language workshops for first-year students.

Publications

Trade & Business International (1991) , The Language of Travel (1993), Trade in Action (1994), Trade Routes (1998) Juvenilia/Mondadori Milan; World Friends (1996,) Longman, UK; Are You Ready One? Are You Ready Two? (1999) UK OK and US OK (2004), SEI, Turin, Italy; numerous academic articles in educational publications. Since 2004 he has written mainly for FunSongs Education - language-learning action songs and teaching materials and bilingual puppet shows for Primary School classes. He has also written and licensed original language songs, chants and raps for Aschehoug (Norway) and Young Digital Planet (Poland). In May 2020 he published an article with the online didactic publication Dire Fare Insegnare entitled "Insegnare l'inglese con gioia."

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