



# Born a Crime: Developing Supplementary Material

The aim of this project was to develop material to supplement the autobiography 'It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime' written by South African-Swiss comedian Trevor Noah. The target learners for these materials are English language learners in 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> class.

The students should be able to relate to the content of the book, as Noah tells stories from his childhood in South Africa in a comedic fashion. He balances anecdotes of friendship, conflicts and family life with tales of South African history and modern life. This results in a unique autobiography, which draws readers in instantly.

## Steps

1. Definition of Key Terms
2. Development of Quality Criteria
3. Material Development
4. Evaluation
5. Adaptation

## Key Terms

- CLIL vs. CBLT
- CLIL: Content and Language Integrated Learning
- CBLT: Content-Based Language Teaching
- Authentic Materials
- Graded Language
- Material Development
- Multilingualism
- Second-Language Acquisition

## Material

The material developed to supplement 'It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime' consists of 17 standalone chapters. The material covers several aspects of the curriculum Lehrplan 21, including objectives within Passepartout, Education for Sustainable Development (BNE) and more.

The material developed for each chapter offer a variety of tasks with each language competence (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) being represented.

Each chapter also has a corresponding vocabulary exercise. These are kept separate from the main worksheets so as to ensure the material is able to be used in both CLIL and CBLT, as vocabulary task have no place in the former.

In evaluations with teachers and learners, the material was well-received and only needed minor adaptation.

## Quality Criteria

The activities are varied.

The activities are competence-oriented

The activities stimulate authentic use of the English language.

The activities corresponding to a chapter have a clear link to its content

The chapters can be taught as standalone lessons.