

2016 RECOMMENDED RESOURCES LIST

This bibliography includes recommendations by LEARN members. These items and websites have been helpful to tutors and students and are included in this list to demonstrate the variety of materials available. The list serves as a starting point for libraries developing their collection. Wherever possible, the newest edition of a title is listed.

- 1. General**
- 2. Dictionaries (including picture dictionaries) and Idioms**
- 3. Grammar**
- 4. Reading Skills (including phonics)**
- 5. Readers/Reading Selections for Adult Learners**
- 6. Speaking, Listening, Pronunciation**
- 7. Vocabulary**
- 8. Writing**
- 9. Teachers/Tutoring Tips and Ideas**
- 10. American Culture & Customs (including holidays)**
- 11. Citizenship**
- 12. Life Skills (getting a driver's license, banking, shopping, etc.)**
- 13. Math**
- 14. Newspapers**
- 15. Tests (including TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC)**
- 16. Work/Job Related Skills**

1. General

- Chase, Becky Tarver. *Pathways*. Boston, MA: National Geographic Learning: Cengage Learning, 2013.
- Collins, Tim. *Correct Your English Errors: Avoid 99% of the Common Mistakes Made by Learners of English*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2009.
- Cottrell, Stella. *The Study Skills Handbook*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008.
- Crichton, Jonathan. *English Made Easy: Learning English through Pictures*. Rutland, VT: Tuttle Publishing, 2015.
- *Crossroads Café* [DVD]. Pasadena, CA: INTELECOM Intelligent Telecommunications, 1996.
- *Easy English: Basic English Made Simple* [CD]. New York: Living Language, 2009.
- *Endeavor*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2009.
- Engelhardt, Diane. *Perfect Phrases for ESL: Conversation Skills*. Chicago: McGraw-Hill, 2013.
- *English No Problem!* Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2004.
- *Family Literacy Answer Book: A Guidebook for Teachers and Administrators of Family Literacy Programs*. Louisville, KY: The National Center for Family Literacy, 1997.
- Frauman-Prickel, Maxine. *Action English Pictures*. Burlingame, CA: Alta Book Center, 1999.
- Gast, Natalie. *Perfect Phrases for ESL: Everyday Situations*. Chicago: McGraw-Hill, 2013.
- Gianola, Ann. *Life Goes On: Day-to-Day Stories and Language Activities*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2009.
- Graham, Carolyn. *Jazz Chants* [CD]. New York: Oxford University Press, 2003. (Also by Graham: *Small Talk: More Jazz Chants*).
- Haffner, Ann. *Talk of the Block: Short-vowel Stories and Activities*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2005.
- Harvey, William C. *Ingles para Latinos*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's, 2011.
- Hess, Natalie. *Wow! Stories from Real Life: A Low-Beginning, Multi-Skills Text*. Burlingame, CA: Alta Book Center Publishers, 2008.
- *In English on Your Own* [DVD]. South Pasadena, CA: Video Language Products, 2003.
- *Ingles Sin Barreras* [set]. Los Angeles: Lexicon, 2007.
- Jenkins, Rob and Staci Johnson. *Stand Out: Standards-Based English*. Boston: Heinle/Cengage Learning, 2009.
- *Learning English: Steps 1-2-3*. Roslyn Heights, NY: Video Aided Instruction, 2006.
- Lewis, Marilyn and Hayo Reinders. *Study Skills for Speakers of English as a Second Language*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003.
- McBride, Edward. *Downtown Basic: English for Work and Play (Levels 1 – 4)*. Boston: Heinle Cengage Learning, 2010.

- McLaughlin, Dan. [*The Parent's Homework Dictionary*](#). Poway, CA: DAMAND Promotions, various years (in 9 languages, helps parents understand the concepts of their children's homework).
- Milner, Martin. *World English: Real People, Real Places, Real Language* (Levels 1–3). Boston: Heinle Cengage Learning: National Geographic, 2010.
- Mosteller, Lee. *Survival English*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Pearson Education ESL, 1994.
- Moreira, Elena. *Como Estudiar*. Buenos Aires: Longseller, 2006.
- Nisio, Yvonne Wong. *Longman ESL Literacy*. New York: Pearson Longman, 2006.
- *Say-It Language Cards: for Restaurants and Cafeterias*. Rockville, MD: Language Arts Press, 2007 (Also *Say-It Language Cards: for Landscaping* and *Say-It Language Cards: for Construction Trades*).
- *Voyager: Reading and Writing for Today's Adults*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1999.
- *Power Basics* [series]. Portland, ME: [J. Weston Walch](#).
- Ward, Mary & Elizabeth Bottcher. *What I Believe 1 & 2*. White Plains, NY: Pearson Longman, 2008.
- Westwood, Virginia. [*Issues in English*](#) [CD-ROM]. Hurstbridge, Vic: Protea Textware, 2011.
- Wiley, Kaye. *Fast Track Phonics*. White Plains, NY: Longman/Pearson Education, 2002.

General Websites/Databases

[Burlington English](#): Includes many useful online programs, including *Everyday English*, *English in America*, and more.

[Ellis Academic](#): ELLIS Academic placement tools will allow you to easily gauge each student's current English proficiency and will recommend a placement within the four ELLIS Academic modules. The technology-driven content delivery will allow each student to self-pace through the modules to ensure mastery of skill objectives as he or she moves toward target language independence.

[ESLDEsk.com](#): ESL activities, including vocabulary, grammar, spelling, reading, and more.

[GCF LearnFree.org](#) offers free online tutorials about computers, reading, math, and more. Registration is required, but the tutorials are free.

<http://www.keybr.com/> for practice with keyboard skills.

[The Literacy Assistance Center](#) in New York has some good links.

[Mango Languages](#): (database and website).

[Universal Class](#): [Pay database] It has self-directed online classes on over 500 topics.

[USA Learns](#): Learn beginning and intermediate English free. Watch video lessons and do thousands of activities. Practice English speaking, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, spelling, writing, and grammar.

2. Dictionaries (including picture dictionaries) and Idioms

- Adelson-Goldstein, Jayme and Norma Shapiro. *Oxford Picture Dictionary: Monolingual*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008. (Available in Arabic, Cambodian, Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese).
- *The American Heritage Dictionary for Learners of English*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2010.
- Collis, Harry. *101 American English Idioms*. Chicago, McGraw-Hill, 2007.
- Collis, Harry. *Get with It: 101-plus Pop Culture Idioms and Expressions*. Burlingame, CA: Alta Book Center Publishers, 2008.
- DK Visual Bilingual Dictionaries, 2015 -. Available in many languages.
- Foley, Barbara. *The Heinle Picture Dictionary (+ workbooks)*. Boston: Thomson, Heinle, 2007.
- Jourist, Igor. *The Firefly Spanish/English Visual Dictionary*. Buffalo, NY.: Firefly Books, 2015.
- LeBaron, Joyce and Susannah LeBaron. *The American Heritage Thesaurus for Learners of English*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2002.
- *Longman Photo Dictionary of American English* [with CDs]. Harlow, Essex: Pearson/Longman, 2006.
- Makkai, Adam. *A Dictionary of American Idioms*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's, 2013.
- *Merriam-Webster's Advanced Learner's English Dictionary*. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 2008. (Study guide also available).
- Niergarth, Hal. *The Idiom Book: 1010 Idioms in 101 Two-page Lessons*. Battleboro, VT: Pro Lingua Associates, 2007.
- Zwier, Lawrence. *English for Everyday Activities: A Picture Process Dictionary*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1999.

Dictionaries and Idioms Websites

[Dictionary Help](#): Basic dictionary to help learn English words and their meanings.

[EZ Slang](#): Master the meanings of popular idioms and slang that are difficult for English language learners.

[Idiom Connection](#): Explanations of hundreds of idioms with quizzes to practice learning their meanings.

[Idioms 4 you](#): Site contains all types of idiom information for ESL learners; ESL worksheets and vocabulary lessons for intermediate and advanced levels; exercises on idioms.

[Language Automation](#): Links to foreign language dictionaries for translating words into English.

[Learners Dictionary](#): Online dictionary from Merriam-Webster including word of the day, quizzes, and core vocabulary.

[Library Words in Spanish/English](#): Learn library vocabulary words, such as literacy, librarian, overdue notice, information desk, and more as translated from Spanish to English.

[The Internet Picture Dictionary](#): Includes practice activities such as flash cards, fill-in-the-blanks and word scrambles to learn English; program also has vocabulary in Spanish, French, German, and Italian.

[Word Reference](#): Online word translator from English to many other languages and from other languages to English.

3. **Grammar**

- Leaning to Speak English, Program One and Program Two, Book/CD (in many languages). Cupertino, CA: California Language Laboratories, 2008.
- Lee, Richard. *Columbia Common English Usage Mistakes at ACT*. Vancouver, BC: Columbia Press, 2012.
- Murphy, Raymond. *Grammar in Use: Self-Study Reference and Practice for Students of North American English*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009.
- Schoenberg, Irene. *Focus on Grammar*. White Plains, NY: Pearson Education, 2011.
- Smalzer, William. *Basic Grammar in Use: Workbook with Answers*. New York, Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- Swick, Edward. *English Grammar for ESL Learners*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2005.
- Torres-Gouzerh, Robin. *Intermediate English Grammar for ESL Learners*. Chicago: McGraw-Hill, 2008.
- Ur, Penny. *Grammar Practice Activities*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009.
- Yates, Jean. *Master the Basics—English*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's, 2013.

Grammar Websites

[Dave's ESL Cafe on the Web](#): Helpful pages on grammar, pronunciation, slang, test preparation advice, and links to other ESL websites.

[English Central](#): Learn the correct pronunciation and grammar by selecting videos to watch online to record your voice and compare it to correct speech patterns.

[ESLPDF](#): Over 200 free English grammar and vocabulary worksheets for the classroom or self-study; includes special sections such as phrasal verb training and holidays.

[ESL Lessons and Help](#): Learn how to use nouns, verbs, adverbs, prepositions and other parts of speech to construct correct sentences.

[In Business with A, An, and The](#) is a fun software game. It takes you inside an imaginary American company to learn how to use a, an, and the correctly.

[Grammar Guide](#): Build English grammar and vocabulary skills.

[Learn English Feel Good](#): ESL portal with a wide variety of exercises and resources for students and teachers of English; over 300 free grammar and vocabulary exercises, 120 free printable grammar worksheets, media-based listening comprehension exercises, lists of American idioms and phrasal verbs, an "English for Travelers" section, and much more.

[Learn English Online](#): Grammar, listening, vocabulary lessons, and exercises for all levels of English learners.

[Tense Busters](#): Tense Buster, Clarity's most popular program, helps learners improve their understanding of key grammar areas from some/any at Elementary level to phrasal verbs at Advanced level.

[Train your Accent](#): Listen to short recorded speeches on various topics to help reduce the accents in new English language speakers.

4. **Reading Skills (including phonics)**

- Bitterlin, Gretchen. *Ventures* (Levels 1 – 4 with Teachers' Guides). New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- Brosh, Hezi. *Arabic Stories for Language Learners: Traditional Middle Eastern Tales in Arabic and English*. Rutland, VT: Tuttle Publishing, 2013.
- Cassriel, Betsy. *Stories Worth Reading, Skills Worth Learning*. Boston: Thomson/Heinle, 2006.
- Conklin, Lia. *What's Next: A Multilevel Phonics Approach for ESL Students* (Levels 1 – 4). Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2012.
- *Endeavor*. (Series 1 – 8 with teachers' guides). Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2009.
- *Flash Cards: A Tool to Teach Phonics by Relating Pictures with Phonetic Sounds*. Adult Reading Program, 2014.
- Gianola, Ann. *Novel Scenes* [series]. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2010.
- Gianola, Ann. *Stories Plus: Readings and Activities for Language Skills*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2000.
- Hartel, Jo Ann. *Sam & Pat Reading and Writing: Books 1 & 2*. Boston, MA: Heinle Cengage Learning, 2006.
- Heyer, Sandra. *Very Easy True Stories: A Picture Based First Reader*. White Plains, NY: Addison-Wesley Longman, 1998 (Also by Heyer: *All New Easy True Stories, Easy True Stories, Even More True Stories, More True Stories, True Stories in the News*).
- Huizenga, Jann. *Can You Believe It! Stories and Idioms from Real Life*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Keller, Roseanne. *LifeStories*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2003.
- Laubach, Frank. *Laubach Way to Reading* (Levels 1 – 4 with Workbooks). Syracuse, New York: New Readers Press, 2011.
- Lee, Linda. *All-Star* (Levels 1 – 4). New York: McGraw-Hill, 2011.
- Molinsky, Steven. *Foundations*. New York: Pearson Longman, 2007.
- Murphy, Coreia. *Challenger* (Levels 1 – 8). Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2010. (Digital Challenger, online program, also available).
- Rice, Gail. *Focus on Phonics* (Levels 1 – 4). Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2011.
- *Step Forward: Language for Everyday Life* (Levels 1 – 4). New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

Reading Skills Websites

[Learning Resources](#): Provided by CNN, adults can read, view, or listen to current news stories. Reading and vocabulary activities are included with each story.

[Marshall Adult Education](#): Improve reading by using the research strategies of repeated reading and guided oral reading, aid in building adult learners' fluency, and increasing comprehension skills.

[New York Times Learning Network](#): Learn about United States current events and more using the New York Times learning network.

[News For You Online](#): Easy to read weekly online newspaper including participation in polls, teachers' guides, voting guides to learn about upcoming political elections and new vocabulary words (Password: D812FC).

[Phonetics](#): Learn phonetic sounds of the English language. It has English, Spanish, and German language translations.

5. Readers/Reading Selections for Adults

- 16 Extraordinary Americans [series]. Portland, ME: J. Weston Walch, 1995-.
- Amazing Americans [series]. Chicago: Wright Group/McGraw-Hill, 2006.
- [Cambridge English Readers](#).
- [Grassroots Press](#). Canada. (Includes many adult easy-to-read paperback novels)
- [MacMillan Readers](#) [series].
- Oxford Bookworms Library [series]. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Penguin Readers [series]. Harlow, England: Pearson Education.
- [Playaway Bookpaks](#) (preloaded MP3 player with book).
- Rapid Reads [series]. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press.
- Saddleback Classics [series]. Irvine, CA: Saddleback Pub.
- Saddleback Pageturners [series]. Irvine, CA: Saddleback Pub.
- SmartReader [series on CD]. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, 1994-.
- [We Both Read](#) [series]. South San Francisco, CA: Treasure Bay.

Readers/Reading Selections Websites

[Boggles World ESL for Adults](#): Site includes many stories, exercises, and games for improving English language skills.

[Capstone Press](#) has bilingual titles on many topics.

[Center for the Study of Adult Literacy](#): Adult stories in beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, including topics such as health, food, babies, teenagers, families, history, and others.

[ESL Yes](#): More than 1600 stories in beginner and intermediate levels that include games, puzzles, and the ability to listen to the audio parts at normal and slow speeds.

[Tumble Books](#): A collection of over 1000 titles, which includes animated talking picture books, chapter books, videos, nonfiction titles, playlists, books in languages other than English such as French and Spanish, graphic novels, and math stories.

[We Are New York Practice English](#): Read stories at the beginner level about everyday activities that can occur in any city. Download readers, study guides, new words and use instructions/translations from Arabic, Chinese, Russian, and Spanish language into English.

6. **Speaking, Listening, Pronunciation**

- Baker, Ann. *Pronunciation Pairs: An Introduction to the Sounds of English* [student book with audio CD]. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2008.
- *Easy Pronunciation* [CD]. New York: Living Language, 2009.
- Foley, Barbara. *Listen to Me: Beginning Listening, Speaking, and Pronunciation*. Boston, MA: Heinle Cengage Learning, 2010.
- Foley, Barbara. *Now Hear This! High Beginning Listening, Speaking & Pronunciation*. Boston, MA: Heinle Cengage Learning, 2010.
- Gilbert, Judy. *Clear Speech from the Start: Basic Pronunciation and Listening Comprehension in North American English*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
- Grant, Linda. *Well Said, Introduction and Well Said: Pronunciation for Clear Communication*. Boston, MA: Heinle Cengage Learning, 2017.
- Kehe, David. *Conversation Strategies: Pair and Group Activities for Developing Communicative Competence*. Brattleboro, VT: Pro Lingua Associates, 2014 (Also by Kehe: *Discussion Strategies: Beyond Everyday Conversation*).
- Lane, Linda L. *Focus on Pronunciation* (1 – 3 levels). White Plains, NY: Pearson, 2013.
- Marsden, Bob. *50 Common Errors: A Practical Guide for English Learners*. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 2008.
- *Pronunciation Power* [CD-ROM]. Edmonton, Alberta: English Computerized Learning, 2007 ([or online](#)).
- Samelson, William. *English as a Second Language. Phase 1. Let's Converse*. Laurel, MD: Elstreet Educational, 2015.
- Wright, Andrew. *Games for Language Learning*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
- Yates, Jean. *Pronounce It Perfectly in English* [CD]. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's, 2013.

Speaking, Listening, Pronunciation Websites

[Basic ESL](#): Improves an individual's listening, speaking, pronunciation, reading and writing skills through a simple to follow, and instructionally proven curriculum. Students learn English quickly and effectively on relevant topics including: family, home, school, and many other topics. In each lesson, students learn key vocabulary and how to use that vocabulary in conversation.

[English Language Listening Lab](#): Users listen to a story and then must answer questions in order to continue. It offers fun and useful listening practice.

SpokenText.net allows you to record PDF, Word, plain text, PowerPoint files, RSS news feeds, emails, and web pages, and convert them to speech automatically (English, French, Spanish, or German).

Tune in to Learning: General language site to help adults gain skills they need to achieve their educational, career, and personal goals.

7. **Vocabulary (see also “Dictionaries”)**

- Greenberg, Michael. *Painless Vocabulary*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron’s, 2016.
- Huizenga, Jann. *Totally True: Building Vocabulary through Reading* [with CD]. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.
- Lee, Richard. *Columbia 1000 Words You Must Know for ESL*. Vancouver, BC: Columbia Press, 2013.
- Molinsky, Steven. *Word by Word*. White Plains, NY: Pearson/Longman, 2008 (available in many languages).
- Sattler, Ann. *Survival Words*. Scottsdale, AZ: Remedia Publications, 2009 (Also *Shopping Mall Words*, *Computer Words*, and *Restaurant Words*).

Vocabulary Websites

ESLDEsk.com: ESL activities, including vocabulary, grammar, spelling, reading, and more.

ESL Gold: Provides thousands of free resources and information for both students and teachers; all materials are organized by skill level for quick and easy access to speaking, vocabulary, listening, reading, writing, flashcards and other practice pages.

The Internet Picture Dictionary: Includes practice activities such as flash cards, fill-in-the-blanks and word scrambles to learn English; program also has vocabulary in Spanish, French, German, and Italian.

Idioms 4 you: Site contains all types of idiom information for ESL learners; ESL worksheets and vocabulary lessons for intermediate and advanced levels; exercises on idioms.

Learners Dictionary: Online dictionary from Merriam-Webster including word of the day, quizzes, and core vocabulary.

Library Words in Spanish/English: Learn library vocabulary words, such as literacy, librarian, overdue notice, information desk, and more as translated from Spanish to English.

The New York Times Learning Network: Current event stories, quizzes, crossword puzzles and other vocabulary and knowledge building resources for students, parents, and instructors. Includes geography. Great for vocabulary.

USA Learns: Learn beginning and intermediate English free. Watch video lessons and do thousands of activities. Practice English speaking, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, spelling, writing, and grammar.

8. **Writing**

- Blanton, Linda L. *Step-by-Step Writing*. Boston: Heinle Cengage Learning, 2010.

- Marcus, Arlene. *Writing Inspirations: A Fundex of Individualized Activities for English Language Practice*. Brattleboro, VT: Pro Lingua Associates, 2008.
- Munoz, Mary Ellen. *ESL, English as a Second Language: Writing, Intermediate & Advanced*. Piscataway, NJ: Research and Education Association, 2007.
- Swick, Edward. *Writing Better English for ESL Learners*. Chicago: McGraw-Hill, 2009.

Writing Websites

[Basic ESL](#): Improves an individual's listening, speaking, pronunciation, reading and writing skills through a simple to follow, and instructionally proven curriculum. Students learn English quickly and effectively on relevant topics including: family, home, school, and many other topics. In each lesson, students learn key vocabulary and how to use that vocabulary in conversation.

[English as a Second Language Home Page](#): A starting point for ESL learners who want to study English using the Web; contains a lightly annotated directory of links in categories, including Listening and Speaking; Reading with Understanding; Grammar and Writing; ESL-related Information; English Language Schools; and More ESL Sites.

[ESL Gold](#): Provides thousands of free resources and information for both students and teachers; all materials are organized by skill level for quick and easy access to speaking, vocabulary, listening, reading, writing, flashcards and other practice pages

[USA Learns](#): Learn beginning and intermediate English free. Watch video lessons and do thousands of activities. Practice English speaking, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, spelling, writing, and grammar.

9. Teachers/Tutoring Tips and Ideas

- Carver, Tina Kasloff. *A Conversation Book 1 & 2: English in Everyday Life*. White Plains, NY: Pearson Longman, 2006.
- Folse, Keith. *Discussion Starters*. Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 1996 (also *First Discussion Starters*, and *More Discussion Starters*).
- Herrell, Adrienne. *50 Strategies for Teaching English Language Learners*. Boston, Pearson, 2016.
- Reif, Sandra F. *How to Reach and Teach All Children Through Balanced Literacy: User-friendly Strategies, Tools, Activities, and ready-to-use Materials*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2007.
- Roth, Eric H. *Compelling Conversations: Questions and Quotations on Timeless Topics: An Engaging ESL Textbook for Advanced Students*. Los Angeles: Chimayo Press, 2008.

Teachers/Tutoring Tips and Ideas Websites

[Adult Learning Resource Center](#): The Adult Learning Resource Center (ALRC), a nationally recognized educational resource, provides professional development, including instructional and program support, for adult and family educators.

[CAELA](#): Center for Adult English Language Acquisition has resources for teachers to help adults learn English.

[English as a Second Language Home Page](#): A starting point for ESL learners who want to study English using the Web; contains a lightly annotated directory of links in categories, including Listening and Speaking; Reading with Understanding; Grammar and Writing; ESL-related Information; English Language Schools; and More ESL Sites.

[English Club](#): Helps students to learn English and instructors to teach English; includes lessons for learners and teachers, including fun pages like games, quizzes, and chat.

[ESL Gold](#): Provides thousands of free resources and information for both students and teachers; all materials are organized by skill level for quick and easy access to speaking, vocabulary, listening, reading, writing, flashcards and other practice pages.

[Internet TESL Journal](#): A monthly, online journal with teaching techniques, lessons, Web-based textbooks, projects, classroom jokes, games and conversation questions, as well as related links for both teachers and students; site is searchable and archived.

[Libraries' English and Reading Network \(LEARN\)](#): LEARN offers resources on its website for ESL and basic reading adults and tutors; marketing tools for promoting English language learning in libraries.

[LINCS](#): Literacy Information and Communication System has research and practice resources.

[Literacy Connections](#): Provides a wealth of information on reading, teaching and tutoring techniques, ESL literacy, and adult literacy.

[Literacy DuPage](#): Local agency for ESL and adult basic education offers tutor training, adult learner assignment to a tutor, and sponsors English Conversation Groups at local libraries.

[NCSALL](#): National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy is a good site for teachers that includes many research articles.

[People's Resource Center](#): Community agency providing basic skills tutoring, computer training, food pantry, and other resources.

[ProLiteracy Worldwide](#): A worldwide nonprofit international literacy organization to provide literacy and English as a second language support to agencies, libraries, government entities, and other organizations interested in advancing the vision of helping adults and families to succeed.

[School and Tutors on Wheels](#): Receive ESL or basic skills tutoring at different suburb locations and also trains volunteers to become tutors through the Congregation of St. Joseph Church ministry.

[Teaching Resources](#): Online, free, and interesting teaching resources in all topics from the U.S. Department of Education.

[Tower of English](#): This Internet resource guide is for students and teachers of English as a second language, including interest categories and several hundred websites in an A-Z list that use games and fun activities to learn English.

10. American Culture & Customs (including holidays)

- Claire, Elizabeth. *American Manners and Customs: A Guide for Newcomers*. Saddle Brook, NJ: Eardley Pub., 2004.
- Collis, Harry. *Get with It: 101-plus Pop Culture Idioms and Expressions*. Burlingame, CA: Alta Book Center Publishers, 2008.
- Hawkinson, Ani and Raymond C. Clark. *Living in the United States*. Battleboro, VT: Pro Lingua Associates, 2006.
- Murtha, Sheila MacKechnie. *Celebrate the American Way: A Fun ESL Guide to English Language and Culture in the U.S.* Piscataway, NJ: Research & Education Association, 2016.
- Murtha, Sheila. *English the American Way: A Fun ESL Guide to Language and Culture in the U.S.* Piscataway, NJ: Research & Education Association, 2011.
- Reynolds, Sana. *Guide for Internationals: Culture, Communication and ESL*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2005.
- Stern, Anita. *Across the U.S.: State-by-State Reading and Language Activities*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2004.

American Culture and Customs Websites

[InterExchange](#): Learn about American customs and culture.

[Nations Online](#): View a virtual guide to the United States.

11. Citizenship

- *Citizenship 2.0 Interactive DVDs: A Bilingual Overview of United States' History and Government*. Cupertino, CA: California Language Laboratories, 2010-. (Available in 29 languages, including Amharic, Arabic, Cambodian, Cantonese, Farsi, French, German, Haitian-Creole, Hebrew, Hindi, Hmong, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Russian, Serbo-Croatian, Somali, Spanish, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese, and English Only).
- Weintraub, Lynne. *Citizenship, Passing the Test, Ready for the Interview*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2016 (Also *Citizenship Passing the Test Civics and Literacy* and *Citizenship, Passing the Test, Literacy Skills*).
- Weintraub, Lynne. *Citizenship: Passing the Test: Civics & Literacy*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2009 (Also: *Citizenship: Ready for the Interview*).
- U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. *Civics and Citizenship Toolkit*. Washington, DC: US Government Printing Office, 2011.

Citizenship Websites

[Citizenship Sample Interview and Test](#): Watch videos to hear the citizenship interview and learn about how the citizenship written test is administered.

[Citizenship Test Study Guide](#): Use this study guide to practice for the citizenship test process.

[Civics Flash Cards](#): Practice learning how to answer the citizenship exam questions using flash cards.

[Form N-400 to Apply for U.S. Citizenship](#): Download this form to apply to take the citizenship test.

[Free Citizenship Classes at College of DuPage](#): Register to take citizenship classes to help prepare for the citizenship test.

[New Citizen U.S.](#): Learn about U.S. passports, voting, dual citizenship, jury duty, public service, and many other topics of interest to new U.S. citizens.

[Preparing for the Oath](#) is an easy-to-use study guide for the civics portion of the U.S. naturalization test.

[Presidents of the United States](#): Use this site to learn about all the past presidents who led our country.

[Proliteracy](#) offers dictation and writing practice.

[Translations of Citizenship Questions](#): View translations of the test questions in Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and other languages.

[U.S. Citizen Naturalization](#): Review the general eligibility requirements before you apply to take the citizenship test.

[Your Rights as a United States Citizen](#): Learn about your rights and responsibilities as a U.S. citizen.

12. **Life Skills (Getting a driver's license, using a check book, etc.)**

- *Control Your Money*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2001.
- Gianola, Ann. *Health Stories: Readings and Language Activities for Healthy Choices*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2007.
- Kimball, Richard S. *Things to Know about Personal Paperwork*. Portland, ME: J. Weston Walch, 2000.
- Olsen, Judy. *Look Again Pictures: For Language Development and Lifeskills*. Burlingame, CA: Alta Book Center Publishers, 1998.

Life Skills Websites

[Building Conversations](#): Practice conversation skills through questions under many topics, such as food/eating, school, secrets, animals/pets, goals, healthcare and more.

[Conversation Cards](#): Download conversation questions that can be cut into index card-sized paper to be used as conversation cards for discussion and building speaking skills.

[ESL America](#): Comprehensive site includes information about safety, health, nutrition, banking, shopping, computers, and government.

[English for Your Health](#): Learn about health issues, your medicines, health emergencies, doctors, and dentists.

[Illinois Driver License Practice Tests](#): Use this site for practice tests to pass the written part of the driver's license exam; tests are also available in Spanish.

[GCF LearnFree](#): Offers everyday life learning around real life situations such as using an ATM machine, food and cooking, making a bank deposit, or reading safety information.

[Passport to English](#): Lessons on practical topics such as greetings, food, health, banking in beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels; includes audio and a companion site for Spanish speakers.

[USA Learns](#): Helps adult learners understand how to ask questions, read signs, speak to doctors, and to communicate in English about life skills needs.

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- Graham, Alan. *Teach Yourself Mathematics: A Basic Introduction*. London: Hodder & Stoughton, 2013.
- Newton, David E. *Math in Everyday Life*. Portland, ME: J. Weston Walch, 2001.
- Suter, Allan D. *Number Sense*. Chicago: McGraw-Hill/Contemporary, 2003.

Math Websites

[Funbrain](#): Review math facts or parts of speech. Includes many interactive, online games to practice basic math and language arts concepts.

[GCF LearnFree.org](#) offers free online tutorials about computers, reading, math, and more. Registration is required, but the tutorials are free.

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- *Easy English News*. Saddle Brook, NJ: Eardley Publications, 1996-.
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- *Reflejos [bilingual newspaper]*. Arlington Heights, IL: Reflejos Pub., 1990-.

Newspapers Websites and Databases

[Library PressDisplay](#) provides instant online access to today's newspapers from around the world in full-color, full-page format. The ever-expanding collection currently includes more than 2,000 U.S. and international titles—from 100 countries in 56 languages.

[The New York Times Learning Network](#): Current event stories, quizzes, crossword puzzles and other vocabulary and knowledge building resources for students, parents, and instructors. Includes geography. Great for vocabulary.

[The Times Plain in Plain English](#): Freshly written, easy to read articles.

15. **Tests**

- *Barron's IELTS: International Language Testing System*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's, 2016.
- *Barron's TOEIC*. Hauppauge, NY: Barron's.
- *Cracking the TOEFL IBT [Princeton Review]*. New York: Random House.
- *Kaplan IELTS*. New York: Simon & Schuster.
- *Kaplan TOEFL*. New York: Simon & Schuster.

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- *The Official Guide to the TOEFL Test*. New York: McGraw-Hill.

Tests Websites

[Exam English](#): Contain free online practice tests for the most important international ESL exams: IELTS, the TOEFL® and TOEIC® tests, and the Cambridge English exams such as Advanced (CAE), First (FCE), Key (KET) and Preliminary (PET).

[GED Prep](#): GED/HiSet preparation including study guides, practice tests and flashcards to earn a high school diploma.

[IELTS](#): The home of The International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

[Self-Study Quizzes for ESL Students](#): A very large collection of quizzes for English study.

[Test Den](#): Online resource center for the TOEFL® test, TOEIC® test and Accent Reduction.

[TOEFL](#): The official website for the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

[TOEIC](#): The official site of The Test of English for International Communication.

16. Work/Job Related Skills

- Bennett, Andrew E. *25 Business Stories: A Practical Guide for English Learners*. Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 2008.
- Brown, Stephen E. *Improve Your English: English in the Workplace [with CD]*. Chicago: McGraw-Hill, 2009.
- Burke, David. *The Slangman Guide to Biz Speak* [CD]. Studio City, CA: Slangman Pub., 2001.
- *Business English* [CD]. New York: Living Language, 2005.
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- Newman, Christy. *On-the-Job English*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1998.
- Penruddocke, Andrea. *English for the Real World* [with CD]. New York: Living Language, 2009.
- *Persuasive English for Job Seekers*. Cupertino, CA: California Language Laboratories, 2014 (in various languages).
- Vacco, Ellen. *Conversations for Work* [Student Workbook, Teachers Guide with CD]. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2007.
- Zwier, Lawrence. *English for Work Activities: A Picture Process Dictionary*. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 2004.

Work/Job Related Skills Websites

[All About Work](#): How to Find a Job: Includes getting ready for interviews, what to do at an interview, filling out a job application and more

[Business English Site](#): Over 200 free exercises covering a wide variety of Business English topics (accounting, sales & marketing, information technology, medical English, general business English and many others); includes two listening comprehension sections (video and audio), as well as a special section to practice business English grammar.

[ChicagoJobs.com](#) allows searching job postings for all the newspapers in the Chicago area simultaneously. It also includes a “smart” search so that abbreviated.

[English For My Job](#): English practice exercises for hospitality industry workers, with separate sections for those working in the hotel, restaurant, and travel/tourism industries; includes a special politeness training section

[GCF LearnFree](#): Check out this site to learn about everyday life skills such as shopping, basic math, banking, how to use computers and more

[Go Natural English](#): Watch videos to learn what not to say at work and other workplace information

words are also searched spelled out (e.g. a search for “tech” would also retrieve listing with “technician”).

[Illinois WorkNet](#): Receive training, attend job club meetings, go to job fairs, connect with employers, and more.