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USEFUL WEBSITES FOR ESOL TEACHERS & LEARNERS

<http://www.manythings.Org/b/e/3518>

This web site is for people studying English as a Second Language (ESL) or English as a Foreign Language (EFL). There are quizzes, word games, word puzzles, proverbs, slang expressions, anagrams, a random-sentence generator and other computer assisted language learning activities. Even though the primary focus is for ESL, native English speakers may also find some interesting things on this site. This site is non-commercial and has no advertising.

www.esl-lab.com

Website that offers listening resources for ESOL students and teachers.

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

Listening exercises on different topics.

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

Listening exercises of conversations using slang.

www.eslcafe.com

Resources and activities for teachers and students. Includes grammar lessons, idioms, slangs, quizzes and forums.

<http://a4esl.org/>

Quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a Second Language (ESL) This project of *The Internet TESL Journal (iteslj.org)* has thousands of contributions by many teachers. Activities for ESL students.

www.lclark.edu/~krauss/toppicks/toppicks.html

Contains over 250 of the best Internet sites for ESOL students and teachers. Listening, pronunciation, vocabulary, reading, writing, grammar, TOEFL, fun and games.

www.englishclub.net

English ESOL website that provides a range of learning/teaching resources to students and teachers.

www.puzzlemaker.com

A site developed by Discovery.com that allows teachers to create their own crossword puzzles, word searches, and many other types of puzzles.

www.cal.org

National Center for Applied Linguistics. CAL offers a variety of publications, briefs, assessments, databases, bibliographies, and other resources for professionals serving adult English language learners

www.phrasalverbdemon.com

This website for teachers contains a complete list of phrasal verbs, and exercises to practice them.

www.tesol.org

An organization dedicated to provide resources to Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages. It requires a membership fee. Information and resources are only available to subscribers.

www.lacnyc.org

Literacy Assistance Center. Resources for teaching, links, lesson planning and intercultural email classroom connections.

www.language.com

Connects to other websites offering ESL and other language classes some free and others for a fee. Offers free math, geometry and reading and writing exercises for free.

www.abcteach.com/sitemap.htm

Resources for elementary, middle and high school and ESL. Required membership fee, provides printables, interactive activities, etc.

www.pdictionary.com/

Internet picture dictionary. Simple resources for learners of English, Spanish, Italian, German and French. More appropriate for children.

www.usalearns.org

U.S.A. Learns is an outgrowth of a project that was conceived by the U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Vocational and Adult Education, Division of Adult Education and Literacy (DAEL). DAEL promotes programs that help American adults get the basic skills they need to be productive workers, family members, and citizens. It has different level and keeps track of lessons studied. It includes audio and tests.

www.usalearns.org/teacher

For teachers

www.usalearns.org/class

For students

www.handsonenglish.com

A 16-page print publication mailed six times a year with practical teaching ideas, hints & tips, and copy available activities for the classroom. It's written by teachers for teachers. Right now temporarily suspended. No direct access to resources, you must subscribe.

www.clip.cuny.edu/Public/Assets/CLIP_Info.pdf

CUNY immersion program for students admitted to CUNY schools. It is an intensive program of 25 hours a week and students can attend for up to a year. Very economical program for those that want to attend college.

www.English-zone.com Teacher's resources for holidays, grammar, reading, verbs, basic skills, fun stuff, pronunciation, idioms, spelling, writing, vocabulary and dictionaries.

www.quizlet.com

A free site, allows users to create different vocabulary activities online. It also allows students to create vocabulary activities and share them with their classmates (or any students) by inviting and/or joining groups. Create flashcard sets with your own terms and definitions or choose from flashcard sets created by other users.

www.1-language.com

ESL site for studying English and learning English online, with ESL Forums, ESL Chat, online TOEIC tests, ESL listening and much more.

www.abcteach.com/sitemap.htm

Resource for teacher's class planning on the web. Requires membership for most materials. Mostly geared for children.

www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish

The official website for BBC news. Includes grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, exams, crossword puzzles and more.

www.better-english.com

Resource site for learning English- Free English grammar course, resource directory (Beginning to advanced). Teaching aides for beginner groups. Includes fun activities, holiday/seasonal, writing, reading, theme units and puzzles. Option to receive free English lessons every week by e-mail. The site focuses on Business English lessons and includes some assistance with medical English.

www.goenglish.com/index.asp

For students. Help to improve English writing skills through the use of grammar check, Thesaurus, spell check, templates, dictionary, and translator.

LITERACY RESOURCES ON THE WEB

www.literacydirectory.org A government website, developed to provide educators with professional development information and current issues in the field of literacy. It also allows a search capability for students looking for literacy programs for adults, children, employers and more in your local area through a literacy directory.

SITES FOR PRACTICING PRONUNCIATION AND PHONETICS

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/>
Phonetics animation.

<http://www.eslrules.com/rules-by-the-sound.html>
Accent modification training materials and workshops for non-native English speakers.

<http://www.accurateenglish.com/>
Great resource. Some exercises in video. Author of *Mastering the American Accent*. Book with 4CD's. Creator of Accurate English DVD Series. *The American Accent Course*. *50 Rules you must know*.

www.youtube.com/user/EnglishMeeting
Interesting videos to practice pronunciation.

<http://voxy.com/>
Voxy is partnering with qualified schools and language (ESL, Spanish) programs. It uses current events to teach vocabulary. It is available for ESL schools, and the schools must be paid subscribers.

www.voicethread.com
Voicethread is a collaborative recording website. There is a basic free account as well as a free educator account under edvoicethread. Teachers and students can upload images, videos, documents, or Power Point presentations, and then record commentaries. You can then send these recordings to others who can, if you allow, comment as well.

GENERAL INFORMATION

www.nassaulibrary.org/informese
Library and community resources available to the Latino population throughout Nassau County in Spanish.

CITIZENSHIP

www.elcivics.com
EL Civics Government and History Lessons for ESL Students. Biographies of famous Americans and lessons on history in simple language.

<http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>
Citizenship and immigration services. Helps viewer prepare for the United States Citizenship test.

<http://www.uscitizenship.org> The official website for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (Naturalization Forms, Green Card application, Employment authorization etc.)

<http://www.themlc.org/TEACHCITIZENSHIP>

Website by the Minnesota Literacy Council. Student handouts that can be used to supplement citizenship textbooks which correspond to questions on the N-400 application form and the history and government questions.

SOCIAL MEDIA

www.language-exchanges.org Informal conversations in different languages where you can join a group and practice any language. Free but it is for informal conversation. It allows users to post written work for correction by native or qualified speakers as well as helping users connect via Skype for audio / video chat if desired. It allows interaction.

<http://community.eflclassroom.com/page/name-the-languages>

Great resources for teachers. Mr Bean videos, timers, and other features to use in class.

www.Verbling.com

Verbling is a website for language exchange between native speakers of English and Spanish, but they plan to introduce more languages. One person has five minutes to talk about a given topic in your L1 and then the other person takes another five minutes to talk in L2.

www.MuchEnough.com

Use your webcam to learn, teach and discuss various subjects for a fee. From languages to cooking many subject and teachers are available. A few lessons are free.

<http://community.eflclassroom.com/page/name-the-languages>

Great site to find free teaching resources. Silent movies videos, tools, information, games are free. There are some other features that are only accessed with a paid subscription.

<http://www.livemocha.com>

Language Learning Community for speakers of different languages to learn other languages and practice it. Only for students who must register and do the exercises. Only the first lesson is free, in order to do the second you must have tokens or membership which must be purchased. It is limited to a few lessons, there are currently 12 courses each with a few lessons, but they are well done. It has subtitles and includes comprehension exercises, vocabulary and grammar. Possibility of buying more or hiring a private teacher.

www.connecting-online.ning.com

Need to register and be approved before using any resources.

www.nicenet.org

A web-based classroom environment that could be used by post-secondary teachers with their students. the Internet Classroom Assistant (ICA) requires only a web browser and a connection to the Internet, so there is no software to install or servers to manage. Need to join, but it is free. Teachers can create classes and students join one. **The Classroom Is Not a Marketplace.** Nicenet's Internet Classroom Assistant (ICA) allows virtually any classroom, even those with modest resources, access to powerful tools. Everything in Nicenet is offered free for public use. The ICA is for use by teachers and their students. They do not offer any public classes at this time, so there is not a directory of classes. For students to join, they need to have the ID of the class. It isn't possible to upload files, just copy and paste. No educational resources available.

<http://EnglishCafe.com>

A space to learn, teach or just connect with people. Registration is necessary to access even the free classes. Most classes aren't free. It is possible to learn ESL among other subjects.