

Thought we would share some online resources available for English learners. They are divided into three sections, one for students, one for parents, and one for teachers.

Written Language

- **[Breaking News English](#)**

Helps students better their English vocabulary and grammar through the context of learning about current news and global affairs.

- **[Business English Vocabulary](#)**

For ESP students focused on building their business vocabulary, VBE has an extensive list of words commonly used in this arena.

- **[English Club's Vocabulary Quizzes](#)**

Want to test your knowledge of vocabulary? There are dozens of categorized quizzes provided on this website.

- **[English Forums](#)**

Operating as the globe's biggest network of ESL learners and English speakers, this dynamic forum allows non-native speakers to ask any grammar questions they may have while learning English.

- **[English Grammar Guide](#)**

This website provides helpful guides and examples for learning English grammar concepts like adverb, relative clauses and verb tenses.

- **[Learn That Word](#)**

With a focus on vocabulary expansion and spelling, students can review thousands of words – including those commonly missed on TOEFL exams.

- **[Self-Study Quizzes](#)**

Whether trying to master homonyms, grammar, or slang, this website has a range of quizzes to help.

Oral Language

- **20-Minute ESL Lessons**

Great for students with limited amounts of time to study, these short audio lessons are broken down by specific categories.

- **A Word a Day**

This daily email teaches subscribers a new word every day, including its definition and pronunciation.

- **BBC's Learning English**

The BBC provides a roundup of common topics that frustrate non-native English speakers, including lots of tips about vocabulary.

- **English Leap**

English is filled with inconsistencies when it comes to pronunciations, but English Leap offers help by focusing on how letters combine to form different sounds.

- **English Teacher Melanie**

This YouTube channel is run by an actual teacher who focuses heavily on different sounds and pronunciations, specifically within an American context.

- **ESLPod**

This weekly podcasts tackles common topics in English language learning and discusses them in simple English to help listeners comprehend and retain the lessons.

- **Podcasts in English**

The beauty of this podcast is its arrangement into different levels, making it easy for students just beginning lessons or polishing the finer points to find helpful content.

- **[Voice of America's Learning English](#)**

This YouTube channel features many of the same news and human interest stories found on other news outlets, but it's broadcast at two-thirds the regular speed so non-native listeners can follow along more easily.

PARENTS

Whether a parent is a native speaker of English or learning the language alongside their children, a lot of resources can be found online to help their children learn while at home and also to understand their rights as an ELL family.

At Home Learning

- **[Education Place](#)**

Provided by Houghton Mifflin, this interactive site for kids is divided by Grades K-5 and Grades 6-8.

- **[The EFL Playhouse](#)**

Geared to younger ELLs, this resource has a range of songs, games, rhymes, and finger-plays to introduce them to English.

- **[English Beginner Lesson – Numbers](#)**

This simple YouTube video introduces young ELLs to counting from 1-10 in English.

- **[ESL Kids World](#)**

This resource hosts a range of printable worksheets and flashcards as well as online games and songs that parents can use to engage their kids in language learning.

- **[Hello World](#)**

Hello World has more than 800 games and activities in English, all of which are completely free.

- **[The Internet Picture Dictionary](#)**

The IPD helps kids learn English words and has translations in French, German, Italian, and Spanish.

- **[Learn the Alphabet](#)**

This simple but effective website allows young learners to watch a video about each letter of the alphabet.

Helpful Information

- **[Declaration of Rights for Parents of English Language Learners](#)**

The U.S. Department of Education outlines the rights for every parent of an ELL student in America.

- **[How Parents Help Their ESL Children Learn English](#)**

Your Dictionary offers a range of tips for helping children at home.

- **[Memidex](#)**

An easy-to-use, free online dictionary and thesaurus for quickly looking up English words.

- **[Parent Teacher Association Resources in Spanish](#)**

The PTA provides Spanish translations of all their resources and parent guides.

- **[Reading Tips for Parents](#)**

This tip sheet by Reading Rockets provides information for parents of ELLs in English plus 10 other languages, with a special handout for children with disabilities.

- **[Spanish Version of Educational Resources](#)**

The U.S. Department of Education provides this translated version of relevant information for Spanish-speaking parents.

- **[Tools That Empower Spanish-Speaking Parents](#)**

The Center for Parent Information and Resources provides a spectrum of helpful information for parents whose native language is not English. All resources are available in English and Spanish.

TEACHERS

The ever-increasing number of ELL students in America's schools provides exciting opportunities for culture swapping amongst learners, but it can also be stressful for teachers who already have their plates full with other teaching commitments. The resources below are tailored to help alleviate the stress of lesson planning for busy educators.

Teaching Materials

- **[ESL Gold](#)**

This exhaustive website offers a wide range of resources for teaching all aspects of English to a variety of age groups and levels.

- **[ESL Teacher Resources](#)**

Using English offers 517 handouts and worksheets, 888 lesson plans, and a range of interactive online quizzes.

- **[EverythingESL](#)**

As the name implies, this website hosts a comprehensive supply of ESL resources, ranging from lesson plans to teaching tips.

- **[Oxford Seminar's Teaching Resources](#)**

An exhaustive array of activities, lesson plans, and additional resources can be found via this certification organization.

- **[Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab](#)**

Provides a range of audio clips and pre/post listening activities for learners.

- **[Reading Tip Sheets](#)**

With helpful tips given for teachers across all grade levels, these helpful guides from Colorín Colorado provide information and handouts in both English and Spanish.

- **[Top English Teaching Tips](#)**

English Club provides tons of tips based on the types of classes an ESL teacher may have.

Research, Toolkits & Resources

- **[Center for Applied Linguistics](#)**

CAL offers a series of briefs on ESL topics, including Common Core for ELLs and how to best use the sheltered instruction technique.

- **[Edutopia ESL Resources](#)**

Edutopia offers several innovative, research-based strategies for teaching ELL, including incorporating photography, storytelling, and blogging.

- **[ELLs with Special Needs: Effective Instructional Strategies](#)**

Author Alba Ortiz looks at intervention models for non-native speakers with special needs and provides tips on creating the best learning environments.

- **[Guidelines for the Assessment of English Language Learners](#)**

The Educational Testing Service provides this in depth report on different factors for measuring a child's ability to learn and discusses appropriate assessment models.

- **[International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language](#)**

This professional body serves as the organizing group of TEFL teachers across the world and offers resources, scholarships, job boards, and an annual conference.

- **[Reaching Out to Hispanic Parents of ELLs Toolkit](#)**

Provided by Colorín Colorado, this guide provides both practical information about engaging parents and bilingual videos and handouts.

- **Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol**

Pearson created a professional development course for teachers interested in using this model of instruction.

- **Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages**

TESOL is perhaps the best known name in teaching non-native speakers and hosts a variety of resources on their website.