



Cultural Linguistic Services
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UW-Madison Volunteer Tutoring Program Online Resources

Caution! Some of the websites may be challenging for some learners to navigate. Learners may need help creating accounts with user names and passwords. They may need help avoiding advertisements. Please choose the websites that best meet the needs of both tutors and learners.

Pronunciation:

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

Watch real-life videos to practice fast American English speech, target tricky vowel and consonant sounds with diagrams of the mouth, get useful pronunciation tips and explore questions about the English language.

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

"Learn English with an ocean of interesting videos...Improve your pronunciation with unique speech technology." Watch a variety of interesting, multi-level, real-life, 1-minute videos on topics including:

- Academic English
- Business English
- Career English
- Social English
- Travel English.

Then record your voice reading lines from the videos and get feedback on pronunciation. You can also track your growing vocabulary. You can watch a "1-minute tour" on the home page to see how it works. *Requires registration*

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMM_hwyHxaI&feature=channel_video_title

"Jennifer's ESL channel" on YouTube (Introduction to English Vowel Sounds)

Watch short, simple video lessons on pronunciation of English vowel and consonant sounds—plus other English language learning topics— delivered in a traditional presentation style by a professional English instructor.

Listening:

www.lyricstraining.com

Current music videos help you train your ear while you fill in the correct lyrics or read along with the captions. You can compete against yourself or others for fun. This site features English and many other languages in play lists. Fun!

<http://elllo.org/>

Elllo (English Listening Library Online) features over 2000 free listening activities (authentic dialogues and talks) through audio and video interviews on a range of topics. Built-in activities and quizzes supplement the learning.

<http://www.esl-lab.com/index.htm>

With "Randall's ESL Cyber listening lab" students can listen to easy, medium and difficult conversations in adult and child voices. The listening samples come with activities, lessons, and quizzes.

<http://www.talkenglish.com/Speaking/listIdioms.aspx>

Features categorized exercises you click and listen to pronunciation.

<https://storycorps.org>

Audio recordings and transcripts of stories about love, loss, family, friendship, and more.

<https://www.ted.com/talk>

Video speeches from experts on education, business, science, tech, and creativity. Subtitles available in 100+ languages.

Vocabulary:

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

Merriam-Webster's Learner's Dictionary gives simple definitions for ESL learners. You can hear sound recordings of words and create your own word lists to study.

<http://lingro.com/>

Start at this dictionary site and navigate to any other site (i.e. Wikipedia, BBC, etc.) and Lingro makes all the words on the page clickable to get dictionary definitions and multilingual translations.

Grammar:

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

Lessons on grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, listening, speaking, reading, write, and more.

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

Free English lessons on a variety of skills and topics

Conversation:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/realenglish1>

"Real English" on YouTube features authentic English spoken in short interviews by real people on the street around the world. The activities develop listening skills and expand vocabulary.

<http://iteslj.org/questions/>

Provides conversation questions for the ESL/EFL Classroom.

Writing:

http://academic.reed.edu/writing/esl_resources.html

An online writing lab for English language learners with a wide variety of topics for beginning through high advanced proficiency levels.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>

The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University houses writing resources and instructional material. A great "first stop" for students and teachers!

<http://conjugator.reverso.net/conjugation-english-verb-go.html>

Offers help with English conjugation.

Reading:

<http://www.americanliterature.com/ss/ssindx.html>

Twenty great American short stories

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

Free online short stories.

<https://history.com>

Online stories about United States history.

<https://www.wisconsinlife.org>

Video and audio stories about interesting people and places in Wisconsin, with reading texts.

<https://medlineplus.gov/anatomyvideos.html>

Click on a variety of health videos and choose closed captioning (cc) to read along.

<https://www.readingskills4today.com/>

Reading, grammar, writing, spelling, and vocabulary lessons.

<https://newslela.com>

Reading lessons and practice in many subject areas. Requires registration using an email address and password.

<https://readtheory.org>

Reading lessons and quizzes. Requires registration using an email address and password.

<https://www.usalearns.org>

English and U.S. citizenship lessons. Requires a simple registration using an email address and password. Learners can save their progress.

Teaching Ideas and Resources:

a4esl.org

Features grammar, vocabulary, puzzles, pod casts and teacher resources.

www.eslcafe.com

Offers ideas for teachers and students in the Resources tab: grammar, idioms, phrasal verbs, pronunciation, quizzes, slang.

www.esl-lounge.com

Features ESL lesson plans, materials, grammar, mp3 listening, vocabulary, tests, games, puzzles, etc.

<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/>

Interactive lessons on many subjects (click on "All Topics"). Reading and English practice at: <https://edu/global.org/en/topics/reading>

Teaching Worksheets:

<http://www.usingenglish.com/handouts/>

ESL site with printable worksheets

<http://englishforeveryone.org/>

Free, printable English worksheets

Current and Scientific News

<https://www.nytimes.com/spotlight/learning-lessons-science>

The New York Times Science Section has great scientific articles. If you are working with an international scholar, this may be a helpful resource.

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/2047/science>

The National Public Radio Science Podcasts offer the latest health and science news and updates on medicine, healthy living, nutrition, drugs, diet, and advance in sciences and technology. You can also read and listen to the latest science news here: [Science : NPR](#)

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

Wisconsin Public Radio is always great for listening to English, learning from community news stories and keeping up with current events.

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com>

English news with reading, listening, and writing activities.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=bbc+news+review

Learn how to use the English language from the latest BBC news stories.

Working with UW-Madison Employees

<https://hr.wisc.edu/cls/online-workplace-learning/>

This Cultural Linguistic Services webpage has all the videos and newsletters for online Workplace Learning during the COVID19 pandemic.

<https://jobs.wisc.edu/>

The UW-Madison jobs website lists all the positions currently open. Employee learners who are interested in transitioning to other position at UW-Madison can search here. For each open position, there is a different contact person. Potential applicants must apply by the deadline date listed in the posting. Please pay close attention to the application instructions, as positions may require different application materials. Feel free to contact Cultural Linguistic Services and we will connect you to the appropriate contact person.

<https://hr.wisc.edu/standard-job-descriptions/>

This job library for UW-Madison and the University of Wisconsin System has the proposed standardized job titles and job descriptions for Academic Staff, University Staff, and Limited Appointees. Each position has the general responsibilities, qualifications and experiences required.