Workshop on
Language Play and Computers

August 25th-26th 2006
9.30am – 4.30pm on both days
Division of Applied Computing, Queen Mother Building,
University of Dundee, Dundee, UK

Content
Encouraging children to play with language is an potentially rich way of promoting the development of language and communication skills. This workshop presents a variety of recent research into developing software which gives children the opportunity for language play through interaction with a computer. There will also be time for hands-on experience of some examples of this type of software, under the supervision of its designers.

More details are available on the Workshop website:
http://groups.inf.ed.ac.uk/standup/workshop.

The full programme will appear there during June.

Speakers
There will be talks by researchers who have developed language play software, including the local creators of the STANDUP program which allows children to create their own puns.

Participants
The event is aimed both at practitioners in education, including teachers and speech/language therapists, and at researchers in education, language, humour, and (especially) combinations of these. It is possible to attend either Day 1 or Day 2 or both.

Booking
Early registration is recommended as places are limited to 50 per day. There is no fee for attendance. Those wishing to attend should complete and send in the registration form, which is on the Workshop website.

Subsidies
A small number of participants may apply for a contribution from the Workshop towards their travelling and accommodation expenses for attending the event. Preference in the award of this subsidy will be given to therapists and teachers, as funding is limited. Application for this support should be made on the registration form.

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