

Recommended Resources for Teaching English

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Every resource on this list is teacher-recommended. Almost all Internet resources listed are free even though some of them require registration.

1. ESL Program in a Church

- a. Resources from [Cornerstone University's 2016 ESL Conference](#). Scroll down to [Starting and Developing an ESL Program](#) by Michael Pasquale.
 - i. [PowerPoint Slides](#)
 - ii. [Curriculum Handout](#)
 - iii. [Defining Mission Handout](#)
 - iv. [Demographics Survey](#)
 - v. [Energizer Activity](#)
 - vi. [Phrase Craze Activity](#)
- b. The Church of the Nazarene has a 8-page document, [How to Start an English as a Second Language \(ESL\) Outreach Ministry in Your Church](#)
- c. Book Available for Purchase: [An ESL Ministry Handbook: Contexts and Principles](#) by Michael Pasquale prepares novice teachers to meet an immediate teaching need and encourages them to develop their own philosophy of ESL ministry.
- d. The Presbyterian Church in America Mission to North America has many resources for [Starting an ESL School](#)

2. ESL Curriculum with a Spiritual Component

- a. Curricula Available for Purchase: [Conversational English with Reach Global](#)
 - i. Three separate curricula for English ministries with youth and adults, *Adventures in English*, *Discoveries in English*, and *Exploring English*, that can be used by novice teachers.
 - ii. *Active English for Kids* has seven conversation lessons for children 6-9 that can be used by novice teachers. These print copies can be ordered from ReachGlobal.
- b. Resources from [Cornerstone University's 2016 ESL Conference Building Bridges](#)
 - i. Scroll down to [Biblical Themes for Language Learning](#)
 - ii. Scroll down to [Scattering Seed in Teaching](#)
- c. Textbook Available for Purchase: Both the Student Workbook and the Teacher's Manual for [English in Action](#) by Wally Cirafesi are available from Navigators.
- d. [Jan Dormer's Page](#) has ESL materials that you can download free and then change and edit as fits your teaching situation.
 - i. *English for Life* is for youth and adults.
 - ii. *God is Good* is for children.
- e. [Open Bible Stories](#) has 50 Bible stories in many languages. To locate the English resources, click on "English" to see how to access the stories by text, audio or video. [The English videos](#) can be viewed on YouTube.
- f. The PCAMNA offers a 10-page booklet on [Introducing the Gospel in ESL Programs](#) which can be used with secular curriculums.
- g. Learn English Bible has Bible stories in [The Bible in Basic English](#). For each story there are key words to look for as you read the story.
- h. [Easy English Bible Studies](#) are free downloads on various topics.

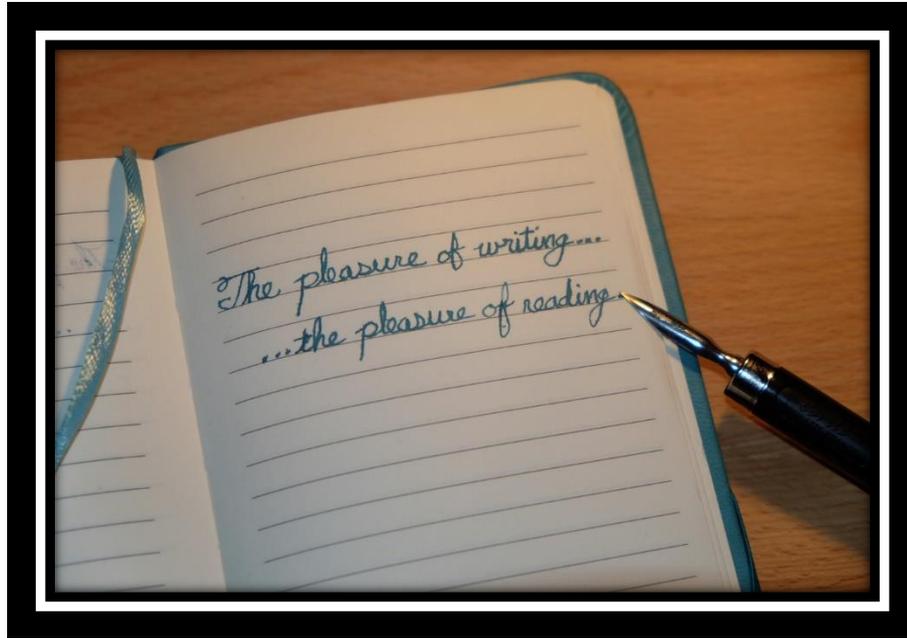
- i. The New Century Version and The New Life Version on [Bible Gateway](#) are useful for English learners
 - j. Book Available for Purchase: [What Christians Believe](#) is a discipleship book for new believers who are learning English.
 - k. The PCA has a 10-page document [Introducing the Gospel in ESL Programs](#) to explain how you can share the gospel while using secular materials to teach English.
3. Teaching the Four Basic Skills
- Speaking, listening, reading and writing are the foundational skills in acquiring a language.
- a. Listening
 - i. [Storyline Online](#) is courtesy of the Screen Actors Guild Foundation. You can listen to children's story books read by actors and actresses.
 - ii. To choose topics for your students to listen to, go to the Special Features section of [This I Believe](#), where you'll find the transcripts of the audio files. You can prepare questions and answers, or you can assign your students a writing or speaking topic.
 - iii. [Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab](#) has quizzes and activities at three levels: easy, intermediate, and difficult to improve students' listening comprehension.
 - iv. [Voice of America](#) offers a number of resources for learning English.
 - 1. [Let's Learn English](#) is a video course that includes instruction in speaking, vocabulary and writing. A student can follow this course independently, or it could be used as the content for a class. Lesson plans are provided for teachers who want to use this material as their course content.
 - 2. [Learning English Read, Listen & Learn](#) offers audio files with an accompanying English text.
 - 3. [The VOA Learning English Word Book](#), a dictionary of the words used on the VOA website can be downloaded.
 - v. [A Framework for Planning a Listening Skills Lesson](#) can be applied to any lesson. Listening well increases students' ability to learn independently.
 - vi. [Learn English Feel Good](#) offers online spelling and listening practice tests.
 - vii. [Easy Strategies for Teaching Listening](#) focuses on two strategies: 1) demonstrating the difference between hearing and listening and 2) identifying common speech markers.

- b. Speaking (*Teaching Tip: If you are the only fluent English speaker, you could use a puppet or doll to model the conversation.*)
- i. [Jones Library ESL Center Conversation Partner Guide](#) provides guidance for the volunteer English speaker working with an English learner.
 - ii. [Conversation Questions for the ESL/EFL Classroom](#), a project of *The Internet TESL Journal*, has conversation questions for dozens of topics from “Accidents at Home” to “Weekends”.
 - iii. [How to Get Your Students to Speak 100% English](#) provides 13 tips to have students speak in English as much as possible, which is about 90-95% in his classes.
 - iv. [Early Rain/SpeechoTree](#) provides topics for ESL conversations as long as you don’t charge participants. The list of questions for each topic comes with a related Bible passage.
 - v. Ten Conversation Lessons with Stories, Vocabulary Practice, Questions and Activities . <http://iteslj.org/Lessons/Sharifian-Conversation.html> from *The Internet TESL Journal* and Ten More Conversation Lessons with Stories, Vocabulary Practice, Questions and Activities also from *The Internet TESL Journal*. <http://iteslj.org/Lessons/Sharifian-Conversation2.html> The author recommends reading the story but it would be even more effective if the teacher told the story and then had the students read the story. Telling a story allows eye contact, which enhances attention.
 - vi. [Working the Weather: A Lesson Plan on Small Talk](#) from TESOL connections utilizes the YouTube video, [The Art of Small Talk](#).
 - vii. [7 Techniques that will Increase Student Speaking Time—Exponentially](#) from Busy Teacher.



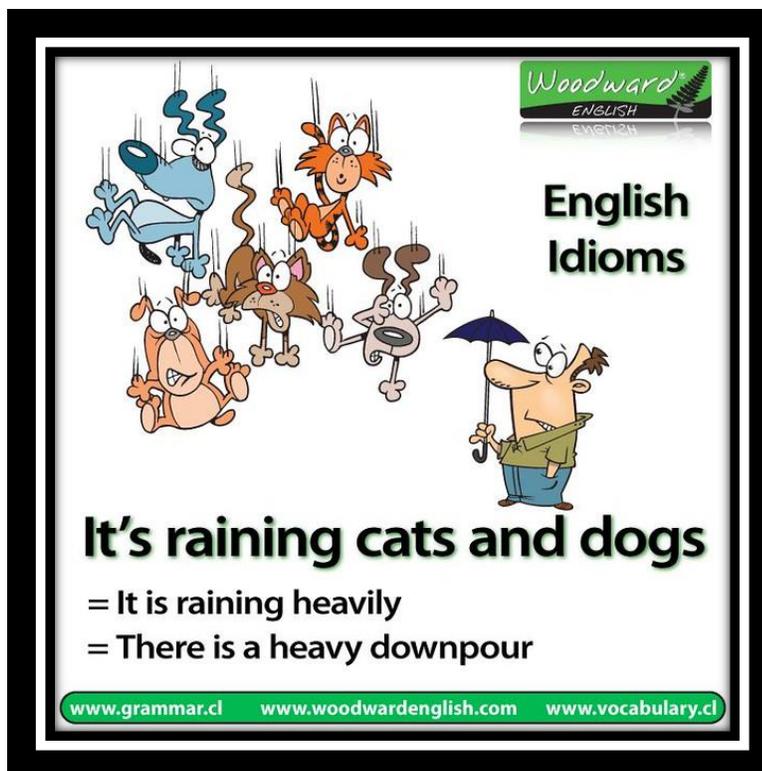
c. Reading

- i. [Adult Learning Activities](#) from the California Distance Learning Project offers dozens of articles in 11 topics to improve reading and life skills. Each story can be read and listened to on several levels.
- ii. [TV411 Tune into Learning](#) offers videos that teach reading skills.
- iii. Print and Go offers free downloads of books that are short readings for adults. [Beginning Level Book 3](#) [Beginning Level Book 1](#)
- iv. [ESL Reading Comprehension](#) from Excellent ESL 4U has a number of exercises, vocabulary lists, tips and strategies to build students' comprehension.
- v. [ESL Fast](#) advertises itself as "A huge free online learning resource." It offers [365 Essays for English Learners](#) with audio files as well as text.
- vi. [Easy Reading \(1\)](#) and [Easy Reading \(2\)](#) are stories for adult learners that have a text, and audio file, and additional activities. There are many more free English resources at [ESL: English as a Second Language](#).
- vii. [Authorama](#) provides free public domain books to read online.
- viii. Free Periodicals for ELLs
 1. [The Times in Plain English](#), has tips for teachers for discussing the articles.
 2. [Breaking News English](#) has audio and text versions of each story on various levels. In addition, *Breaking News English* provides 10+ activities for each lesson. If you don't have a textbook, *Breaking News English* could provide you with all the classroom materials you need to teach a class.
 3. [News in Levels](#) has audio and text versions of each story on various levels. Both *Breaking News English*, and *News in Levels* provide audio and text versions of each story on various levels.
- ix. This 31-page excerpt from [New Ways in Teaching Reading](#) includes sample lesson plans and is geared toward teaching children.



- d. Writing
- i. [Literacy Center](#) offers beginning writing games and exercises geared toward children.
 - ii. 1-Language.com offers [Online ESL Writing Worksheets](#) with interesting topics.
 - iii. Bogglesworld provides [Creative Writing Worksheets and Teaching Resources](#) that are free for you to print.
 - iv. ESL Galaxy provides [Worksheets for Writing](#).
 - v. First School Years presents a variety of [Story Starters & Narrative Writing Ideas](#).
 - vi. [Purdue University Online Writing Lab \(OWL\)](#) provides free lesson plans, guides and resources for teachers. There are also guides for doing research and organizing an essay.
 - vii. The Capital Community College Foundation presents the [Guide to Grammar and Writing](#) a website that covers points of grammar and how to write from the sentence level to the research paper level.
 - viii. [Kid Printables](#) have resources appropriate for children who are English Language Learners, including [All About Me](#).
 - ix. TESOL presents [Six Games to Motivate Writing Students](#).
4. Teaching Additional Skills
- In addition to the main skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing, there are additional student skills for a teacher to address.

- a. Vocabulary
- i. There are many versions of The Oxford Picture Dictionary for purchase. You can download a free pdf of the [New Oxford Picture Dictionary](#). Printing the index at the end of the book (pp. 106-124) would be a useful reference if you use this regularly in your classroom.
 - ii. On this one page, ESL Flow has [English Vocabulary Worksheets](#) that provide a wealth of topics, tools and teaching tips
 1. Teaching Vocabulary with Images
 2. Other Vocabulary Teaching Ideas for ESL Teachers
 3. Vocabulary Sorting
 4. More Advanced Vocabulary (IELTS, TOIEC or TOEFL Practice)
 5. Word Building & Word Formation Exercises & Worksheets
 6. Vocabulary Lists
 - iii. [Learn Prefixes, Suffixes to Expand Your Vocabulary](#) from Voice of America lists the meaning of common suffixes and prefixes and demonstrates how they are used.
 - iv. [The Vocab-O-Gram](#) from the University of Virginia is a form for students to use key vocabulary from a story as they identify the story structure.
 - v. [YouGlish](#) gives the pronunciation of English vocabulary words and phrases in different accents and in different contexts. The student types in a phrase, such as “Throw in the towel”, selects which accent she wants to hear and then gets results from YouTube video segments.
 - vi. [Using Pictures from Magazines](#) describes how the teacher can utilize images to teach vocabulary as well as grammar, listening, conversation and writing. You could also use images from the Internet.
 - vii. [Reading Around the Room](#) has young students reading the labels on objects in the classroom.
 - viii. [Vocabulary Doesn't Have to be a Bore](#) describes Robert Marzano's Six Steps of Vocabulary Acquisition and includes links to Internet platforms that have resources to use in the classroom.
 - ix. [Boggle's World ESL](#) has many flashcards for learning vocabulary.
 - x. Total Physical Response (TPR) is learning language through motions.
 1. [Total Physical Response: A Curriculum for Adults](#) is a free downloadable guidebook from Spring Institute for Intercultural Learning.
 2. Genki English has videos and engaging ideas for using [TPR](#) to teach vocabulary.



b. Idioms and Slang

- i. [Effective Activities for Teaching English Idioms](#) to EFL learners from The Internet TESL Journal gives principles to follow when teaching idioms: teach in context, use idioms with illustrations and use group discussion to teach idioms.
- ii. [Idiom Site](#) has an alphabetical list of idioms and their meanings.
- iii. [Language Success Press](#) has lessons on a number of groups of idioms. They offer the lessons in idioms to advertise their books. You don't have to buy their books.
- iv. A4ESL has [Self-Study Idiom Quizzes](#) that include idioms, phrasal verbs and slang.
- v. [Idiomatic Expressions to Use at Work](#) from Espresso English wants you to sign up for their courses. You can use the resources on this page without doing that.
- vi. The US Govt. Office of English Language Programs presents [In the Loop: A Reference Guide to American English Idioms](#), a free downloadable 134-page guide to idioms, definitions and classroom activities.
- vii. [Illustrated Idioms](#) are from English Work Group. Each idiom is defined and then illustrated in a humorous way.

c. Grammar

- i. [ESL Flow](#) has a page with links to resources for teaching grammar: Grammar Exercises and Worksheets, Parts of Speech Guides & Verb Lists for ESL Teachers & Students, Brainstorming and Understanding Parts of Speech, Parts of Speech Exercises for ESL Students, Tenses and Timelines, and Verbs Review. Especially helpful are the [Timelines to Demonstrate Present Perfect & Other Tenses](#)
- ii. [Perfect English Grammar](#) has effective explanations for all things grammatical. Especially useful are the [Tenses Infographics](#) and the [Tenses Explanations](#).
- iii. Jane Straus wrote *Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation*. [GrammarBook.com](#) has explanations of grammar and punctuation rules of English. You can also sign up for the e-newsletter—it's like having a grammar refresher each week.
- iv. The Capital Community College Foundation presents [the Guide to Grammar and Writing](#), which covers points of grammar and how to write from the sentence level to the research paper level.
- v. [The Online Writing Lab](#) at Purdue University has a number of webpages dedicated to various aspects of writing. Links to their articles on grammar can be found here.
- vi. [TEFL.net](#) gives ideas for presenting various aspects of grammar through games.
- vii. TESOL Connections has a list of [grammar games](#) to use in the classroom.
- viii. [Irregular Verbs](#) from English Page gives a list of over 370 irregular verbs, flashcard and exercises.
- ix. [Wyzant's Grammar Lessons & Help](#) gives you lessons on the topics listed and quizzes to check understanding.
- x. [English Grammar Guide](#) from Education First is a page with links to articles that form a complete guide to English grammar.
- xi. TESOL Connections explains [How to Teach the Dummy Pronoun "It"](#) in expressions such as "It's raining".
- xii. Andromeda Jones in [Crush it Teaching Phrasal Verbs in English](#) gives a method and the rationale behind it to present phrasal verbs (such as "take on" and "put off" plus a list of [135 common phrasal verbs](#) organized by preposition. A useful resource to give to your students is [The Big List of Phrasal Verbs by Preposition](#).
- xiii. [Reviewing English Grammar](#) is a 30-page book that summarizes English Grammar by Lynn Stapleton, CELTA, MA.
- xiv. [Grammar Quizzes](#) has quizzes to provide practice on points of grammar.
- xv. PDFDrive has two books by Michael Swan that you can download free. [Practical English Usage](#) is the grammar reference that not only explains English usage, it has examples from natural English. Some teachers have said that if they could only take one grammar book with them in their suitcases, this would be the book. Intermediate students who want to know more about grammar could use Michael Swan's [Basic English Usage](#). You could also buy hard copies of these books.

xvi. [All Things Grammar](#) has 1000+ worksheets on a variety of grammar topics.

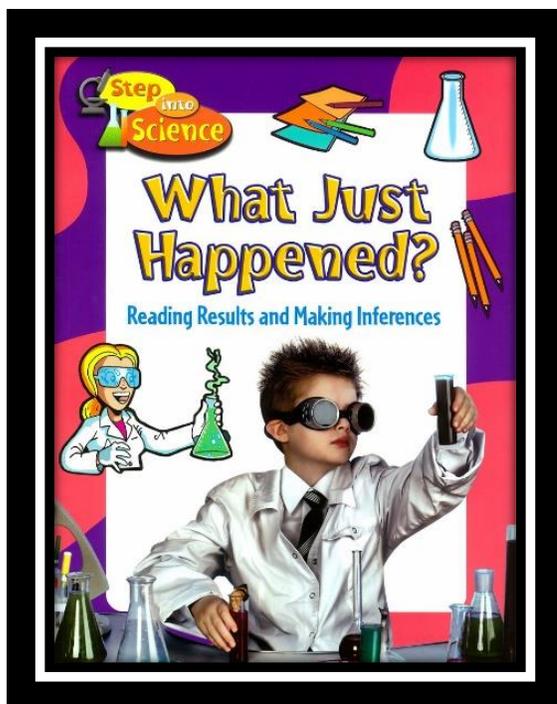
d. Phonics

- i. [Kiz Phonics](#) has worksheets, games, video tutorials, listening by levels, phonics flashcards, phonemes cards sentence cards and more.
- ii. [Fun Fonix](#) has worksheet makers, worksheet templates, reading worksheets, exercises to print and games.
- iii. [Starfall](#) has free resources to encourage children to read using phonics. More resources are available if you choose to pay for an upgrade.
- iv. [English is Soup!](#) is a phonics resource for ESL adults that provides documents with diagrams for how the sound is produced, the usual letters that produce the sound as well as some of the exceptions.

e. Pronunciation

- i. [Lane's English Pronunciation Guide](#) by Richard R. Lane has diagrams and descriptions for individual phonemes as well as minimal pairs with the target sound in initial, final and medial positions. The Lesson Format explains how to use this guide and the Teaching Hints alert the teacher to the reasons why certain sounds are difficult for English learners to pronounce and to distinguish.
- ii. [Sounds of Speech](#) from The University of Iowa presents two video files for each English phoneme. One is an animated side view that shows how the different parts of the mouth move as the sound is produced. The other is a view of a person's face that shows how the lips move as the sound is produced. The site is free, but you may need to register to access the content.
- iii. Professor Evan Ashworth of the University of British Columbia presents [Introduction to the International Phonetic Alphabet](#), which is a good resource for learning the IPA symbols for North American English. In the videos [Introduction to Articulatory Phonetics \(Consonants\)](#) and [Introduction to Articulatory Phonetics \(Vowels\)](#) he uses animated videos to show how the parts of the vocal tract move during the production of sounds.
- iv. [Teaching Pronunciation: Using the Prosody Pyramid](#) by Judy Gilbert is a 32-page book that covers the fundamentals of teaching pronunciation, providing practical tips and techniques for teaching rhythm, intonation and stress.
- v. [Master the Sounds of American English](#) is a video course from [Rachel's English](#) that demonstrates to the student how to make each sound, understand how stress changes sounds and how to make the phonetic symbol for each sound
- vi. [English With Stacy](#) is Stacy Hagen's YouTube channel with many videos on intonation, stress, rhythm, and understanding fast English.

- vii. [American English Pronunciation Practice](#) has audio and video minimal pair practice and quizzes, “listen and repeat” videos, “L” and “R” distinction, R-controlled vowels, focused vowels, and consonant clusters.
 - viii. [ESL Flow](#) presents pronunciation exercises and worksheets for various topics such as pronunciation of final “s” and “th”, word stress exercises, pronunciation of final “ed” and “ch”
 - ix. [English Club](#) has many resources for pronouncing British English.
 - x. Sharon Widmayer and Holly Gray host the [Sounds of English](#) website to help students understand how stress and intonation make them more intelligible.
 - xi. Lynn Henrichsen presents [21 Online Pronunciation Resources for Teaching and Learning](#).
 - xii. Adrian Underhill teaches the phonemic chart of British Pronunciation in [Introduction to Teaching Pronunciation](#), a one-hour workshop.
- f. Spelling
- i. Make spelling more fun in the classroom with [8 ESL Spelling Games](#) from FluentU. *Caution: FluentU will try to get you to subscribe. You don't have to.*
 - ii. [10 Fun Spelling Games for Your ESL Class](#) from Busy Teacher.
 - iii. [13 ESL Spelling Games](#) from Teach This ESL/EFL Resources have lesson plans available as free downloads.
 - iv. [Top 4 Spelling Tricks for English Language Learners](#) from Busy Teacher.



- g. Making Inferences
 - i. [What Happened to the Bird?](#) by Debra Josephson Abrams gives teachers a lesson for using other videos to teach students about making inferences.
 - ii. [Inference Worksheets](#) are on three different grade levels: 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12.
 - iii. [Teaching Inference](#) is a lesson plan for university students who are at the intermediate level.

5. How to Teach

- a. Book Available for Purchase: [More Than a Native Speaker: An Introduction to Teaching English Abroad](#) by Don Snow and Maxi-Ann Campbell prepares the novice teacher to teach abroad with principles of language learning, skills the students need to acquire, the teacher's cultural adaptation, books for further learning, and Internet resources for teachers and students.
- b. [Basic Training and Resources for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages](#) (BTR-TESOL) is a free website for novice teachers. It provides basic training ("the least you should know") and resources ("where to go to learn more") for those who don't have training to teach English.
- c. [Teaching Guide: ESL Volunteer Guide](#) from Writing@CSU at Colorado State University. The general content is helpful, but many of the links are no longer active.
- d. [What Should Every ESL Teacher Know?](#) can viewed online. This practical book covers how to teach the four basic skills, how to design lessons and how to deal with teaching challenges.

- e. [Making It Real: Teaching Pre-literate Adult Refugee Students](#) can be downloaded from Literacy Now, the Literacy Network of Washington, a Division of Tacoma Community House.
- f. [Book Available as a Free Download: Teaching English to Children](#) by Wendy Scott & Lisbeth Ytreberg is part of the *Longman Keys to Language Learning* series. This book has a lot of games and activities that are fun for children as they learn to read, write, speak and listen to English.
- g. [Book Available for Purchase: Teaching English to Children in Asia](#) by David Paul promotes the theory and practical applications of child-centered teaching. It is an effective resource for teachers in other parts of the world.

6. Authentic Materials

- a. Carol Rueckert gives a list of [authentic materials](#) that you can use in the ESL classroom.
- b. Carolyn Ebel Chandler gives activities for ESL students at different levels in [Using Newspapers in the ESL Literacy Classroom](#).
- c. Connie Chow writes about an [Authentic Cooking Experience \(ESL Activity\)](#) which requires students to follow directions from packages.
- d. [Ideas for Using Authentic Texts with Low-level ESL Classes](#) lists various realia and how they can be used.
- e. [Effective Ways to Use Authentic Materials with ESL/EFL Students](#) from *The Internet TESL Journal* gives suggestions on the use of authentic materials.

7. Resources in Many Areas

- a. [PDFDrive](#) has books that you can download free as a pdf.
- b. [Thought Co.](#) has articles, worksheets and exercises on a variety of topics.
- c. [English Club](#) claims to be the world's premier free educational website for learners and teachers of English.
- d. [TEFL.net](#) has lesson plans, classroom ideas, worksheets and articles for teachers.
- e. [The Idea Cookbook](#) under Stuff for Teachers at [Dave's ESL Café](#) will give you ideas on whatever you're searching for, be it grammar, math, or listening
- f. [The Internet TESL Journal](#) was published 1995-2010 and is now a resource for articles, lessons and techniques.
- g. [Learn English Feel Good](#) has quizzes and worksheets for grammar, listening and vocabulary.
- h. [Sticky Ball](#) has printable worksheets, grammar exercises, writing exercises, and many more resources.
- i. [English Store](#) has free English tests and exercises online for grammar, reading, vocabulary, listening, speaking, A2 and PET-B1 Levels from the [Common European Framework of Reference \(CEFR\)](#), TOEFL, and TOEIC. There are also some tests you can download and complete offline.
- j. [ESL Games World](#) is designed to be the most interactive site for ESL classroom and self-study of English. It has games to develop student skills in grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation and reading.

- k. [All Things Topics](#) has vocabulary pages, worksheets, activities, reading, and conversation for many topics.
 - l. [My English Pages](#) has resources for vocabulary, speaking, reading, listening, writing.
8. Test Preparation
This material will be added later.
9. Curated Directories of Resources
- a. [Southern Ontario Cooperative for ESL Ministries](#) has a variety of resources for ESL conversation lessons, ESL Bible study, pronunciation, grammar, seasonal resources, and ESL for seniors.
 - b. [Top 20 English](#) is a curated Internet directory, a multiple search tool, and an app directory.
 - c. Most of the links for [Jurgen Wagner's ESL Teacher's Toolkit](#) are active, but not all of them.
 - d. [The ESL Resources](#) site of the EFCA requires registration to access their materials
 - e. [Larry Ferlazzo](#) has 2000 categorized "Best" Lists from his blog. When someone needs a particular resource, Larry's website is a great place to start.
10. For Students to do on Their Own
- a. [Many Things](#) has a variety of activities for students to do on their own.
 - b. [Activities 4 ESL](#) has quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help students learn English.
 - c. [ESL Independent Study Lab](#) has a collection of what they say are over 250 of the best Internet resources for ESL/EFL students.
11. Images, Computer and Internet Technology
- a. Larry Ferlazzo's [The Best Online Sources for Images](#) was posted in 2008 and many of the links still work.
 - b. [Find Images Without Copyright](#) by Russell Stannard takes you through some of the best sites for free images you can use legally.
 - i. [Clipart.com](#) has royalty-free images.
 - ii. Russell recommends using "[albums](#)" to search for the picture you want on ELTPics.com.
 - iii. [Pixabay.com](#) does not require attribution but it's a nice thing
 - iv. [ESL Flashcards](#) has lots of PDF images.
 - c. [Ideas for Teaching Digital Citizenship: #1 Copyright](#) by Russell Stannard demonstrates how to use Google Images to focus on finding the right image. You can filter your image searches by usage rights to be sure you can use it legally.
 - d. Nik Peachey's [Learning Technology Blog For English Language Teachers](#) has e-books and blog posts to equip English teachers to use technology well. One of his

most popular and practical posts is, “12 Tips for Training Older Teachers to Use Technology.” Nik also has a newsletter that you can subscribe to.

- e. [Teacher Training Videos](#) is Russell Stannard’s platform to provide free training for teachers in Internet technology. His motto is, “Making Tech Easy for Teachers,” and he delivers on that promise.

12. The Arts

When it comes to language learning, utilize resources beyond the expected paper, pencils and books.



a. Visual and Sculptural Art

One of the shared characteristics of all people is that they respond to visual and sculptural art. For a given painting, some people may love it, some people may hate it, and some people may be neutral toward it. They all have a reaction and an English class can give them opportunity to express that reaction. They can describe a picture—what colors they see, what things they see, and what actions they see. They can draw inferences from the painting, explaining what they think has happened and what they think will happen next.

- i. [Language Through Art: An ESL Enrichment Program](#) (Intermediate/Advanced Level) from the J. Paul Getty Museum has lesson plans plus tips for teaching about portraits, landscapes and narrative art.
- ii. [Art in the Classroom](#) uses art to provide opportunities for using language.

- iii. [The Best Resources for Using Art as a Way to Teach and Learn English](#) by Larry Ferlazzo presents his list of six plus additional sites provided by other teachers who commented on his blog post. All of these links worked on August 28, 2019.
- iv. A free download from American English is [Create to Communicate: Art Activities for the English as a Foreign Language Classroom](#). This book uses art to enhance the four basic skills—reading, writing, speaking and listening. It connects language objectives with art concepts, offering enrichment to the student and teacher.
- v. [Art as a Tool for Teachers of English Language Learners](#) recognizes that knowledge of the arts is essential to a well-rounded education. Making the arts part of classroom instruction will benefit students from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.
- vi. [Meaningful Creations: 5 Amusing Art Activities for Eager ESL Students](#) gives directions on this page for activities that will enhance English language skills. Just a caution about all FluentU pages: don't feel pressured to subscribe to Fluent U. You can benefit from their blog posts without doing that.



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b. Drama

Drama gives students a safe place to practice language for situations they will face in the real world. It can contribute to life skills since the students experience different points of view. It also gives them pronunciation practice by reciting the same lines multiple times.

- i. [The Best Resources on Using Drama in the Classroom](#) by Larry Ferlazzo has links to 11 websites related to using drama effectively in the classroom.
- ii. [Free ESL Materials.com](#) lists 42 free websites for using drama in the ESL classroom.

- iii. Dr. Andrew Finch at Finch Park.com offers drama scripts to teach English through literature.
- iv. E-Book for Purchase: [Fun ESL Role-Plays and Skits for Children Aged 4-12](#) by Shelley Ann Vernon is a way to teach English through drama. This is one of the few online resources listed that requires purchasing. It is included here because it has been judged to be worth the price of \$20.00 to download it.
- v. [Reader's Theater Scripts and Plays](#) can be downloaded from Aaron Shepherd's Reader's Theater page.
- vi. Reading Rockets has links to [Reader's Theater lesson plans and scripts](#).



c. Music and Jazz Chants

Music is a great way for students to learn and use new sounds, words and phrases. Songs that feature the first and second person, contain words that occur often, and repeat those words engage students in a way that prose does not.

- i. The [Children's Music Network](#) has three songbooks with lyrics and audio for all of them—environmental songs, peace songs and multicultural songs.
- ii. [Sing Out Loud Children's Songs](#) is a set of 13 traditional children's songs from American English. You can download the lyrics and the audio.
- iii. [The British Council](#) has many songs for children to sing and get better at speaking English.
- iv. Kristin Lems' [New Ideas for Teaching English Using Songs and Music](#) gives tips for the novice teacher on using music in the classroom to enhance learning for English students.
- v. [English Through Music](#) by Jane Willis and Anice Paterson is a collection of over 50 activities which help children to acquire English as they make music. You don't need any musical training to use this book, which is part

of the *Oxford Basics for Children* series. You can also view a [SlideShare](#) by the authors that introduces the topic.

- vi. [Teaching English Through Songs in the Digital Age](#) by Vicky Saumell has four parts. Since they were first posted in 2011, some of the links might not work but the content is valuable.
 1. Part 1: Background readings and resources related to teaching English through songs.
 2. Part 2: Ideas of tasks for using songs
 3. Part 3: Specific songs and their uses
 4. Part 4: Music-related web 2.0 tools

13. Teaching Children

- a. [English 4 Kids](#) has many [worksheets](#), [video lessons](#), [flashcards](#), and [phonics worksheets](#).
- b. [Literacy Center](#) offers beginning writing games and exercises geared toward children.
- c. Curriculum for Purchase: [Active English for Kids](#) has seven conversation lessons for children 6-9 that can be used by novice teachers. These print copies can be ordered from ReachGlobal.
- d. [ESL Games World](#) has many resources for teaching children.
- e. [ESL-Galaxy Kids](#) has lesson plan materials, games, worksheets for teaching phonics, spelling, reading, writing, grammar and vocabulary.
- f. [ESL Kids Lab](#) has teaching tips, games and ideas for teaching children
- g. [Kid Printables](#) have things appropriate for children who are ELLs, including *All About Me*.
- h. Book Available as a Free Download: [Teaching English to Children](#) by Wendy Scott & Lisbeth Ytreberg is part of the *Longman Keys to Language Learning* series. This book has a lot of games and activities that are fun for children as they learn to read, write, speak and listen to English.
- i. Book Available for Purchase: [English Through Music](#) by Jane Willis and Anice Paterson is a collection of over 50 activities which help children to acquire English as they make music. You don't need any musical training to use this book, which is part of the *Oxford Basics for Children* series. You can also view a [SlideShare](#) by the authors that introduces the topic.
- j. Book Available for Purchase: [Teaching English to Children in Asia](#) by David Paul promotes the theory and practical applications of child-centered teaching. It is an effective resource for teachers in other parts of the world. In May 2017 this book was available from Amazon for \$20. In October 2019 it was available from third-party sellers for \$30 or more. It may be out of print, but buying a used copy for \$30 is still worth it.

14. English for Specific Purposes

- a. English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

- i. [Academic English Vocabulary Workbook](#) is an 81-page pdf workbook to download by David Porter.
 - ii. [Using English for Academic Purposes](#) by Andy Gillett has a wealth of resources to explore.
 - iii. [Academic Word Use in the ESL Classroom](#) from *TESOL Connections* has activities to increase academic vocabulary.

- b. English for Banking
 - i. ESL Fast: [At The Bank](#) has audio and text conversations that are used by bank customers.
 - ii. [ESL Banking Role-Play](#) has lesson plans to give students practice in bank transactions.
 - iii. Excellent ESL 4U has [ESL Banking Conversations](#) with text and video for basic banking conversations.
 - iv. [English Conversation—Banking](#) from English with Jo & Team has lists of vocabulary, phrasal verbs and conversation prompts.
 - v. Easy Pace Learning.com [Learning the Key Words Used in Banking](#) has a list of words used in the US and the UK for bank transactions.

- c. English for Biblical and Theological Studies
 - i. [The Easy English Bible](#) from Mission Assist has a Bible, commentaries, Bible Studies, Bible summaries, stories, dramas and more in language designed for those who are learning English.
 - ii. [English for Christian Studies](#) has workbooks by Lyn Stapleton that can be downloaded free.
 - 1. [Vocabulary Building for Biblical Studies](#)
 - 2. [Men and Women in the History of the Church](#): Pre-Intermediate Level
 - 3. [Developing Reading Skills: Jonah](#) has a Student’s Workbook and a Teacher’s Book.
 - 4. [Developing Reading Skills: Ruth](#) has a Student’s Workbook and a Teacher’s Book.
 - 5. [Israel’s Judges](#): High Beginner Level
 - iii. Book Available for Purchase: [Exploring Theological English: Reading, Vocabulary, and Grammar for ESL](#) by Cheryl Pierson, Lonna Dickerson, and Florence Scott is intended for high-intermediate or advanced English learners.
 - iv. Book Available for Purchase: [Dictionary of Theological Terms in Simplified English: A Resource for English-Language Learners](#) by Debbie Dodd.
 - v. Book Available for Purchase: [Dictionary of Theological Terms in Simplified English Student Workbook: A Resource for English-Language Learners](#) by Cheri Pierson has exercises to enhance students’ understanding and use of theological terms.

- vi. Book Available for Purchase: [English Language Teaching in Theological Contexts](#) by Kitty Purgason examines a variety of learning models to assist seminary and Bible college students in English acquisition as they pursue their theological studies.
 - vii. Book Available for Purchase: [A Dictionary of the Bible in Everyday English](#) by J. Wesley Eby, George Lyons, & Al Teuesdale.
- d. English for Business and Work
- i. [Business English Site](#) has vocabulary training, grammar quizzes, listening comprehension and reading comprehension exercises.
 - ii. [English for the Food Service Industry](#) by ThoughtCo. has vocabulary lists and practice dialogues.
 - iii. [Teaching Telephone English](#) by ThoughtCo. has vocabulary and activities with suggestions for practice.
 - iv. [English for Work](#) by English Club has audio files for listening to sample conversations and quizzes on the audio.
 - v. [Business English](#) by English Club has lessons on writing business letters and making business presentations
 - vi. [Internet Basics for ESL Students](#) from *The Internet TESL Journal* is a 14-lesson introduction to using computers and the Internet.
 - vii. [The Language of Meetings](#), a download by Malcolm Goodale has been rated by an ESL teachers as very easy to use with advanced ESL students.
 - viii. [ESL Lesson Plan for Job Interviews](#) prepares students for real-life experience of a job interview.
 - ix. *The Internet TESL Journal* has a list of [Conversation Questions for Jobs & Occupations](#).
 - x. [Tefl.net](#) has a number of lessons for teaching Business English, including games and job application practice tasks.



e. English for Healthcare

<https://learn.efca.org/mod/page/view.php?id=4591&forceview=1>

- i. [Taking Medicine, Reading Medical Labels](#) from Queens Library, Adult Learner Program
- ii. HospitalEnglish.com: [English for the Medical Professional](#) has medical English teaching materials, hospital English worksheets and medical English lesson plans.
- iii. [EnglishMed.com](#) has online interactive activities for students and more than 1.5 hours of spoken English.
- iv. Scroll down on BusinessEnglishSite.com to [Medical English for Doctors and Patients](#) for a series of written quizzes.
- v. [TEFLTastic](#) has games, worksheets, and lesson plans related to healthcare.
- vi. [Literacy Net](#) presents “Visiting the Doctor”, with dialogues, readings, puzzles, other activities, and tips for teachers.
- vii. English Club presents [English for Nurses and Medical Professionals](#) which is taken from the site “English for Work”. There are quizzes and written dialogues.
- viii. ESL Flow has exercises and worksheets for the [human body](#) for students at the elementary and intermediate levels.
- ix. Multi-Cultural Educational Services has [LaRue Medical Literacy Exercises](#) for understanding prescription labels, over-the-counter labels, special warning labels, and side effects. These exercises were developed by Charles LaRue.
- x. Multi-Cultural Educational Services has [LaRue Medical Literacy Exercises](#) for understanding nutrition, diabetes, and high blood pressure. These exercises were developed by Charles LaRue.
- xi. MedlinePlus offers an online tutorial for [Understanding Medical Words](#) with quizzes to check what you’re learned. You can also download the tutorial as a pdf.

- xii. Pearson Prentice-Hall has an [Introduction to Medical Terminology](#) that has a glossary and quizzes to check your knowledge.
- f. Life Skills
- i. [Adult Learning Activities](#) from the California Distance Learning Project offers dozens of articles in 11 topics to improve reading and life skills. Each story can be read and listened to on several levels.
 - ii. EL Civics has [ESL Lifeskills Lessons](#) on a variety of topics.
- g. Looking for Work
- i. ThoughtCo. has a list of [Useful Vocabulary for Job Interviews and Resumes](#).
 - ii. DailyESL.com has an audio file with a transcript for Job Interview Tips <http://www.dailyesl.com/education/job-interview-tips/> and a quiz to check comprehension. This page also has links to other sites for language related to job hunting.
 - iii. [How to Teach Your ESL Students Job Application Skills](#) is one of four articles from Busy Teacher related to the process of job hunting.
 - iv. [English Conversation: Job Hunting](#) from EspressoEnglish has an audio file and a transcript of a conversation about job hunting. On this page you can request a pdf download of *500+ Real English Phrases* as well as Audio MP3s of the same e-book.
 - v. Carol Rueckert at ESL Lesson Plan has a [lesson plan for job interviews](#).
- h. English for Food and Cooking
- i. [The Cook's Thesaurus](#) has pictures of thousands of cooking ingredients. It does not have audio files to provide pronunciation.
 - ii. ESL Flow has vocabulary exercises, teaching ideas, quizzes, pdf roleplays, pdf surveys, activities, and recipes for teaching [English relating to cooking and restaurants](#).
 - iii. EnglishForMy Job.com has exercises and vocabulary in [ESL for the Food & Beverage Industry](#).
 - iv. LanternfishESL has a generator for [Free Kitchen Vocabulary Bingo](#).
 - v. Enchanted Learning has [Label Me! Printouts](#) for The Kitchen, Kitchen Utensils, and Kitchen Utensils #2.
 - vi. EL Civics for ESL Students has [Food Lessons](#) with activities and worksheets for beginning to intermediate students.
 - vii. Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab has a lesson on [Gourmet Recipes](#) with an audio file and comprehension questions.
 - viii. The *Internet TESL Journal* has a list of conversation questions on [Food & Eating](#) as well as a list on [Restaurants & Eating Out](#).
- i. Travel & Tourism
- i. Topnotch Travel Agency videos have travel conversations as well as language for other situations.

1. The first 38 minutes of this 56-minute video is humorous English conversation with video and subtitles at the [Topnotch Travel Agency](#).
 2. English Conversation 2 at the [Topnotch Travel Agency](#) has humorous conversations with video and subtitles for the first 36 minutes.
 3. English Conversation 3 at the [Topnotch Travel Agency](#) has humorous conversations with video and subtitles for the first 32 minutes.
- ii. LearnEnglishFeelGood.com has [Travel English/English for Tourists](#) with many interactive written exercises.
 - iii. ESLFlow has [Tourism and Hospitality](#) Industry Language Exercises.
 - iv. EnglishForMyJob.com has [ESL for Travel & Tourism Workers](#).
 - v. EnglishClub has [English for Tour Guides](#).
 - vi. EnglishClub has [English for Hotel Staff](#).

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