

WEBSITES FOR TEACHERS AND LEARNERS

www.eslgold.net

- Great audio and video content; click on *Listening* and you will have access to Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab (free); also check out the podcasts

www.esl-galaxy.com

www.english-4kids.com

www.readingonline.org (see Quick Links – ESL)

- Website of the International Reading Association

www.abcteach.com

- See Languages/ESL as well as Flashcards, Theme Units

www.nytimes.com/learning

- Click on *News Snapshot* – daily current events activity at a grade 3-5 reading level including printable student handout and teacher's page (It is American; you can pick and choose as appropriate); also see
- Lesson Plan Archive

www.britishcouncil/learnenglish

- Portal linking to all websites for teachers and learners of English

www.canadiangeographic.ca/atlas/

- Click on *CG kids atlas* for interactive component
- Has a daily featured lesson plan and featured Canadian place

www.cbc.ca

- Digital archives (see Learn, for Teachers)
- See CBC Learning Online (video and audio resources as well as the Teacher's Lounge)

www.cbc.ca/manitoba/eal/abouthtml/

Materials developed for ESL learners relating to the news and in some cases applying to Manitoba

www.canadahistory.com

- Includes a Media Centre, but the site is still under construction

www.teacherplanet.com

www.usingenglish.com

- Tools and resources for students, teachers, learners and academics

www.tolearnenglish.com

- Includes online placement tests as well as lessons and exercises; your students can even find pen pals

www.softschools.com

- Includes worksheets, games, quizzes organized by grade and topic; most of which are completed online
- Also generates worksheets

www.marksesl.com

- Extensive teacher resources
- See *Best of the Web for Teachers*

www.tesomax.com/topsites/

www.songsforteaching.com

- Lyrics, cds, downloads including an ESL area

www.eclecticenglish.com

- Lots of online practice for ESL learners
- A grammar test that gives a rough estimate of level of English

www.englishmeeting.com/esl_video_lessons_pagehtm

- Featuring Dave Sperling of Dave's ESL Café
- Good audio/video content

www.statscan.ca/english/edu/index.htm

- I can only recommend *Kid's Zone: Canada Maps*, as the rest is too difficult and quite boring

www.pinkflamingoresources.blogspot.com

- Click on *Resources Homepage*
- Everything from ESL teaching resources to webpage creation; list of podcast sites designed for ESL listeners
- Tons of worksheets at ESL-PDF.com

www.bookbox.com

- Audio-visual stories for preschool and elementary levels; web-based jukebox of digital books in languages from around the world; hear the books read and see the text on screen in a multitude of languages
- Free registration. The site offers downloads of the stories for a fee, but the online books are free.

www.starfall.com

- Interactive books, phonics games and printouts to teach reading to pre-K to grades 2/3. The contents are multicultural, very engaging and attractive. They also have an educator's area.

Eworkshop.on.ca

- Free online resource for elementary teachers provided by MOE and TFO; includes animations, interactive games, and video clips of classroom lessons for teaching reading, writing and math.

www.watchknow.org

- Educational video links to over 11,000 videos in 2000 categories – history, math, science; YouTube meets Wikipedia

www.colorincolorado

- Website in English and Spanish to assist ELLs to become better readers; content for teachers and parents.

www.readingrockets

www.REEPworld.org

- An easy to navigate website to help adult English language learners (beginning-literacy/low-level learners) to use the internet as a tool for learning and participating in their communities. There are also printable teacher resources to support in-class instruction.

www.pdictionary.com

- Free online multilingual picture dictionary with accompanying flashcards, gap fills, word scrambles and review opportunities. No audio component.

www.readthinkwrite.org

- Part of the NCTE website containing classroom resources. Enter ELL in the Search By Keyword box, and you will see resources specifically for ESL.

www.makebeliefscomix.com

- Free site for ESL learners to make their own comic strips with lots of support in terms of choosing characters, background colour, etc.

www.voanews.com/learningenglis/home

- Voice of America for ELLs; news and stories posted weekly with both transcripts and audio; downloadable to MP3 and also broadcast on satellite TV; contents are archived; The Classroom has featured articles supported with vocab./comprehension/improving language exercises
- Most suitable for advanced level secondary/adult learners

www.moodlereader.org

- Supports Moodle Reader Module which provides quizzes on over 1200 readers/books allowing teachers to access students' work.
- The site supports the extensive reading approach to language acquisition

Great sites for practicing and delving into the world of Phonetics

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/>

<http://www.goodaccent.com/>

<http://www.eslrules.com/rules-by-the-sound.html>

http://rossier.usc.edu/academic/prodev/products/correcting_errors_in_pronunciation/index.html

<http://www.accurateenglish.com/>

<http://voxy.com/>

Interesting videos to practice pronunciation

<http://www.youtube.com/user/EnglishMeeting>

<http://www.manythings.org/b/e/3518>

<http://www.inglesparalatinos.com/IPA.htm>

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