

Storytelling and Tools to Encourage Conversation

Most are free; many will require you to set-up an account. For some sites, an ID and/or Password is Available from Literacy Unlimited Office.

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.