

## Educator Websites for Language Learning

### CURRENT EVENTS

Breaking News English - ready to print ESL lessons on current events. Enrichment activities and downloadable audio files are available for each lesson. [breakingnewsenglish.com](http://breakingnewsenglish.com)

VOA - current events broadcasts with a core vocabulary of 1500 words written in active voice. Speakers read at a slower pace using standard American English. [learningenglish.voanews.com](http://learningenglish.voanews.com)

The Times – current events in Plain English. [thetimesinplainenglish.com](http://thetimesinplainenglish.com)

### DISTANCE LEARNING

\*Burlington English – blended learning program with classroom activities and self-paced interactive online courses. (Ohio ABLE Distance Education) [burlingtonenglish.com](http://burlingtonenglish.com)

Connect with English video instructional series for high beginning through intermediate levels. [www.learner.org/resources/series71.html?pop=yes&pid=942#program\\_descriptions](http://www.learner.org/resources/series71.html?pop=yes&pid=942#program_descriptions)

Mango Languages -an online language learning system designed to teach practical conversation skills and build cultural awareness. Please note this resource can only be accessed with a library card. <http://ohioweblibrary.org/mango>

\*USA Learns -Adults learn English emphasizing basic skills such as reading, writing, math, English language competency and problem-solving. Free registration allows students to save work and scores. (Ohio ABLE Distance Education) [usalearns.org](http://usalearns.org)

We are New York- episodes and resources can help you practice English and learn about helpful City services. <https://wespeaknyc.cityofnewyork.us/practice>

\*Approved Curriculum for Ohio Aspire Distance Education Program

### LOW LEVEL / PRE/NON- LITERACY

Beginning Alphabetics Tests and Tools (BATT) - strives to provide a 'principled' system for ABE/ESL teachers wanting to develop their students' knowledge of Roman alphabet letters, English letter-sound patterns, sight or high frequency words, and transfer of those letter-sound-word skills to text fluency and comprehension. <https://atlasabe.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/BATT-090115.pdf>

Lanternfish ESL - large collection of printable resources including phonics, adult ESL worksheets, flashcards, game boards and activities. <http://bogglesworldesl.com>



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Preliteracy Resources - a collection of links to free curriculum and resources suitable for low level and preliterate ESOL students. [ohioaspire.org/files/PreLiteracy%20Resources.pdf](http://ohioaspire.org/files/PreLiteracy%20Resources.pdf)

Read Write Think - classroom Resources, Student Interactives - [readwritethink.org](http://readwritethink.org)

Story Lessons for Beginners - lessons on Work, Family and Health using video and activities. The introduction includes basic computer skills for students. [reepworld.org/englishpractice](http://reepworld.org/englishpractice)

### RESOURCES (PRINTABLES, LESSON PLANS, ACTIVITIES, AUDIO/VIDEO)

EL/Civics – lessons (online and printable) for EL/Civics, including [ESL Video Channel](#). [ESL eBooks](#) with downloadable short stories as well as [Literacy for Work](#), beginning level lessons for workplace literacy classes. [elcivics.com](http://elcivics.com)

ESL Basics --video podcast series covering U.S. Citizenship preparation, basic and advanced vocabulary, idioms, phrasal verbs. [eslbasics.com](http://eslbasics.com)

ESL Games – collection of games and activities for adults, with printables. <http://eslgames.com>

Many Things -large collection of online activities and games for English language learners. Vocabulary, spelling and grammar games based on Voice of America Special English episodes are available. [manythings.org](http://manythings.org)

Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab - features basic and academic listening. Video clips and additional audio listening lessons are also available. [esl-lab.com](http://esl-lab.com)

USCIS Citizenship Resource Center – citizenship preparation resources for students, teachers and organizations. [uscis.gov/citizenship](http://uscis.gov/citizenship)

### PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

Center for Applied Linguistics - Adult ESL Resource Database [cal.org/adultesl/resources/adult-esl-resources-database.php](http://cal.org/adultesl/resources/adult-esl-resources-database.php)

Internet TESL Journal for Teachers of English as a Second Language - articles, research papers, lessons plans, classroom handouts, teaching ideas & links <http://iteslj.org/>

LINCS – national professional learning platform for adult educators featuring a learning portal, virtual community and resource collection. <http://lincs.ed.gov>

Spring Institute – ESL Resources, curricula and research. [springinstitute.org/esl-resources](http://springinstitute.org/esl-resources)



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Websites of the Day – Larry Ferlazzo’s blog for teaching ESL <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org>

### TECHNOLOGY

Audacity - free, open source software for audio recording and editing. Students can record themselves and playback for pronunciation and listening practice. [audacityteam.org](http://audacityteam.org)

Blog - discusses technology for teaching and learning English <http://esltech.wordpress.com/>  
Create a class Website – [weebly.com](http://weebly.com), [webs.com](http://webs.com), <http://pbwiki.com>

Giphy – popular videos or GIFs found on the internet. <http://giphy.com>

Hidden Messaging – free text or email between teacher and student [remind101.com](http://remind101.com),  
[WhatsApp](https://www.whatsapp.com), [talkingpoints.org](http://talkingpoints.org)

Tech tools for ESOL teaching - presentation with 20 tech tools for ESOL teaching, including tools, such as TodaysMeet, Polleverywhere, Edpuzzle and Kahoot. <http://goo.gl/QOhWXj>

### TRANSITIONS/CAREER PATHWAYS/WORKFORCE EDUCATION

Bridge Curricula –designed to transition students at all ABE and ESL levels to the world of work and post-secondary education and training. Two tiers of programming include: Bridging Life & Work and Career Pathways. [http://hubbs.spps.org/bridges\\_project.html](http://hubbs.spps.org/bridges_project.html)

Building Basics: ESOL Toolkit - a multi-level ESOL curriculum within the context of General Construction, Landscaping, Painting and Plumbing. <https://valrc.org/learning/esol/bb.html>

Career Onestop - Career exploration, training & jobs, with industry-specific videos. [careerinfonet.org/videos.asp?id=27,&nodeid=27](http://careerinfonet.org/videos.asp?id=27,&nodeid=27)

English Health Train - curriculum designed by the San Francisco Welcome Back Center to meet the needs of foreign trained health professionals interested in entering the health care field in the U.S. The curriculum is extensive and contains 40 units organized around five themes. The curriculum is available upon request from [Ohio Aspire PDN](http://ohioaspirepdn.org). For an overview, visit [www.welcomebackinitiative.org/englishhealthtrain.org/curriculum/index.htm](http://www.welcomebackinitiative.org/englishhealthtrain.org/curriculum/index.htm).

ESOL Customer Service Training Curriculum - contextualized curriculum for work in customer service and retail sales. [dllr.state.md.us/gedmd/esolcrr/CustomerServiceCurriculum.pdf](http://dllr.state.md.us/gedmd/esolcrr/CustomerServiceCurriculum.pdf)

Hotel TEACH - hospitality curriculum. [laguardia.edu/ce/pages/english-language-learning/hotel-teach-project-curriculum](http://laguardia.edu/ce/pages/english-language-learning/hotel-teach-project-curriculum)

Ohio Aspire Professional Development Network (PDN)



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Integrating Career Awareness into the ESOL & ABE Classroom Curriculum [collegetransition.org](http://collegetransition.org)

Motheread, Inc. - various contextualized curricula and links to curricula websites for HSE and ESOL. [motheread.org/resources/keeping-it-real-at-work-contextualized-instruction](http://motheread.org/resources/keeping-it-real-at-work-contextualized-instruction)

Workplace Health & Safety ESOL Curriculum - health and safety module from Massachusetts Worker Roundtable, Labor Extension Programs of the University of Massachusetts. [umass.edu/roundtable/projects/Health-Safety-ESOL.pdf](http://umass.edu/roundtable/projects/Health-Safety-ESOL.pdf)

Supporting Skilled Immigrants Toolkit for ESL Practitioners - developed for ESL practitioners who teach foreign-educated and skilled immigrants. The toolkit provides: innovative classroom strategies and lesson plans, best practices and effective program models, essential information and case studies to guide students toward success, and a comprehensive program and resources guide. [globaltalentbridge.org/toolkit/pdf/SupportingSkilledImmigrantsToolkit.pdf](http://globaltalentbridge.org/toolkit/pdf/SupportingSkilledImmigrantsToolkit.pdf)

Upwardly Global – targeted support for skilled immigrants and refugees to get trained and connect with employers. [upwardlyglobal.org](http://upwardlyglobal.org)

WES (World Education Services) – support for foreign-trained immigrants and refugees looking to transfer skills to a career in US. Credential evaluation plus free Tools & Advice. [wes.org](http://wes.org)

Virginia Adult ESOL Health Literacy Toolkit - offers explanations, tips, materials, and links to help ESOL teachers and programs better understand and address the health literacy challenges faced by adult English language learners in U.S. health care. <http://valrc.org/toolkit/index.html>