

What is the difference between the Fractal Approach to ELT and previous approaches?

The paradigm used in the Fractal Approach...

- presents more a more dynamic model of the language
- concentrates on the output rather than the initial state of the language
- assumes that identical inputs do not necessarily produce identical outputs
- places more emphasis on non-verbal contributors to meaning
- accepts more grey areas of acceptability
- stresses the fleeting nature of the spoken language
- is rooted outside language
- sees language as a real-world phenomenon rather than as an artificial construct
- emphasises the influence of context on meaning
- focuses on content rather than form
- empowers the teacher to use resources which may previously have been dismissed
- encourages flexibility, discovery and iterative, ongoing learning