

ESOL Websites

Resource List for the Literacy Council of Buncombe County

Name of Site	Address	Description
Dave's ESL Café	www.eslcafe.com/	This is an enormous site, which bills itself as the "Top ESL site on the web." You can: print out quizzes, lists of idioms, lists of slang words/expressions, quotes, a hint of the day, order ESL books, and chat with other ESL tutors. "Web Guide Links" can connect you to 75 categories of ESL and Literacy sites.
Karin's ESL Partyland	www.eslpartyland.com	Features a quiz center, discussion forums, lesson plans & links.
English as a Second Language Rong-Chang Li	www.rong-chang.com/	Access ESL curriculum materials that cover listening, reading and writing. Includes games, quizzes and magazines.
Activities for ESL Students	http://a4esl.org	Interactive self-study quizzes and puzzles for ESL students.
Interesting Things for ESL Students	www.manythings.org/	A fun study site for ESL students. Word games, puzzles, quizzes, exercises, slang, proverbs & more.
Florida Adult ESOL Practitioners Task Force	www.floridaadultesol.org	Fantastic lesson plans for all levels of students in a large variety of content areas. A fabulous resource!
ESL Lesson Plans & Resources	www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/eslplans.html	Eight pages of sites with ideas and lessons for ESL with links.
NIFL (National Institute for Literacy)	www.nifl.gov/	Dozens of literacy related websites, 50 discussion lists as well as a variety of instructional material.
The Key: A Newspaper for New Readers	www.keynews.org	Easy-to-read news articles. Some related lesson plans. All material is reproducible.
About English as a 2 nd Language	http://esl.about.com	Lesson plans for different levels, list of 1000 most commonly used English words, tests and quizzes, articles and resources.
PIZAZZ (People Interested in Zippy and Zany Zcribbling)	http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/%7Eleslieob/ pizzaz.html	An online resource since 1995 for Scribblers and Teachers of ESL. This site has simple creative writing and storytelling activities. Appropriate for all levels.
The Westchester (NY) Library System	www.firstfind.info	Easy to find, easy to use websites in plain and simple English.
The Idiom Connection	http://www.geocities.com/athens/ aegean/6720/	A listing of idioms alphabetically and by subject with good definitions; quizzes with answers.

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Spanish/English Idioms	www.geocities.com/athens/Thebes/6177/idioms.htm	This fun (and funny) website presents Spanish idioms, translates them into literal English (e.g. <i>I know you, you codfish, even though you wear a disguise.</i>), then gives the equivalent American English idiom (e.g. <i>I know your game.</i>)
Internet Basics for ESL Students	http://iteslj.org/s/ib/	A 14-lesson introduction to using computers and the internet for ESL students.
NC Network for Excellence in Teaching	www.nc-net.info	Click on: <i>English as a Second Language: A Virtual Library of Lesson Plans</i> and you will find 10 curriculum projects offering hundreds of lesson plans for ESL instruction.
One Stop English	www.onestopenglish.com	Free resources, cultural materials for English teaching, lesson plans & lesson plan sharing, and tips for ESL teachers.
ESL: English Study & Learning Materials	www.eslgold.com	All materials are free and organized by skill & level. <u>For students:</u> grammar explanations, examples and exercises; quizzes; vocabulary lists; TOEFL prep; pronunciation and idioms practice; conversation phrases. <u>For Teachers:</u> lesson plans, handouts, activities & games.
Tongue Untied	http://grammar.uoregon.edu/toc.html	A comprehensive guide to grammar, punctuation and style with easy to understand explanations.
Calendar Templates	http://www.calendarsthatwork.com/	Month by month calendar templates in a variety of different styles. Great for teaching days of the week and months, but also very useful for planning your tutoring sessions with your student.
The Literacy Assistance Center	http://lacnyc.org/resources/	A comprehensive site that includes ESOL curriculum, training materials, and web-based lessons for tutors.
The Literacy List	http://alri.org/literacylist.html	A large collection of free ESL web sites, electronic lists (listservs) and other internet resources for tutors and students.
Financial Literacy	http://caliteracy.org/freecurriculum.html	The F.R.E.E. (Financial Resources and Economic Education) curriculum is designed to help meet the needs of immigrants who have limited English proficiency. F.R.E.E. is designed to help immigrants gain control over their finances, while improving their English.

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Make Your Own Crossword Puzzles	www.puzzlemaker.com	Reinforce sight words, new vocabulary and spelling by creating your own crossword puzzles and word searches for your student. Fun and easy to do!
Read Your Road: Every Highway User's Guide to Driving Safely	http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/media/ryr.htm	The U.S. Department of Transportation's guide to driving safety, written for the adult new reader. Easy to navigate and visually appealing.
TV 411 Online	http://www.tv411.org	An interactive site that includes about 70 free lessons that guide the learner with frequent and instructive feedback. Subjects range from context clues and complaint letters to understanding compound interest. For educators there's curriculum support, including sample lesson plans, guidelines for correlating TV411 with educational standards and an interactive index. The website covers an array of topic areas in reading, writing, math and workplace skills.
Randall's ESL Cyber-Listening Lab	http://www.esl-lab.com/index.htm	This multi-media site includes dozens of audio and video stories that offer students vocabulary development and reading comprehension quizzes as well as key vocabulary word definitions and quiz assessment.
Internet TESL Journal	http://iteslj.org	Monthly web journal for ESL teachers. Includes articles, research papers, lesson plans, classroom handouts, teaching ideas, games & links
English Corner	http://www.angelfire.com/wi3/englishcorner/	Exercises and games for intermediate/advanced students; also grammar explanations for tutors.
Language Guide	www.languageguide.org	This site lets you choose different topics, then as you roll your cursor over each item, you hear the word pronounced in English or whatever language you are trying to study (helpful for those of us trying to learn our student's language, too).
Quia	www.quia.com	This site has an instructor zone and a student zone. I have only used the student zone. There are interactive activities and they have ESL as well as other languages. There is also a book section.
GCF Learn Free	http://www.gcflearnfree.org/	Basic skills lessons in English and Spanish.
Teaching ESL to Adults	www.teaching-esl-to-adults.com	Lesson plans, resources, and a blog by an ESL tutor