

Web Topics for EL Teachers

Topics: An online Magazine for Learners of English

This site explores various topics of importance for Learners. English Learners from around the world share thoughts on a variety of issues, such as technology, language, food, culture and more.

<http://www.topics-mag.com/>

Learning Object: In, On, and At

Learners find out about the prepositions "in," "on," and "at" and look at examples of how to use these words. These Learning Objects are small units of learning that can be used in conjunction with instruction or as a standalone activity. Developed by The [Wisconsin Online Resource Center](#) at Fox Valley Technical College. The Wisc-Online Resource Center has many other Learning Objects for use in the ABE/ESL setting, ranging from English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health and Financial Literacy.

<http://www.wisc-online.com/objects/index.asp?objID=ESL2103>

Picture Stories for Adult ESL Health Literacy

The National Center for ESL Literacy Education provides these health related activities for beginner / low-literacy students. These activities are designed by an ESOL teacher and curriculum writer to encourage discussions and questions on sensitive issues. Featured topics include: "Emergency", "A Doctor's Appointment" and "Stressed Out". There is also a picture story on domestic violence.

<http://www.cal.org/nclc/health/>

Math.com: The World of Math Online

This site is dedicated to providing new ways to learn math. The site shares activities that guide users to finding the solutions they need. The site also offers interactive tools, such as a scientific calculator, percentages, and saving calculator.

<http://www.math.com/index.aspx>

Secrets of Aging

"Secrets of Aging" is part of a traveling exhibit developed by the Museum of Science, Boston in collaboration with Science Museum Exhibit Collaborative. Information on this site includes the social science, psychological, and biological research behind aging.

<http://www.secretsofaging.org/index2.html>

Building Big Activities

The [PBS Building Big website](#), provides teachers with practical applications for using technology and reality based simulations with ready-to-go hands-on activities in the classroom.

<http://www.nwlincs.org/idahoblbg/toc.htm>

Our Documents

This site contains a list of 100 milestone documents, compiled by the U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. These documents contain pieces United States history from 1776 to 1965. The site also provides scans of the original documents, information about its importance and transcripts.

<http://www.ourdocuments.gov/>

The Learning Ladder (Free login in required.)

This site contains free reading and writing curriculum specifically for Family Child Care Providers, Children and Families. This guide shares with practitioners through various modules that support children, their parents and families with their literacy needs. This site has a section for Parents as Educators.

<http://learningladder.org/fccp/front.htm>

Translation with SYSTRAN (to translate text): This site was created by an obvious fan of the Hitchhikers Guide to the Universe to provide translation services, language training and other multilingual services. ESL support for ESL Learners is offered for a fee. <http://www.babelfish.com>

Graphic Organizers. This site has different strategies, charts diagrams and worksheets for organizing thoughts and ideas on a writing assignment, or for taking notes in a class or on a research assignment. In a math class, I could give some of the charts to students to use either when we are taking notes in class. Students could also use the strategies when reviewing and studying a given topic. For instance, write down all the different angle relationships that we studied last night and show how they are related.

www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/index.html

National Clearinghouse for English Language. This site gives information dealing with 1. Theories and approaches to curriculum development and implementation, 2. Methods and materials for use in the classroom. It contains resources designed for helping linguistically and culturally diverse learners reach challenging academic standards in early childhood and K-12 programs. There were specific resources categorized by subject(math, science, history,etc). The highest level of math that I found was Pre-Algebra. It is passable that I could use some of the materials for remediation in the math classroom.

www.ncela.gwu.edu/resabout/curriculum

Dave Sperling's ESL Cafe has resources for EL teachers (classroom activities in a variety of categories submitted by teachers, job-posting boards and forums and EL students (subject quizzes, definitions for English idioms, hints for understanding and learning English, and the means to ask questions of qualified teachers). This very nice site includes a photo-gallery, a list of memorable quotes, a "Today inHistory" page. This site would be a good source of teaching ideas and lessons as well as giving EL students a place to interact with other students and to get information from teachers. www.eslcafe.com

This site lists links related to teaching English in general. It includes AP and IB, critical thinking, literature, poetry, etc. One section of the site has a list of sites directed at ESL/TRESOL/ELL> Each of the 40-50 links has a short but helpful description of what is at the site. Though the ESL section is not as extensive as on some other sites, the annotations would help a teacher decide quickly whether a site would be appropriate for the issue at hand.

This ESL Lab is a place where you can go and listen to spoken clips in English. Some clips are short, some longer, on various topics. There are questions about the clips. You can have students use this independently, ideally. Then they could maybe print out their answers to the questions and turn them in.
Self-description:

The lab is mainly designed for self-directed study, that is, you choose what topic and level you want to study and then begin. Teachers can also use it as part of their classes. You don't have to log-in, and you don't need to subscribe to use the listening lab. The listening lab is free to use online. www.esl-lab.com/

English Grammar Quizzes is helpful to students learning English. Even young English speakers in primary grades could benefit from the activities. There are various quizzes on topics from English such as “correct form of the verb,” “misuse of the infinitive,” use of pronouns, etc. The site is interactive in that it gives you feedback on the correctness of your responses. <http://a4esl.org/q/j/>

Here you will find practical applications of research on the education of linguistically and culturally diverse (LCD) learners. Resources included address issues relevant to program design, curriculum development and lesson planning.

- **In the Classroom: A Toolkit for Effective Instruction for English Language Learners** - Instructional resources for teachers of ELLs.
- **Lesson Plans on the Internet** - Links to sites with lesson plans to use with ELLs.
- **Promoting Cultural Understanding** - Resources for discussing cultural diversity and conflict in the classroom.
- **Schools on the Web** - Links to school web sites that share information, ideas, and resources related to the education of culturally and linguistically diverse students.
- **Success Stories** - Profiles of effective programs and practices for linguistically diverse learners. www.ncela.gwu.edu/practice

Interesting Things for ESL Students. This site is for teachers working with ESL or EFL students. There are quizzes, word games, word puzzles, proverbs, slang expressions anagrams and other computer assisted language learning activities. There are many great games for building English vocabulary and understanding. It was very difficult to find anything that I could directly use in the math classroom www.manythings.org

This page is a very extensive list of links to sites relevant to English learning and teaching. The Student links include a short list of good introductory sites and teaching bilingual pages, reference materials, games, quizzes, vocabulary, and many others. Teacher links include a short list of good sites, articles on teaching/ learning issues, book review, using computers and the internet to teach English, lessons, teaching techniques and tips, ESL teacher Weblogs, and many others. This is a good source of links to a wealth of information available on the web. <http://iteslj.org/links/>

www.icdl.org – The International Children’s Digital Library offers copyright free books online categorized by subject or area of the world. Books are available in English and many other languages with full illustrations. Good source to find a book in the student’s L1.

www.eslpartyland.com – Karin’s ESL partyland is also a good source of materials for both teachers and students. You need to prescreen these links more carefully than other sites but will find a pretty good collection of resources for EL’s.

<http://a4esl.org/> - Source of some nice grammar and vocabulary quizzes.

www.score.k12.ca.us – Score offers ideas, resources, and lessons for California State Standards in core academics. Not specific for EL’s but a great resource.

www.bogglesworld.com – Nice EL info, but I really appreciate the adult ESL lessons that can be used with high school students.

www.manythings.org – Just as the URL states, this is a source for many different activities for EL’s including games, puzzles, quizzes, street signs, etc.