



Online resources for learners of English as a second or additional language

Beginners

<https://esol.excellencegateway.org.uk>

A wide range of resources on different topics to help practise speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

<https://www.esolcourses.com/uk-english/beginners-course/free-english-lessons.html>

Free online course for beginners.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/basic-english-elementary>

Free online elementary course from Future Learn

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/course/emw/unit-1>

English My Way activities for everyday life for beginners and BBC learning circles/videos (beginners/E1)

Skills

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills>

Activities to practise your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/basic-english-pre-intermediate>

Free online pre-intermediate course with Future Learn to improve listening skills.

<https://www.esolcourses.com/topics/learn-english-with-songs.html>

Learn English with songs.

<https://www.esolcourses.com/content/topicsmenu/listening.html>

Listening skills lessons and quizzes.

<http://www.elllo.org/>

Elllo -Thousands of listening activities with quizzes, comprehension questions and vocabulary tasks at all levels.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/skillswise>

BBC Skillswise resources for English and Maths. Useful for Functional Skills exam preparation.

<http://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading-skills-practice>

British Council Reading Skills Practice

<http://www.ngliffe.com/upper-intadvanced>

Online Reading comprehensions from National Geographic (advanced)

<https://agendaweb.org/reading-exercises.html>

Reading comprehension online practice (all levels)

<https://spotlightenglish.com>

A daily 15-minute radio programme, recorded in clearly spoken English, to help learners develop their listening skills. (Some US voices)

Spelling

<https://howtospell.co.uk>

Spelling quizzes and games for all levels

Grammar, Vocabulary and Pronunciation

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar>

Levels from beginner to advanced - English grammar with explanations and practice exercises.

<http://a4esl.org>

A4esl – vocabulary and grammar. Also great bilingual quizzes to test knowledge

<http://www.adelescorner.org/>

Adele's ESL Corner: Grammar, listening and vocab

<https://agendaweb.org/>

Agenda Web – a range of online exercises



<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/vocabulary>

Activities to help with the meaning, pronunciation and spelling of new words.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/english-pronunciation>

Free course to improve English pronunciation skills and learn about speaking English in today's globalised world. From Future Learn.

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org>

Free online dictionary with pronunciation.

<https://www.engvid.com>

Free English video lessons. Search by topic or level.

<https://www.woodwardenglish.com>

Free courses - Woodward English –plus a range of grammar exercises and worksheets

<https://www.esl-lounge.com/student>

Many online activities to improve grammar, vocabulary and skills.

<https://www.usingenglish.com/>

Using English - quizzes designed for ESOL learners on two levels. Areas covered include adjectives, verb forms, conjunctions pronouns and spelling. Some material is suitable for general literacy use. The quizzes are multiple choice and cloze.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>

General BBC Learning English website

<https://www.englishclub.com>

Many different learning activities to improve grammar, vocabulary and skills.

<http://www.supersummary.com/grammar-guide>

A huge collection of links to many different resources to improve grammar.

<https://www.talkenglish.com/grammar/grammar.aspx>

Many different grammar resources available – Also has other resources such as listening exercises.

<https://www.gamestolearnenglish.com/>

A fun resource for both adults and children containing interactive activities for practising spelling, vocabulary, grammar and sentence structure.



<https://www.youtube.com/user/WatchandLearnEnglish/videos>

Simple but useful YouTube videos

UK life

<https://esol.excellencegateway.org.uk/>

Learn about different places in the UK, culture, history and law. Practise language that will help in daily life, in the home and with children.

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english>

Improve knowledge of everyday English and the language needed for socialising.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/bbclearningenglish/videos>

Videos on lots of different topics.

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/explore-english-language-culture>

Free online course looking at British culture. Examines English in use to help improve English language skills.

<https://www.esolcourses.com/content/topicsmenu/life-in-the-uk.html>

Life in the UK learning resources.

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/index.html>

Breaking News English – interesting free English news lessons in seven levels to suit all abilities

English for Work

<https://esol.excellencegateway.org.uk/content/teachers/english-for-work>

Learn new language and vocabulary for different types of jobs.

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/business-english>

Improve vocabulary and knowledge for work purposes. Activities to develop interview skills and write clear emails.

<https://www.esolcourses.com/content/englishforwork/englishforwork.html>

Vocabulary, lessons and worksheets for English for Work, including job interview skills



<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/workplace-english>

Free online course - English for the workplace. Available to join now with Future Learn.

IELTS and Trinity B1

<https://www.futurelearn.com/programs/understanding-ielts#section-fact-sheet>

Prepare for IELTS Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening tests (NB There may be a charge for these courses)

<https://www.ieltspodcast.com/>

Free IELTS preparation tutorials and materials for different skills and topics.

<https://www.trinitycollege.com/qualifications/SELT/UKVI/B1-GESE-grade-5>

Information about the Secure English Language Test (SELT) offered by Trinity at level B1 in Speaking in Listening for Indefinite Leave to Remain (to settle) or British Citizenship.

Other Exam Resources

<http://www.englishrevealed.co.uk/fce.php>

Online Practice tests for Cambridge First exam

<https://www.examenglish.com>

Suitable for E3+ students with tailored practice to different EFL exams.

<https://esbuk.org/web/online-resources/esol-skills-for-life-entry-2/>

Exams – English Speaking Board practice - Video clips of ESB exams – students can watch on the ESB website and have a phone call/FaceTime with another student to practice. Entry 1 to Level 2.

<https://www.cityandguilds.com>

Enter “ESOL Skills for Life 4692” in the search bar to look at sample documents - NB: North Yorkshire County Council use City and Guilds for ESOL exams



Higher Education

<https://www.classcentral.com/subject/es/>

List of English as a Second Language courses available with different universities

<https://www.classcentral.com/>

Search for online university courses by topic.

<https://www.coursera.org/>

Build skills with courses, certificates and degrees online from universities and companies.

Apps

<https://www.duolingo.com/>

App to learn English on your phone or online.

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/tr/en/english/apps>

British Council has many apps available for Android and iOS.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/app>

All the BBC Learning English lessons are available on this app for Android and iOS.

Other suggested Apps:

Xeropan (Android/i-phone, i-pad -Free with in-app purchases)

Busuu (Android/i-phone, i-pad -Free with in-app purchases)

Improve English Word Games (Android/i-phone, i-pad -Free with in-app purchases)

Memrise (Android/i-phone, i-pad – and website - Free with in-app purchases)

Learn English with Babbel (Android/i-phone, i-pad – and website - Free with in-app purchases)

Rosetta Stone (Android/i-phone, i-pad – and website - Free with in-app purchases)

LingoDeer (Android/i-phone, i-pad – and website - Free with in-app purchases)

Beelinguapp (Android/i-phone, i-pad – Free with in-app purchases)



Children

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org>

Free online games, songs, stories and activities for children.

<https://stories.audible.com>

Free audio books for young children.

<https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-author-activities/>

Read aloud and do activities with children's authors.

<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

A fantastic American site with books to listen to and read. Different languages are available – click on the pencil at the top of the page on the left where it says English. NB English mainly in American accents. Great for adult beginner readers.

<https://www.storylineonline.net>

American site to listen to children's books. NB: read in mainly American accents

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq5PZxgll5mXzRC0O_wLqXg

Family learning with music for young children.

<https://globalstorybooks.net/>

Great site - Read and listen to stories in different languages with children.

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

Chatterpack website - home learning resources for children/families, including free audio books

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org>

More suited to teenagers - Improve English with reading, writing and listening practice, tips for exams, grammar and vocabulary exercises, games and videos. Interact with teenagers from all around the world.



Additional resources for self-study (with thanks to NATECLA)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/course/eiam>

BBC English in minute – short videos explaining a point of grammar followed by activities

<https://en.diglin.eu>

Digital Literacy - online materials to practice Reading Writing, Speaking and Listening for Zero/Low Literacy Students – But need to register first.

<https://englishgrammarexercise.com/>

English Grammar Exercises - This site offers explanations of the main rules in grammar with some practice at all levels

<http://www.esldesk.com>

ESL Desk - Good and varied for confident L1+ students

<https://famouspeoplelessons.com>

Famous people lessons - Similar format to Breaking News English Grammar.net

<https://lingua.com/english/reading>

Lingua Reading Low Level - Free English texts for beginners to practice reading and comprehension online.

https://eewiki.newint.org/index.php?title=Main_Page

New Internationalist Easier English Wiki - Topical ready lessons for students and teachers

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