Ludic Language Pedagogy is **MMM** ... way more delicious than digital game-based language learning

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**Key points**

- **What is this?** A one-page introduction to the core of doing LLP.

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**Tweet synopsis**

What's that teacher cooking up in her classroom?
MMM!
Smells good.
Doing LLP means considering your mmm (Methods, Materials, Mediation).
Read on.

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**View at the LLP Playground:** [https://llpjournal.org/2021/02/28/j-york-j-de-haan-llp-mmm-delicious.html](https://llpjournal.org/2021/02/28/j-york-j-de-haan-llp-mmm-delicious.html)

The zine layout is available on itch.io: [https://llpjournal.itch.io/llp-zine-01](https://llpjournal.itch.io/llp-zine-01)

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**Introduction**

The idea behind this playground was to limit ourselves to making a one-page introduction to doing LLP. This playground was a game of sorts; we restricted ourselves to one-page (and a zine) to make sure we only included our main ideas. The one-page format and the zine were rules for us to play inside of.

Additionally, James’s background (and hobby) is in the chiptune music scene where people make modern music with the sound design limitations of defunct game consoles (such as the Gameboy, NES, Sega Genesis, etc.). This ethos of exploring the possibility of such strict limitations was carried into the creation of this playground.¹

That is, we wanted to make something as SIMPLE and as SHORT and EASILY DIGESTIBLE as possible. Making the playground though, we started to think laterally about what “one-page” means. The result…. The thing in your hands right now: A playground that fits onto a single piece of A4 paper. In indie/geek circles, what you are holding is called a zine.

**Below is the content** of the zine for OPR purposes as well as for readers to have access to the links we provided.

¹ See also the “demo scene” [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHmbGbnhHak](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHmbGbnhHak)
Take the LLPesi challenge

1. LLP ingredients are prepared by a chef | DGBLL is “mechanically separated” (leaves everything to bland vocabulary games)
2. LLP sustains teachers and learners with a balance of content and motivation | DGBLL is empty calories (students get a motivation sugar rush, then crash)
3. LLP dishes can be enjoyed from food trucks, bistros, Michelin-star restaurants or grandma’s kitchens all over the world | DGBLL never leaves the laboratory kitchen (never transfers to classroom practice)

Prep: 5 mins (to read this recipe)
Additional: 1 hour - 1 year for creation and implementation
Servings: 1-100 (your class size)
Nutrition Info: 157 calories;
Ludic 10.4g; Language 16.8g; Pedagogy 21.5g

Ingredients
Methods, Materials, Mediation

Instructions
1. Consider your guests’ preferences (students).
2. Read great chefs’ books or nutritionists’ guidelines (research and methods)
3. Gather the right ingredients (methods, materials, mediation)
4. Lay the table (prepare your materials and classroom)
5. Be sure to stir (interaction, mediation)
6. Ask how your guests liked your meal (get feedback from students)
7. Share your creation on instagram or Discord (Tell the LLP community about it.)
8. Bake it again (iterate, improve, innovate!)

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<td>The <strong>interaction</strong> that teachers have with students <strong>before</strong>, <strong>during</strong> and <strong>after</strong> gameplay and the material work.</td>
<td>Explanations, modeling, framing, guiding, assisting, adapting, questioning, prompting, providing feedback, repeating tasks, translation, transcription, + more</td>
<td>LLP <strong>Walkthroughs</strong> - deHaan (2020) - York (2019) LLP <strong>Playgrounds</strong> - Jones (2020) - McFadyen (2020) - Rasmussen (2020)</td>
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😊 What makes your LLP go “MMM?”²

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² [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XF2ayWcJfko](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XF2ayWcJfko)
Recipes! Research! References!


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