



APPENDIX D

INTERNET RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS AND LEARNERS

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There is a virtually limitless—and ever-growing—body of material on the Internet for English teachers and students. Given the fluid nature of the medium, by the time this book reaches your hands some of the information in the following list (current as of early 2017) will no doubt be out of date, but presumably many of these sites will be up and running for some years to come, so this list should help get you started. The resources are divided into five broad categories as many sites cover a wide range of topics, activities, and other resources available for English language teaching and learning. Unlike appendix C, which is more easily divided into sections of reading, listening, and so on, the following websites are not so easily differentiated and will require further investigation on the part of the reader. However, we have provided short annotations and/or keywords for each site that highlight some of the topics and resources available. Both the categories we have created and the sites within them are listed in alphabetical order.

When using these resources, you should keep two things in mind. First, some sites or aspects of sites (e.g., videos) may not be accessible in your host country. Before suggesting a site to your student, be sure to check its functionality in the host country without a VPN (virtual private network). Second, the resources listed here are in English; there are likely many more resources available in the students' native language, and you should encourage them to explore these resources as well. In fact, the availability of resources is not so much the concern as making good use of them, so you should encourage students to critically evaluate the materials they use to supplement their out-of-class learning. Finally, while many resources listed below are free, some require subscriptions or fees.

We have marked websites that have an app for smartphones with an asterisk (*). For more app suggestions, see the Master's In English site under the "English as a Second or Foreign Language" category.

English as a Second or Foreign Language

- Aardvark's English Forum. (englishforum.com). This site includes a student and teacher message board, and student and teacher sections featuring resources like full-text novels and the latest EFL/ESL news. *Keywords:* BBC news, quotes, idioms, schools of the day, interactive exercises, English language teaching books.
- Capital Community College Foundation. *Guide to grammar and writing.* (grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar). Grammar explanations and quizzes; writing at the word and sentence level, paragraph level, essay and research paper level.
- Dave's ESL Café. (www.eslcafe.com). *Keywords:* jobs, lesson plan ideas, teacher forums, teacher training forums, grammar lessons, idioms, phrasal verbs, quizzes, slang, student forums, podcasts, ESL links.
- EFL Tasks. (efltasks.net). Activities for beginning, intermediate, and advanced students including webquests, treasure hunts, samplers, and hotlists.
- EnglishClub. (www.englishclub.com). Materials for students and teachers in grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, spelling, listening, speaking, reading, writing. Tools, tips, and resources for school administration or management. *Keywords:* tests, handouts, lesson plans, teacher forum, teaching tips, job board, TEFL articles.
- EnglishLearner.com. (englishlearner.com). Resources for teachers and students from beginning to advanced learners, with exercises on grammar, reading comprehension, vocabulary, listening.
- ESLDiscussions.com. (www.esldiscussions.com). More than 700 discussion topic handouts with more than 14,000 questions. Handouts can be printed in Word or PDF.
- ESLgold. (www.eslgold.com). This site covers all language skills plus business English and TOEFL/TOEIC. *Keywords:* textbook recommendations, grammar explanations, flash cards, language learning strategies, quizzes, idioms, job search, games, activities, ESL videos.

esl-lounge. (www.esl-lounge.com). *Keywords*: lesson plans, teaching aids, flash cards, role-play cards, book reviews, games, blog, ESL forum, quizzes, song lyrics, links, embarrassing teacher stories.

ESLnotes.com. *The English learner movie guides*. (www.eslnotes.com). Plot summaries, vocabulary, and discussion questions for a long list of films.

ESL Resource Center. (www.eslus.com/eslcenter.htm). Lessons and exercises for grammar, reading and writing, vocabulary and idioms, spelling, pronunciation, and listening.

everythingESL.net. (www.everythingESL.net). This site is more ESL than EFL focused. *Keywords*: lesson plans, activities, teaching tips, “Ask Judie” column.

Indiana University. *How to recognize plagiarism: Tutorials and tests*. (www.indiana.edu/~istd). Plagiarism tutorial with videos, practice exercises, and tests.

John’s ESL Community. (www.johnsesl.com). Worksheets, quizzes, games, and language learning strategies for each language skill. The site has the function to create rubrics, puzzles, gap fills, and games.

Lanternfish ESL. (www.bogglesworldesl.com). *Keywords*: games, flashcards, songs, writing, worksheets, phonics, science, survival English, business English, ESL for adults, young learners, ESL articles, lesson plans, holiday worksheets, job search.

Larry Ferlazzo’s Websites of the Day. (larryferlazzo.edublogs.org). A blog that lists and reviews many websites and resources for EFL teachers and learners at different proficiency levels.

*Mastersin ESL.com. *The essential guide to apps for learning English as a second language*. (mastersinesl.com/essential-esl-app-guide). This site lists 97 apps for learning language.

Rubistar. (rubistar.4teachers.org). Aids for creating grading templates (rubrics) for oral, reading, and writing assignments.

Sounds of English. (www.soundsofenglish.org). *Keywords*: American English pronunciation, lesson plans, activities, presentations.

Teaching English. (www.teachingenglish.org.uk). Teacher development from the BBC and British Council including teaching ideas for different age groups. *Keywords*: lesson plans, online conferences, webinars, blogs, Shakespeare.

TEFL Games. *Free ESL games and quiz corner*. (teflgames.com/games.html). *Keywords*: interactive games, card games, mimic games, 20 questions, quiz games.

TEFL.com. (www.tefl.com). *Keywords*: job seekers, recruitment, teacher training.

TEFL.net. (tefl.net). *Keywords*: jobs, teacher training, courses, lesson plans, worksheets, worksheet generator, discussion forums, ESL administration resources.

ToLearnEnglish.com. (www.tolearnenglish.com). *Keywords*: placement tests, exercises, forums, games, audio and video files, interactive test builder, free weekly lessons.

WyzAnt Resources. *ESL lessons & help*. (www.wyzant.com/resources/lessons/english/esl). *Keywords*: lesson plans, quizzes, learning strategies, grammar explanations, punctuation, writing, videos.

General Sites and Applications

Big Think. (bigthink.com). Provides short videos, articles, and a podcast from experts on health, arts and entertainment, business, personal growth, politics, science, society and culture, and technology. Create playlists.

*Google Translate. (www.translate.google.com). Translates between many languages, including English.

*PlayPosit. (www.playposit.com). Allows teachers to embed activities and other content into videos.

Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL). (owl.english.purdue.edu/owl). Provides resources on general writing, research and citation, teacher and tutor resources, subject-specific writing, job search writing, ESL, vidcasts, and administrative staff writing.

Sites for Teachers. (www.sitesforteachers.com). Provides links to many sites for teachers including worksheets, clip art, lesson plans, study tools, and games.

TeacherTube. (www.teachertube.com). *Keywords*: teaching videos, audios, photos, documents, group discussions, playlists, channels, on-demand, newsletter.

*TED. (www.ted.com/talks). Expert lectures with transcripts.

*VoiceThread. (voicethread.com). Resource for discussing topics and sharing ideas asynchronously through recorded videos.

*Words with Friends. (www.zynga.com/games/words-friends). This game app can help students with word form and spelling, and offers a social motivation for students to improve their vocabulary.

*YouTube. (www.youtube.com). Videos that cover pronunciation, grammar, read-along books, culture, and many other topics; ESL/EFL channels geared toward different age groups.

Journals and Magazines

AILA Review. (benjamins.com/#catalog/journals/aila/volumes). An annual journal with contributions from teachers and researchers all over the world investigating language teaching and learning.

Annual Review of Applied Linguistics. (journals.cambridge.org/action/displayJournal?jid=APL). Research-oriented, thematic annual journal that looks at different issues in the field of language teaching.

Asia Journal of English Language Teaching. (www.cuhk.edu.hk/ajelt). Research-oriented journal on topics relevant to teaching in Asia; published by the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Asian EFL Journal. (www.asian-efl-journal.com). Academic articles on English teaching in Asia; information on conferences in the region.

English for Specific Purposes World. (www.esp-world.info). Web-based journal with academic articles from around the world on teaching English for specific purposes.

English Teaching and Learning. (www.eng.ntnu.edu.tw/en/publish/publish.php?class=102). Quarterly journal published by the National Taiwan Normal University.

English Teaching Forum Online. (americanenglish.state.gov/english-teaching-forum-0). Quarterly journal on EFL teaching published by the U.S. Information Agency; articles by teachers around the world.

English Teaching Professional. (www.etprofessional.com). Selected articles from the print magazine.

ESL Magazine. (eflmagazine.com). Bimonthly magazine serving ESL/EFL professionals worldwide.

Essential Teacher. (2003–2009). (www.tesol.org/read-and-publish/journals/other-serial-publications). Quarterly magazine of TESOL International Association; it included columns, articles, and reviews.

Humanising Language Teaching. (www.hltmag.co.uk). Interesting variety of articles and features for language teaching.

The Internet TESL Journal. (1995–2010). (iteslj.org). Monthly Web journal that included articles, research papers, lesson plans, teaching techniques, book reviews, links, and more than 500 quizzes students can take

to test their knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, and idioms.

Journal of the Imagination in Language Teaching and Learning. (1997–2003). (www2.njcu.edu/cill/journal-index.html). Discusses relationships between the imagination and the acquisition of languages; for teachers at all levels.

The Language Teacher. (jalt-publications.org/tlt). Bimonthly publication of the Japan Association for Language Teaching; readable and practical articles. See also *JALT Journal*, linked from this site.

The Reading Matrix. (www.readingmatrix.com). Journal focusing on reading issues; includes other reading-related resources.

SEAMEO Regional Language Centre. (www.relc.org.sg/Publications). Articles on language teaching in *RELC Journal*.

TESL-EJ: Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language. (www.tesl-ej.org/wordpress). Quarterly journal offering articles on a wide range of teaching topics.

TESOL Connections. (www.tesol.org/tc). A free monthly newsletter with resources and practical advice for English language teachers.

TESOL Journal. (www.tesol.org/tj). A theory-focused journal related to second and foreign language acquisition.

TESOL Quarterly. (<http://www.tesol.org/tq>). A more practice-focused journal looking at the teaching and learning of English in the field.

Professional Organizations

American Association of Applied Linguistics (AAAL). (www.aaal.org). Based in the United States.

Asian Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language. (www.asiatefl.org). Based in Asia.

British Council. (www.britishcouncil.org). Based in the United Kingdom.

International Association of Applied Linguistics (AILA). (www.aila.info/en). Founded in France.

International Association of English Language Teachers of English as a Foreign Language (IATEFL). (www.iatefl.org). Based in the United Kingdom.

International Society for Language Studies (ISLS). (isls.co). Based in the United States.

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL). (www.tesol.org). Based in the United States.

Student-Focused Sites and Applications

- 1-language.com. (www.1-language.com). English study resources in multiple languages such as Chinese, German, and French. *Keywords:* English courses, audio courses, practice writing, quizzes, articles.
- Activities for ESL Students. (a4esl.org). Grammar and vocabulary quizzes in multiple languages; includes exercises and crossword puzzles.
- *BBC: Learning English. (www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish). Lessons for intermediate learners. *Keywords:* English my way, Shakespeare, English at university, English at Work, news report, the English we speak, lingohack, 6 minute English, pronunciation, drama, words in the news.
- Churchill House. (www.students.churchillhouse.com). An English language school. *Keywords:* English exercises, exam guides, useful learning websites, ask a language question, learning videos.
- *Culips. (esl.culips.com). Podcasts to learn conversational English. *Keywords:* podcasts, English conversations at normal speed, simplified speech episodes, idioms, phrases, common slang, everyday English expressions.
- *Duolingo. (www.duolingo.com). Language learning app in the student's native language.
- English Listening. (www.Englishlistening.com). Listening practice; Chinese language version available.
- *ESL Lounge Student. (www.esl-lounge.com/student). Exercises and games for all levels. *Keywords:* grammar, grammar guide, reading, listening, vocabulary, test prep, phrasal verbs, pronunciation.
- ESL Radio and TV. (www.eslradioandtv.com). Excerpts from TV and radio shows with short quizzes to check comprehension.
- *FluentU. (www.fluentu.com). Contains authentic videos such as movie trailers, news, and talks containing captions to help learners understand the content as well as the culture surrounding certain phrases.
- *Grammar Up. (www.grammar-express.com/grammarup). *Keywords:* adjective, adverbs, causative verbs, conditionals, grammar features.
- Hong Kong Polytechnic University: Centre for Independent Language Learning. (elc.polyu.edu.hk/cill). *Keywords:* discussions, essays, common error detector, referencing, presentations, job applications, interviews, meetings, letters, memos, emails, report writing, IELTS prep, independent language learning, studying English online.
- *Lang-8. (lang-8.com). Write "diaries" and get feedback from other users, including native speakers, using the site's track changes and other features. Though there are often more nonnative than native speakers on the site, keep in mind that feedback from other nonnative speakers of English can be just as valuable, if not more, than that of native speakers.
- ManyThings.org. *Interesting things for ESL students.* (www.manythings.org). *Keywords:* reading, sentences, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation, games, puzzles.
- *Memrise. (www.memrise.com). An interactive, social app that offers language courses and helps students memorize vocabulary; students can also learn from other app users.
- *News in Levels. (www.newsinlevels.com). *Keywords:* graded news stories, grammar, books, jokes, videos, audios.
- Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab. (www.esl-lab.com). *Keywords:* listening exercises and quizzes of varying difficulty and length.
- Repeat After Us. (repeatafterus.com). Listening and pronunciation practice. *Keywords:* poetry, drama, fiction, prose, nonfiction, children's stories, nursery rhymes, tongue twisters, quotes.
- Simple English Wikipedia. (simple.wikipedia.org). This site is designed to offer the same search and information access as Wikipedia but for ESL/EFL learners.
- *Speak English. (www.speakenglishapp.com). Students can listen to native speakers talk about a variety of topics multiple times, record themselves saying some of the same sentences, and compare their speech with that of the native speakers'.
- *Studycat. (studycat.net). This site lists language learning apps for young children, including Fun English, Fun English Stories, and ABC Galaxy.
- Talk English.com. (www.talkenglish.com). Listening and speaking lessons, and articles.
- TOPICS Online Magazine for Learners of English.* (www.topics-mag.com). Features articles written by and for English learners.

Texts, Corpora, and Other Reference Materials

Bartleby.com. (www.bartleby.com). Free access to a large range of great literary works, dictionaries, encyclopedias, and almost anything else you would expect to find in the reference collection of a Western library.

BookBrowse. (www.bookbrowse.com). Excerpts from and reviews of books.

British National Corpus (BNC). (www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk). A searchable collection of British spoken and written data; see the link for BYU-BNC.

*Cambridge Dictionary. (dictionary.cambridge.org/us). Dictionary resource for both American and British English.

Corpora4Learning. (www.corpora4learning.net/resources/materials.html). List of sites and tools for doing corpus searches and applying corpus data to language learning.

Corpus of Contemporary American English (COCA). (corpus.byu.edu/coca). This site allows you to search American English texts, TV shows, and more for authentic usage of words and grammar. It can serve as a reference tool so that you do not have to rely on your native-speaker instinct.

Drew's Script-O-Rama. (www.script-o-rama.com). A large collection of movie scripts.

JoBlo's Movie Screenplays. (www.joblo.com/moviescripts.php). Links to sites with movie scripts.

Library of Congress. (www.loc.gov). Website of the U.S. Library of Congress, which has many digital authentic English language texts that could be used in the classroom.

Michigan Corpus of Academic Spoken English (MiCASE). (quod.lib.umich.edu/m/micase). This is a collection of spoken data from authentic academic contexts.

Michigan Corpus of Upper-Level Student Papers (MiCUSP). (micase.elicorpora.info). This is a collection of high-scoring student academic papers that can be used as examples.

*Oxford Learner's Dictionaries. (www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com). Dictionary resource geared towards English language learners.

*Project Gutenberg. (www.gutenberg.net). Collection of 13,000 free electronic books, mostly older books in the public domain.

*Wikipedia: The free encyclopedia. (en.wikipedia.org). Online, multilingual encyclopedia with entries on just about everything you could ask for.

yourDictionary. (yourdictionary.com). Online dictionary and grammar resource; includes a variety of other language-related resources, such as a section on endangered languages.