

COD Library - ESL Websites

The sites listed below for ESL students and instructors contain resources designed to improve grammar, vocabulary, reading, pronunciation, listening, and comprehension skills via exercises, games, puzzles, tests, and quizzes. The College of DuPage and the C.O.D. Library do not create or control any of these resources, and they will not be held responsible for the content within the sites.

Dictionaries

Dictionary.com

www.dictionary.com

Online dictionary, thesaurus, grammar, usage & style, and writing resource

Glossaries by Language

www.lai.com/glossaries.html

A wide-variety of bilingual dictionaries and topical glossaries categorized by language from Language Automation, Inc.

Internet Picture Dictionary

www.pdictionary.com

Free, online multilingual picture dictionary with interactive activities for English, French, German, Spanish, Italian and ESL learners

Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

www.m-w.com

Provides a free online dictionary, thesaurus, audio pronunciations, Word of the Day, word games, and other English language resources

Merriam-Webster Visual Dictionary

visual.merriam-webster.com

Provides a free online visual dictionary containing over 20,000 terms, more than 6,000 illustrations, and audio pronunciations

General

Dave's ESL Café

www.eslcafe.com

Helpful pages on idioms, slang, grammar, test preparation, jobs, message boards and links to other ESL sites

EnglishClub.com

www.englishclub.com

"Lessons, games, quizzes, forums, chat, lesson plans, jobs & more for ESL learners & teachers"

Englishpage.com

www.englishpage.com

Designed for advanced ESL students, contains reading, writing, vocabulary, listening, grammar and dictionaries

Interesting Things for ESL Students

www.manythings.org

A fun study site for students of English as a Second Language that includes word games, puzzles, quizzes, slang, proverbs and more

Karin's ESL Partyland

www.eslpartyland.com

This site has "over 75 interactive quizzes, 15 discussion forums, interactive lessons on a variety of topics, a chat room, and lots of great links."

Lantern Fish

www.bogglesworldesl.com

"Lantern Fish is a resource site for TESOL, TEFL and ESL teachers who teach elementary and middle school English, ESL and EFL to kids." Includes exercises and games for improving English language skills

Grammar & Writing

Activities for ESL Students

a4esl.org

This web site has over 1,000 activities to help study English as a Second Language including quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles

English as a Second Language Home Page

www.rong-chang.com

By Rong-Chang Li, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, this site is a great starting point for ESL learners who want to learn English through the Web. Contains lightly annotated directory of links in categories including: Listening and Speaking; Reading with Understanding; Grammar and Writing; ESL-related Information; English Language Schools; and More ESL Sites

Chomp Chomp: Grammar Bytes

www.chompchomp.com

This site, created by a community college instructor, includes terms, interactive exercises (with answers/explanations), handouts and guidelines for quickly improving grammar ability. Appropriate for both GED students and instructors

English Grammar Reference and Exercises

www.ego4u.com/en/cram-up/grammar

Includes grammar topics, example sentences, and exercises

Funbrain

www.funbrain.com

Review math facts or parts of speech. Includes many interactive, online games to practice basic math and language arts concepts

Listening, Understanding & Speaking

English Listening Lesson Library Online

www.ello.org

Learn English by listening to English speakers from all over the world. Over 400 listening activities

National Public Radio: News and Analysis

www.npr.org

Practice listening and understanding skills through the current event stories from NPR's many news programs, including All Things Considered, Fresh Air and Morning Edition. Many programs also include transcripts

Phonetics Flash Animation Project

www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics

Created at the University of Iowa, this site contains animated libraries of the phonetic sounds of Spanish and English. It is intended for students of phonetics, linguistics, and foreign language

Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab

www.esl-lab.com

A free, interactive, educational site that uses both RealVideo and RealAudio technology for language learning. Allows visitors to self-test their English listening comprehension skills via JavaScripted quizzes

Reading Comprehension

CNN Interactive Learning Resources

literacynet.org/cnnsf

This site offers web-delivered instruction using current and past CNN San Francisco bureau news stories (a new story is added ever week). Each module includes the full text of each story and interactive activities to test comprehension. The learner can choose to read the text, listen to the text, and view a short video clip of the story

Life in the USA: The Complete Guide for Immigrants and Americans

www.lifeintheusa.com

Guide to culture, customs, education and immigration as well as information about home ownership and making a living in the US

The New York Times Learning Network

www.nytimes.com/learning

Current event stories, quizzes, crossword puzzles and other vocabulary and knowledge building resources for students, parents, and instructors

Academic Sites

Grammar Handbook from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

www.cws.illinois.edu/workshop/writers

Provides explanations and illustrations of the basic grammatical rules concerning parts of speech, phrases, clauses, sentences and sentence elements, and common problems of usage

OWL: English as a Second Language (ESL) Resources, Handouts and Exercises

owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/5

Includes various materials for English as a Second Language (ESL) students and teachers, which include resource pages, handouts, and exercises as well as links to over 60 additional grammar-related handouts and exercises

Ohio ESL

linguistics.ohio.edu/opie/?page_id=1201

English student resources from Ohio University including grammar, reading, writing, listening, speaking, special topics, and additional resources

TOEFL

www.ets.org/toefl

The official Web site for the Test of English as a Foreign Language