

55 ESL DIGITAL RESOURCES

55 Teacher Resources categorized by speaking, listening, reading, and writing.
Divided into adult and children categories.

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SPEAKING

1. BBC Learning English

Speaking/Adult

The site is sponsored by BBC and its divided into these topics: General & Business English Grammar, Vocabulary & Pronunciation, Talking Sports, Quizzes, The Flatmates, Community, And For Teachers.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/teachingenglish/talkingbusiness/> Speaking sample:
Talking Business

2. TalkEnglish

Speaking/Adults

TalkEnglish.com offers speaking lessons on Regular, Business, Interviewing, Traveling Lessons, along with new Listening lessons, Pronunciation lessons, Basic Grammar, and Intonation and speed of speaking tips.

<http://www.talkenglish.com/>

3. TESOL

Speaking/Adult

This is the site for the TESOL International Association. It has many teacher resources such as activities, assessment, lesson plans, teaching tips, virtual seminars and more. You can search by picking the type of resource, audience, and language proficiency level.

<http://www.tesol.org/connect/tesol-resource-center/explore-the-resource-center>

[http://www.tesol.org/docs/tesol-resource-center/73d51d33-0b1f-4b71-8065-](http://www.tesol.org/docs/tesol-resource-center/73d51d33-0b1f-4b71-8065-7913cc24b6a4_Activity_invitations.pdf?sfvrsn=0)

[7913cc24b6a4_Activity_invitations.pdf?sfvrsn=0](http://www.tesol.org/docs/tesol-resource-center/73d51d33-0b1f-4b71-8065-7913cc24b6a4_Activity_invitations.pdf?sfvrsn=0) Sample: Guest List group speaking activity

4. Usingenglish

Speaking/Adult

This site includes activities and lesson plans. It also includes specific LP test sample items, so it is good if you are preparing students for these tests, or great for practicing these skills.

<http://www.usingenglish.com/teachers/lesson-plans/>

<http://www.usingenglish.com/files/pdf/bulats-speaking-part-1-topics.pdf> Sample: Topic Game

5. ESLgold

Speaking/Adult

Materials, lesson plans, quizzes, online conversation partners, and links for teachers and students.

<http://www.eslgold.com/>

http://www.eslgold.com/speaking/ss_giving_information.html Sample: Speaking Situations - Giving Directions

6. Digital Story Telling – University of Houston

Speaking/Adult

Teachers can use digital storytelling as a teaching tool in the classroom. Using digital storytelling will assist both the visual and auditory learners. Students can tell their own stories or make up ones of their own and compose them along with pictures, audio, and more.

<http://digitalstorytelling.coe.uh.edu/esl.html>

<http://digitalstorytelling.coe.uh.edu/movies/aleyda.wmv> ESL Sample Story

7. Totalesl

Speaking/Adult

An ESL EFL TEFL TESOL worldwide resource for ESL/EFL/TEFL/TESOL jobs, teachers resumes, schools, teacher training courses, private tutors, blogs, lesson plans, activities, and more.

<http://www.totalesl.com/>

<http://www.totalesl.com/video.php?id=19> Sample: Video - Idioms

8. Englishclub

Conversation work sheets, activities, teacher notes for lessons.

Speaking/Adult

<http://www.englishclub.com/esl-worksheets/conversation/index.htm>

http://www.englishclub.com/esl-worksheets/conversation/TP_Adventure.pdf

9. Linguarama

Speaking/ Adult

Business English, offers mini-lessons and worksheets. Look under “Themes” for lessons categorized under very precise headings like management, banking, and marketing. It’s straightforward and best for ESL classes that are intermediate and higher.

<http://www.linguarama.com/ps/sales-themed-english/polite-speech.htm>

10. Skype in the classroom

Speaking/Any

Skype is a free and easy way for teachers to open up their classroom. Meet new people, talk to experts, share ideas and create amazing learning experiences with teachers from around the world. You can have a language interchange and have real-world conversation opportunity for your students.

<https://education.skype.com/>

11. EverythingESL

Speaking/Children

By a teacher for teachers. This site has content based and cultural lesson plans, teaching tips, resource picks and more.

<http://www.everythingsl.net/>

http://www.everythingsl.net/lessons/favorite_food.php Sample: What is your favorite food lesson?

LISTENING

12. British Council Learn English

Listening/Adult

This website is sponsored by the British Council and it is for adult learners. It is divided into the following sections: Listen & Watch, Grammar & Vocabulary, Fun & Games, Business & Work, and IELTS.

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/>

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/big-city-small-world/series-2-episode-11-date> Listening sample: Audio soap opera with practice exercises and transcripts.

13. Manythings

Listening/Adult

The website is divided into the following categories: vocabulary, reading, grammar, listening and speaking. There are songs, quizzes, word games, word puzzles, proverbs, slang expressions, anagrams, a random-sentence generator and other computer assisted language learning activities.

<http://www.manythings.org/>

<http://www.manythings.org/mp/m08.html> Listening Sample Minimal Pair Quiz

14. ESLPod

Listening/Adults

ESLPod.com provides a great selection of podcasts that are written and read specifically to ESL learners.

http://www.eslpod.com/website/index_new.html

15. OneStopEnglish

Listening/Adult

Onestopenglish is a teacher's resource site for English teachers. All materials are written and edited by a team of teachers and authors and are organized into core subject areas. The link sample takes you to the listening skill section, which contains innovative lesson ideas for listening such as an audio soap opera, cinematic listening, live from ...authentic interviews, mini-plays, jazz chants, listening lesson plans, and teaching tips. You do not have to be a registered user to have access to these resources.

<http://www.onestopenglish.com>

<http://www.onestopenglish.com/skills/listening/mini-plays/the-clothes-shop/550201.article> Listening Sample Mini Play

16. Voice of America

Listening/Adults

This is a multimedia source of daily news and information for millions of English learners worldwide. Audio programs and captioned videos are written using vocabulary at the intermediate and upper-beginner level and are read one-third slower than regular VOA English. Online texts, MP3s and podcasts let people read, listen and learn American English and much more.

<http://learningenglish.voanews.com/>

<http://learningenglish.voanews.com/archive/learningenglish-programs-radio-people-in-america/latest/978/1578.html> Sample podcast People in America

17. Eviews

Listening/Adult

eViews has been designed for ESL to hear authentic English speakers in "natural" conversations. Interviews are recorded at a natural speed, are not scripted, and are spoken by "real" people, not actors. Students are able to practice hearing and understanding native English speakers in a wide range of accents; English, American, Canadian, Australian, New Zealand, etc.

<http://www.eviews.net/>

<http://www.eviews.net/1349/> Sample: MP3 Audio – An Interview with Chris

18. Tefltunes

Listening/Adult

ESL and EFL teachers thinking about using songs and lyrics to teach English grammar. Includes worksheet and teacher notes for each song.

<http://www.tefltones.com/search/searchall.aspx?name=public>

19. Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab

Listening/Adults

Bank of ESL listening activities. The sound clips have pre and post-listening exercises, and comprehension questions too. Most of the content would suit low-to-high intermediate students, but there are some resources for beginners and advanced learners too.

<http://www.esl-lab.com/>

<http://www.esl-lab.com/rentcar/rentcarrd1.htm> Sample renting a car

20. Scholastic

Listening/Children/Young Adults

Offers teacher resources including student activities, computer lab favorites, interactive whiteboard activities, new teacher support, daily starters, Everything you need for: lesson plans, planning calendar, printables, mini-books, and more.

http://teacher.scholastic.com/commclub/animal_moves_activity/ Sample: Animal Book

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bll/nina/home/> Sample: Vocab Game

21. BrainPop

Listening/Children

BrainPOP ESL uses lively, engaging content to teach English to ESL's. Lessons are built around animated movies and supporting features that reinforce vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, reading comprehension, and writing skills. New concepts are couched in everyday situations, adding context for learners and helping them master idiomatic and cultural nuances. Versatile and easy to use, BrainPOP ESL assumes no prior knowledge of English, and effectively addresses diverse learning styles.

http://www.brainpop.com/free_stuff/

<http://www.brainpopesl.com/level1/unit1/lesson1/> Sample ESL Unit Videos

22. Storyline

Listening/Children

Online streaming video program featuring Screen Actors Guild members reading children's books aloud. Each book includes accompanying activities and lesson ideas.

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

23. Abcfastphonics

Listening/Any beginner/Child

This program presents the basics of phonics, including rules for vowels, consonants, and blends along with practice pages. Young children and other beginning readers of all ages can navigate the site just by using the hand buttons. Click and hear the sound of each alphabet letter, consonants, vowels long and short, rules, common words, and more.

<http://www.abcfastphonics.com/>

<http://www.abcfastphonics.com/letter-names.html> Sample: Letter names

READING

24. GCFLearnFree

Reading/Adult

GCFLearnFree helps improve English vocabulary with their Reading program. Fun activities and videos will help you master 1,000 common English words. Reading and listening to texts will improve your ability to speak, read, and understand English. You can even choose your native language to learn English!

<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/learnenglish>

<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/reading/play/2> Reading Sample: Learn English in Spanish

25. American English

Reading/Adult

American English is a resource center for teaching and learning about American English language and culture. This website provides a variety of engaging materials and resources for teachers' professional development and for students in the classroom. Both teachers and students will find new ways to practice English and learn more about the United States.

<http://americanenglish.state.gov/materials-learning-english>

<http://americanenglish.state.gov/resources/build-fire-and-other-stories#child-360>

Sample: Reading To Build a Fire and Other Stories (Audio and PDF)

26. Scribd

Reading/Adults

This bank of "did they really happen?" stories has a good selection of offbeat reads about topics like animal heroism and dumb burglars. The content reminds me of Reader's Digest; it's nothing groundbreaking, but the mass appeal is great for structuring classroom activities. Some stories have a good deal of supplementary exercises for students. Reading articles with vocabulary and follow up questions.

<http://www.scribd.com/>

http://www.scribd.com/fullscreen/117748668?access_key=key-25kb6t3j5d1rroeh65nt

Sample: Article - Car Theft?

27. British Council Learn English Teen

Reading/Teen

This website is sponsored by the British council and it is for teenagers. The website is divided into English skills practices, grammar and vocabulary, exams, free time, and magazines.

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/>

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/english-skills-practice/read-your-level/la-skaters-interview-level-1> Reading sample: Skater interview

28. Starfall

Reading/Children

You can teach children to read with phonics. Systematic phonics approach, in conjunction with phonemic awareness practice, is perfect for preschool, kindergarten, first grade, second grade, special education, homeschool, and English language development (ELD, ELL, ESL).

<http://www.starfall.com/>

<http://www.starfall.com/n/comics/lemonade-girl/load.htm?f>

Reading sample: Comics – Lemonade Girl

29. PBS Teachers

Reading/Children/Young Adults

Free Resources for Teaching & Learning for preK-12. Here you'll find classroom materials suitable for a wide range of subjects and grade levels, thousands of lesson plans, teaching activities, on-demand video assets, and interactive games and simulations. These resources are correlated to state and national educational standards.

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/>

<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/connect/resources/7873/preview/> Sample reading: Newspaper in the digital age

30. Colorincolorado

Reading/K-12

Colorín Colorado is a free web-based service that provides information, activities and advice for educators and Spanish-speaking families of English language learners.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/educators/>

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/webcasts/reading/> Sample: Webcast Reading to Learn

31. Scholastic

Reading/Children

Offers teacher resources including student activities, computer lab favorites, interactive whiteboard activities, new teacher support, daily starters, Everything You Need for, lesson plans, planning calendar, printables, mini-books and more.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/adventure/spanish1.htm> Sample: Bilingual Game

32. ReadingLesson

Reading/Children

Lessons, stories to read, coloring sheets, and games.

<http://www.readinglesson.com/>

33. Sesame Street

Sesame workshop is the nonprofit educational organization behind Sesame Street. Our projects bring critical lessons in literacy & numeracy, emotional well being, health & wellness, and respect and understanding to children in over 150+ countries.

Reading/Children

<http://www.sesamestreet.org/home>

http://www.sesamestreet.org/games#media/game_955a4838-3ce1-4029-99f6-e983a3654419 Sample: Game - Alphabet Soup

34. Children's Story Books Online

Reading/Children

Illustrated children's stories for kids of all ages

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/>

<http://www.magickeys.com/books/noblegnarble/index.html> Sample

35. Free Reading

Reading/Children

Free Reading is a high-quality, open-source, free reading intervention program addressing literacy development. Includes a library of lessons in phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. The site is also filled with free, downloadable supplemental materials including flashcards, graphical organizers, illustrated readers, decodable texts, audio files, videos and more.

<http://www.free-reading.net/>

http://www.free-reading.net/index.php?title=Introduce_th Sample lesson on “th”

36. Oxfordowl

Reading/Listening Primary

With over 250 free e-books, Oxford Owl is a free website built to help you with your child's learning. It is full of great support for reading and math. Extended to provide practical advice and top tips up to age 11 to help you support your child's reading all the way through their primary school years. Special Kids' barn area jam-packed with games and fun activities to make reading more fun.

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>

http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/EBooks/Big_Game_Adventure/# Sample book

WRITING

37. PaperRater

Writing/Adult

This website can be an aid for the students to develop their English writing. The site shows most of the grammar, punctuation, and spelling mistakes. Also, it evaluates the word choice and then gives the writer an estimated grade.

<http://www.paperrater.com/>

38. Study Zone

Writing/Adults

The Study Zone is for students of the English Language. The English-language lessons and practice exercises are created by teachers. The site is designed to support our adult English-language learners.

<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/courses/elc/studyzone/>

<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/courses/elc/studyzone/410/grammar/2cond.htm> Lesson Sample : Second Conditional

39. Academic English Café

Writing/Adult

Learn English online at your own pace in the Academic English Cafe! English language quizzes on grammar and writing topics, practice with real academic vocabulary, read model essays on many academic topics, listen to authentic English language programs. Quizzes, writing, essays, handouts, and lessons.

<http://www.academicenglishcafe.com/index.html>

<http://www.academicenglishcafe.com/writing-quiz-1.html> Sample Writing Quiz

40. John Fleming's ESL Grammar help

Writing/Adult

College professor's writing lab.

[http://faculty.deanza.edu/flemingjohn/stories/storyReader\\$22](http://faculty.deanza.edu/flemingjohn/stories/storyReader$22)

41. Readwritethink

Writing/Children/Young Adults

Provides educators, parents, and afterschool professionals with access to the highest quality practices in reading and language arts instruction by offering the very best in free materials. In this writing section you will find lesson plans, student interactive, calendar activities, and printouts.

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/>

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/lesson-plans/bear-poem-composing-performing-835.html> Sample Writing: Composing Poetry

42. TeacherTube

Writing/Children/Young Adults

An online community for sharing instructional videos. Educationally focused, safe venue for teachers, schools, and home learners. Provides anytime, anywhere professional development with teachers teaching teachers. Teachers can also post videos designed for students to view in order to learn a concept or skill.

<http://teachertube.com/>
http://teachertube.com/viewVideo.php?video_id=25156 Writing Sample: Pizza Sentences

43. Hubforteachers

Children/Writing

The Hub, a new destination dedicated to bringing kids and families together, is partnering with Discovery Education to support teachers with comprehensive lesson plans, activities and a writing contest to inspire storytelling in the classroom.

<http://hubforteachers.discoveryeducation.com/storytelling-in-classroom/>
<http://hubforteachers.discoveryeducation.com/media/pdf/sensory-details.pdf> Sample: Sensory details

44. Discovery Education

Writing/Children/Young Adults

Provides high quality, dynamic, digital content, interactive lessons, real time assessment, virtual experiences with some of Discovery's greatest talent, classroom contest & challenges, professional development and more - Discovery is leading the way in transforming classrooms and inspiring learning.

http://www.discoveryeducation.com/teachers/index.cfm?campaign=flyout_teachers
<http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com/WordSearchSetupForm.asp> Sample Word Search Template

45. British Council Learn English Kids

Writing/Children

This website is sponsored by the British council and it is for kids. The website is divided into six main sections, kids games, listen and watch, read and write, make, speak and spell, and grammar.

<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/>
<http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/en/word-games/make-the-sentences/letter-santa>

Writing sample: Letter to Santa

46. Scholastic

Offers teacher resources including student activities, computer lab favorites, interactive whiteboard activities, new teacher support, daily starters, Everything you need for: lesson plans, planning calendar, printables, mini-books and more.

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/story-starters/> Sample: Story starter game

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

47. A4esl.org

Assessment

This site has a section of bilingual quizzes that can be very useful. Over 50 languages included.

<http://a4esl.org/>

48. Internet Public Library

"ipl2: information you can trust" merges the collections of resources from the Internet Public Library (IPL) and the Librarians' Internet Index (LII) websites. The site is hosted by Drexel University's College of Information Science & Technology, and a consortium of colleges and universities with programs in information science are involved in developing and maintaining the ipl2.

<http://www.ipl.org/>

49. Translated Letters

Translated materials to inform parents. Here is a compilation of translated documents.

<http://emtras.newcastlelea.org/transletts.htm>

<http://www.k12.wa.us/CISL/FamilyEngagement/Communicating/Translations.aspx>

50. NCELA

Authorized under Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB), the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition & Language Instruction Educational Programs (NCELA) supports the U.S. Department of Education's Office of English Language Acquisition, Language Enhancement, and Academic Achievement for Limited English Proficient Students (OELA) in its mission to respond to Title III educational needs, and implement NCLB as it applies to English language learners (ELLs).

<http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/>

Free ESL Digital Resources for the iPhone, iPad, and iPod

51. Kids Picture Dictionary

A picture dictionary from A to Z with over a hundred words and sentences. Kids can listen to words, see pictures, and can record themselves.

Seller: eFlashApps, LLC

Price: Free

For more information, visit: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/kids-picture-dictionary-educational/id482972824?mt=8>

52. British Council LearnEnglish Grammar

This app is designed for beginning, intermediate, and advance English language learners to help improve English grammar. There are practice activities and tests.

Seller: British Council

Price: Free

For more information, visit: <http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/fr/apps/learnenglish-grammar>

53. Learn English Easily

This app offers lessons to learn English. This app provides interactive opportunities in which the learner will connect words with pictures. There are also tests to help keep track of progress.

Seller: Wan Peng

Price: Free

For more information, visit: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/learn-english-easily/id492163040?mt=8>

54. Lingo Arcade: Where Learning is a Game

This app teaches reading, writing, and speaking through game play. This app has a fun, engaging, and natural way of teaching English.

Seller: Innovative Mobile Apps Ltd

For more information, visit: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/learn-english-lingo-arcade/id574623456?mt=8>

55. Fun English: Language Learning Games for Kids

This app is designed to teach children, aged 3-10, English through structured, interactive games. It teaches words, sentences, writing, and speaking.

Price: Free

Seller: MATEO SOLARES

For more information, visit: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fun-english-language-learning/id428920239?mt=8>