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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Technology-enhanced language learning; game-based and AI-supported vocabulary learning; young EFL learners in bilingual (CLIL) classrooms; teachers' design of learning technology; L2 vocabulary acquisition and assessment.

EDUCATION

M.A. in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Sep 2024 – Expected May 2027
Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan

- Ranked **1st in class**, 2025–2026 academic year (GPA 4.18/4.3)
- Thesis: *Song-Integrated Instruction: Productive Vocabulary Learning and Retention among Young EFL Learners in Taiwan*. Proposal approved November 2026. Supervisor: Prof. Chen Meihua
- Relevant coursework: L2 Vocabulary Acquisition, Teaching and Assessment (A+); English Teaching Methods (A+); Research Methods in Applied Linguistics (A); Assessment and Testing in Foreign Language Learning (A)

Mandarin Chinese Language Program Sep 2023 – Aug 2024
Chinese Language Center, Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan

B.Sc. in Computer Science (Video Game Development), with highest honors June 2023
Dept. of Computer Science and Multimedia, Higher Institute of Multimedia Arts of Manouba, University of Manouba, Tunisia

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND PRESENTATIONS

- **MA thesis study (data collection in progress, Fall 2026):** song-integrated vs. flashcard instruction with an intact Grade 4 EFL class (crossover design); productive vocabulary tested at pre-test, immediate post-test and two delayed post-tests, plus a learner questionnaire.
- **Pilot study (2026):** 15 young EFL learners; pre-test, immediate and delayed post-tests (2 and 9 weeks); results informed the main study.
- **Case study on AI feedback (Spring 2025):** *Case Studies on EFL Students' Use of ChatGPT Feedback*; multiple-case study of three Taiwanese undergraduates revising essays with ChatGPT feedback (course research, Prof. Kai-Lin Wu, Tunghai University).
- **Research game development (2022):** designed and developed the full game (game design, programming, UI) for a University of Manouba research project on children with ADHD.
- **Poster presentation:** Farah M., & Chen, M. (2026, May 8). *Song-integrated instruction to enhance Taiwanese primary EFL learners' vocabulary gains and retention.* 2026 TaiwanCALL & GLoCALL Joint Conference, Tunghai University, Taichung, Taiwan.
- **International conference attendance:** TESOL France 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

English and Science Teacher, DSE School (English language center), Taichung May 2024 – present

- Teach English, and science in English, to Grades 1–6, and speaking and fluency classes for adults.
- Design the curriculum, choose the coursebooks and supplement them with original materials, including educational games I design and code (HTML/JavaScript) and worksheets.
- Prepare tests and exams; prepare learners for GSAT English and Cambridge B1/B2 exams, including scoring writing against exam criteria.
- Meet with parents and write regular feedback on each learner's progress.

Long-term Substitute Teacher, Washington Bilingual School, Taichung Nov 2024 – Jan 2025

- Covered English, creative writing, reading, science (G4, G6) and math (G1, G3, G4) daily in a bilingual school setting.

Private Tutor (English and French), Taichung and online

- Tutor individual learners in exam and placement preparation and general English; teach French online.

Coding and Game Development Teacher, The Young Coders, Bizerte, Tunisia 2021 – 2023

- Taught children aged 6–17 C# game programming in Unity, level design and Arduino.

GAME DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Level Artist, Lanterns Studio, Tunis Feb – May 2023

- Designed and built game levels in Unity.

3D Artist, CGI Studio, Menzel Temime, Tunisia 2021 – 2022

- Created 3D assets for games and animation projects.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- **International Student Scholarship**, Tunghai University, 2024–2026
- **Global Game Jam:** top placements in 2021, 2022 and 2023 (story writer, level artist, game designer)

SKILLS

- **Research and statistics:** crossover (within-participants) design; vocabulary test development and piloting; two-rater scoring and agreement; nonparametric testing; qualitative case-study analysis; R, SPSS, Excel
- **Development:** Python, JavaScript, HTML, C#, Unity, Arduino
- **Languages:** Arabic and French (native, bilingual), English (C2), Mandarin (B1, certified), Italian (A2), Turkish (A1)