

Language Master Used in Teaching Vocabulary

The evaluation of the Language Master promised in the last issue of the TESL Reporter is progressing. Uses will be suggested in subsequent issues as these machines are used in The Church College of Hawaii English Language Institute (ELI).

One time saving feature for teacher which can be reported at this time is its use for the pronunciation of items which students are studying in English vocabulary builders. The ELI is currently using EDL Word Clues as out-of-class work for advanced classes. Previous to giving an assignment the teacher pronounces the assigned words on small language master cards. Students who are unfamiliar with the pronunciation can practice with these cards as they complete the programmed written assignments, which teach the words in context and by definition, thus making it a completely individualized program.

Reading assignments which have vocabulary footnotes can also be used in this way, and students can have an initial correct pronunciation available for out-of-class study.