

GREAT ESL ONLINE RESOURCES FOR TUTORS AND STUDENTS

So many online sites are come-ons to buy resources and materials or to subscribe to journals, lesson plan sites, etc. Here are a few great links that offer a lot of helpful material with little or no ulterior commercial motive.

If, in the course of your tutoring, you happen to come across a WONDERFUL site, please send us the link via e-mail at lorene@kitsapliteracy.org so we can determine whether to add it to the list. Thanks!

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## **Shoreline Community College Ready-to-Teach Levels 1-5 "Pink Pages"**

**Go here first** for fantastic spreadsheets of what to work on with your students at their level of English. Includes: Communicative Areas, Grammar, Vocabulary, and helps for you to do effective assessment.

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www.englishmeeting.com

A unique resource with audio/video for ESL teachers and students. Recommended by Karen and Roberta, LCK tutor and student struggling with the pronunciation of 'th'!

ESL Tutor Resources from St James Cathedral

Helping adult refugees & immigrants learn English & become U.S. Citizens.
www.stjames-cathedral.org/esl/tutor_ESL_lessons.html

www.usalearns.org

Developed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Office of Vocational and Adult Education, this is a free web-based multimedia site for adults learning ESL. It is designed for distance learning where students work online at their convenience, and where the tutor can access their student's site to check progress and offer feedback. Learners develop and strengthen reading, writing, listening, and life skills. This program is a great way to supplement your one-on-one tutoring time while increasing your student's proficiency on the computer.

www.emints.org

eThemes on the top tab is organized alphabetically by theme and grade level to links for lessons/lesson plans/activities that are easily adaptable to adult education at all levels of ESL. Very comprehensive.

www.eslpartyland.com

Karin's ESL Partyland is a site with material for students to work on online and for teachers to access lesson ideas. It also has a quiz center where thematic exercises for learners are ranked *easy*, *medium*, and *difficult*. The teacher pages are a wealth of information for all levels.

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esl.about.com

Start Learning English with categories in: basics, grammar, quizzes, important differences and exceptions, phrases and vocabulary, reading comprehension, and much more. You'll want to create a desktop shortcut for this one!

www.eslmania.com

Great place for students and teachers. Idioms, grammar, accent reduction, business English, reading the news, and more ideas. Be sure to look at the section *Bright Ideas for Teaching ESL*.

iteslj.org

The internet TESL Journal offers a multitude of links for teachers and students to browse for just about any aspect of ESL. There are also articles written by professionals on L2 teaching theory and practice. Check out the *links* tab.

www.rong-chang.com

Originally set up as a, "starting point for ESL learners who want to study English through the web." Great links to the top 100 U.S. newspapers, idiom dictionaries, ESL/EFL magazines and journals, the Coffee Break Arcade for games, and links for Speakers of Spanish to study English.

www.elcivics.com

Civics/ESL lessons, activities, quizzes, ESL photo stories, videos, crossword puzzles, worksheets, etc. Great resource for sharing U.S. customs, landmarks, life-skills, and peculiarities with your students. A great source for the bank of 100 study questions, some of which are asked on the citizenship test.

a4esl.org

A HUGE place for online activities for students. Quizzes and activities can be done bilingually in 44 languages + English. We *guarantee* that your student's L1 is included! This site provides great practice for learning simple navigation with a computer.

www.breakingnewsenglish.com

WOW!! Ready-to-use ESL lessons with all kinds of activities based on up-to-the-minute news/current events. Downloadable and printable. We love this site!

www.owl.english.purdue.edu

A *wealth* of helps! Grammar, writing, Grade 7-12 and GED-level material quite adaptable to adult education and definitely adaptable to ESL.

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www.esl-library.com

Braggs that, "teaching English just got easier!" Hundreds of ready-made lessons replete with printable flashcards to which you can also add your own text.

www.eslcafe.com

Dave Spurling's site has been around forever, but it bears mention as it is one of the most respected and accessed. Browse around and make sure to check out *Stuff for Students* – there's a special section on teaching 1-to-1. ESL instructors around the globe submit teaching ideas, so the Café is a "world" of information!

www.usingenglish.com

154 downloadable PDF lessons and handouts for reading comprehension from beginning to advanced-level students. There are also on-line and hard copy quizzes and activities based on the reading selections. Another good site on which to practice basic computer skills.

www.cdlponline.com

Thematically organized "story lists" with audio (and some with video) from current and past news stories. Basic and full versions of each account cater to your student's level of English, and each comes with activities to check comprehension.

www.MakeBeliefsComix.com

Available in seven languages, this website, endorsed by Google's Literacy Project, UNESCO, and the International Reading Association, lets you write and illustrate your own comic strips. It provides practice on the computer and is very useful as a means of doing a running comic strip in interaction with your students. Fun!