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**Jonathan Chambers**

What's in a name? After working in Shanghai American School's ESOL (English as a Second or Other Language) department for 10 years, tomorrow we're rebranding our department with a more elegant title: EAL (English as an Additional Language). Many other great changes are coming.

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**Jonathan Pride** why would you do that? ESOL is so traditional it's like replacing Led-Zepplin with lady gaga.....she suks....
56 minutes ago · Like · 1

**Jonathan Chambers** Unlike Lady Gaga, it's not all about stage antics, costumes and controversy. It's more meaningful, and it will hopefully inspire deeper artistry. Think about that, young padawan!
50 minutes ago · Like · 1

**Jonathan Pride** But master chambers there's no hope for this new name!
49 minutes ago · Like

**Jonathan Chambers** Jonathan, do some research on the name before you make your judgments. It's actually internationally accepted as the more precise formula. We're moving forward.
44 minutes ago · Like

**Alexander Smith** Oh yah - I remember back when it was just plain ol' ESL....I'm a dinosaur
37 minutes ago · Like

**Russell Ethridge** was just talking to someone today about how incredibly cool you are. this solidifies it. ok, it was already solid. kudos on the change. :)
35 minutes ago · Unlike · 1

**Jonathan Pride** I dont wanna move forward i like the old name just like I like Zepplin or Metallica
30 minutes ago · Like

**Jonathan Chambers** Jonathan, this is getting silly, but what can I say... Foo Fighters are better than Nirvana!
27 minutes ago · Like

**Jonathan Pride** well of course I think we would all agree with that statement
26 minutes ago · Unlike · 1

**Andrew Grant** So that means all the multilingual folk can now access English studies right?
6 minutes ago · Like

**Jonathan Chambers** Andrew, yes, the name change is part of the 'reframing' of our services so that people can understand that we're not just providing support for people who are 'brand new' to English. Good question ;-)
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