

Tutor Resources

Almost all are free; many will require you to setup an account. For some sites, an ID and/or Password is Available from Literacy Unlimited Office.

*** Recommended places to start.*

Remote Tutoring Platforms (ways to meet and work with students):

****Zoom** <https://zoom.us/> available on iPhone, Android and PC. Free version is limited to a 40 minute conference call. Features include screen sharing, live annotating (draw, type, etc.) and break-out rooms where students can meet in small groups to practice conversation. Literacy Unlimited has accounts for conversation classes **only**, allowing extended time.

****WhatsApp** <https://www.whatsapp.com/> video conferencing available on iPhone, Android and PC, voice and video calling

Skype <https://www.skype.com/en/> available on iPhone, Android and PC, has live captioning

Google Hangout or Meet <https://hangouts.google.com/> (need a Google account to run meeting) or <https://meet.google.com/> (need a Google account). Participants also need Google accounts.

Classrooms platforms (for assigning lessons, homework, worksheets, reviewing students' work, etc.)

Google Classroom - Classroom is a free web-based platform that integrates with Google Docs, Gmail, and Google Calendar. With Classroom you can create classes, distribute assignments, communicate, and stay organized.

Getting started with Classroom: https://edu.google.com/teacher-center/products/classroom/?modal_active=none

Getting started with Google Classroom: Edtech made easy
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCNlmsWUxZA>

Kami <https://www.kamiapp.com/> Platform allows a tutor to upload a document (e.g., a worksheet, a story, a picture, etc.) to KAMI. Once uploaded to KAMI, the tutor can assign the document using Google Classroom. When the student opens the document in Google Classroom they can annotate it (e.g., type, highlight, fill in blanks, draw on it, add text, edit, listen to it using a text to voice feature, etc.) The student can save and submit the “marked-up” document to the tutor who can also annotate the document and share with the student. Free version has limited functionality/full feature trial is available.

Classroom Platforms with Content

****ESL Library:** The ESL library has thousands of digital lessons including audio worksheets, flashcards, pictures, lesson plans, etc. It also has a classroom feature which allows you to set up a class and assign ESL content based lessons to students in the classroom. Students can complete the digital lessons online. ESL library access is subscription based:

Website: www.ESLLibrary.com

Password:

Readworks <https://www.readworks.org/> Readworks contains over 1000 fiction and non-fiction passages leveled K-12. Passages have comprehension questions, vocabulary, ebooks, and audio. You can filter for topics of interest. A tutorial can be found here <https://about.readworks.org/introduction-to-readworks.html> In Readworks you can create a classroom or integrate with Google Classroom.

Self-study/Homework for Students and Students Waiting for a Tutor

Mango Languages Mango Languages is free for Framingham Public Library cardholders. You and your student can access it by going here [Framingham Library Find Online Mango Languages](#). You will need to setup a profile with your email and password if you want to track progress or try it as a guest. Since your student will be learning English, they should pick English as the language to learn.

Cell-Ed <https://learn.cell-ed.com/usmillion/> An app where you can learn English with short lessons and an online coach through text messages.

Tutoring with Videos

ESL Video <https://www.eslvideo.com> Videos with transcripts and quizzes grouped by level.

News in Levels <https://www.newsinlevels.com/> Videos in six different levels.

Rachel's English www.youtube.com/user/rachelsenglish Rachel's English has videos on vocabulary, pronunciation, idioms, and learning English with movies. The pronunciation section digs down into individual vowel sounds. The "learn English with movies" videos pull scenes from movies to see how Americans use English.

Short videos with lesson plans [Short Films for ELT students](#)

Ted Talks: for example: **Underwater Astonishments:**

https://www.ted.com/talks/david_gallo_underwater_astonishments

YouTube: for example,

Crooks are everywhere (really funny, no audio)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lq9bVlt_BJ4

When to use ON, IN and AT correctly in English | prepositions of place | part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AulzPgb3vvo&t=161s>

Websites with News and Current Events:

****News for You** NewsForYouOnline Reading and listening activities, current events, teacher's guides included for some articles

Password:

****Newsela** newsela.com Good for reading practice and to change the number of text words - has current news and stories

****News in Levels** newsinlevels.com Text and videos of short news stories in three different levels

Engoo <https://engoo.com/app/materials/en> Engoo has beginner through advanced lessons in conversation, grammar, and vocabulary, as well as, describing pictures, speaking tests and Daily news. The Daily News section has intermediate to advanced articles with vocabulary, comprehension and discussion questions. The site is free, no signup necessary.

Good News Network goodnewsnetwork.org Good stories about positive things, also has listening

Times in Plain English www.thetimesinplainenglish.com Stories are a little bit higher level, lots of topics to choose from

Voice of America <https://learningenglish.voanews.com/> Beginner through advanced lessons. Reading passages with videos and a quiz section.

Breaking News English www.breakingnewsenglish.com Almost 3000 free leveled readers (0-6) with mini lessons.

Elizabeth Claire's Easy English News <https://www.elizabethclaire.com/> Click on the yellow banner at the top for the latest issue. Each newsletter has articles about current events, comprehension questions, a crossword puzzle, and idioms. For the teacher's guide, cloze exercises, audio recordings of several of the articles, and links to YouTube videos to provide visual input for the articles go here <https://www.elizabethclaire.com/blogs/monthly-teachers-guide> and chose the recent newsletter.

Websites for Storytelling:

Storytelling: Several tutors seem to be incorporating storytelling in their lessons and report positive student engagement as a result. For example, one tutor is polling her class to decide story-line order and/or story endings and students are writing stories to share with the class. Another tutor used Kenn Adams' "Story Spine" to create a story. You could easily use both approaches in one-to-one student tutoring.

For more information and an example of how to use the Story Spine, click here [the Story Spine](#). These are the Story Spine prompts:

Once upon a time...And every day...Until one day...And because of this...And because of this...Until finally...and ever since then...

Story Corps storycorps.org -Short, interview-based (video with transcript) uplifting American stories. Great to assign to students to watch and talk or write about.

To get your student speaking more:

[50 Questions](#) - A list of 50 questions to get kids (adults) talking

[Google Arts and Culture](#) – Great website for ideas and inspiration

NCFL (National Center for Families Learning) has some free resources here <https://www.familieslearning.org/resources/english-learners/14#nav> Click on the link “30 Days of Families Learning Together” for 30 ideas related to learning. Although not specific to ESOL, these are some great ideas for bringing learning to life and making it fun.

Resources for Lesson Content:

****ISL Collective** – <https://en.islcollective.com/> This website is a shared collective of worksheets, PowerPoint presentations, and lessons provided by tutors and teachers. It is free although you do have to create an account. If you are new to the site, it's suggested that you start with ESL worksheets searched by proficiency level. Also since the site is UK based, downloaded materials should be edited to remove any British usage/spellings that are in some of the materials.

****Education.com** This site has lessons, worksheets, and online games. They also have a worksheet generator <https://www.education.com/worksheet-generator/> where you can make your own crossword and word search puzzles. Free signup to access material.

Liveworksheets <https://www.liveworksheets.com/worksheets/en> This site has a trove of premade interactive worksheets that you can assign to your student. You can also make your own worksheets and workbooks. To use the worksheets you will need to sign up for a free account. Worksheets can be shared through Google classroom and WhatsApp.

All Things Topic <https://www.allthingstopics.com/> Printable PDF lesson plans, word banks, quizzes and games

Teach This www.teach-this.com ESL activities, games and worksheets. They have free, no sign up, and paid content.

Handouts Online www.handoutsonline.com Worksheets with teaching notes. You need to sign up to access content. Some lessons are free.

Teachers Pay Teachers <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/> Content created by teachers, 3 million resources, K- Adult education. Resources cover every aspect of teaching. Some free content, you need an account.

Busy Teacher <https://busyteacher.org/> Thousands of worksheets covering grammar, vocabulary, speaking, reading, listening and pronunciation.

StickyBall- <https://www.stickyball.net/> ESL worksheets

Quizizz www.quizizz.com Make quizzes and games, you need an account.

Kahoot www.kahoot.com Make quizzes and games, you need an account.

English Worksheets www.EnglishforEveryone.org Worksheets geared toward K-12, lots of grammar worksheets including sentence completion, sentence and paragraph correction

USA Learns <https://www.usalearns.org/> A full content site to learn English. USA Learns has beginner and intermediate English lessons, as well as a US citizenship course. Used to be subscription based and offered through the Library but is now free for everyone. Set up a student account (not a teacher account) to see the lessons. Includes short videos.

Beelinguapp <https://www.beelinguapp.com/> A phone (Android/iphone) app that shows two different languages side by side. The app plays audio so students can practice pronunciation while following along with the text. There are 13 different languages. There is free and paid content.

Culips <https://www.culips.com/> A podcast and online course to learn English. There are five different series in Culips: Chatterbox, listen to native speakers talk about topics; Catch Word, learn idioms, expressions and phrasal verbs; Simplified Speech, lessons with slower speech; Real Talk, practical lessons; and Speak Easy, pronunciation. You need to set up an account, free with some paid content.

Lanternfish <https://bogglesworldesl.com/> A free site for flashcards, worksheets, games, and crossword puzzles.