

Online English Resources

Adults

Beginners

<https://esol.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/grammar-and-vocabulary/beginners>

Lessons for beginners on different topics to help practise speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

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

Free online elementary course **starting on 6 April 2020.**

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

Free online course for beginners.

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

English My Way activities for everyday life for beginners.

BBC learning circles/videos (beginners/E1)

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

Skills

<https://esol.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/skills>

Practise speaking, reading, writing and listening skills and improve your pronunciation.

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

Here you can find activities to practise your listening, reading, writing and speaking skills.

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

Free online pre-intermediate course to improve your listening skills. **Join now or on 27 April 2020.**

<https://englishinteractive.net/speaking.html>

English speaking practice at different levels.

<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.ello.org/index.htm>

English Listening Lesson Library Online. Search by level.

<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.ngllife.com/upper-intadvanced>

Online Reading comprehensions from National Geographic

<https://agendaweb.org/reading/comprehension-upper-intermediate-2.html>

Reading comprehension online practice (Upper Intermediate)

<https://spotlightenglish.com/>

A daily 15 minute radio programme, recorded in clearly spoken English, to help learners develop their listening skills.

Spelling

<https://howtospell.co.uk/spellingquiz.php>

Spelling quizzes and games for all levels

Grammar, Vocabulary and Pronunciation

<https://esol.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/grammar-and-vocabulary>

Watch video presentations of grammar areas, practise your vocabulary and spelling.

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

Choose your level from beginner to advanced and practise your English grammar with explanations and practice exercises.

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

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

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

Free course to improve your English pronunciation skills and learn about speaking English in today's globalised world. **Available to join on 6 April 2020.**

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

Free online dictionary with pronunciation.

<https://esol.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/skills/pronunciation>

Pronunciation lessons.

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

Free English video lessons. Search by topic or level.

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

Lots of online activities to improve your grammar, vocabulary and skills.

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

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

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

A collection of many different resources to improve your grammar.

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

Many different grammar resources available.

<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.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/uk-life>

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

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

Improve your knowledge of everyday English and the language you need 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 and examines English in use to help improve you English language skills. **Available to join now.**

<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 – free English news lessons in seven levels

Work

<https://esol.britishcouncil.org/content/learners/english-for-work>

Learn new language and vocabulary for different types of jobs.

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

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

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

Vocabulary, lessons and worksheets for English for Work.

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

Free online course for English for the workplace. **Available to join now.**

IELTS and Trinity B1

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

Prepare for IELTS Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening tests with 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

Cambridge English Online Practice tests

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

Reading comprehension online tests from (USA-based) Infosquares.com

<http://www.infosquares.com/readingcomprehension/>

Skillsfirst – one practice Functional Skills test. (You have to print out the answers in order to check your own answers.)

<http://www.skillsfirst.co.uk/index.php?page=qualifications&url=english-levels-1-2&id=4430&type=Article>

Exam English.Com

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

Suitable for E3+ students with tailored practice to different EFL exams. Still worth a look to recommend some specific practice

Exams – ESB practice

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

Video clips of ESB exams – students can watch on the ESB website and have a phonecall/facetime with another student to practice.

University study

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

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 your skills with courses, certificates and degrees online from world-class universities and companies.

Apps

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

App to learn English on your phone or online.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/bbclearningenglish.multimedia/groups/?ref=page_internal

Facebook learner groups including for speakers of Oromo, Amharic, Mandarin, Gujarati, Marathi, Punjabi, Korean, Telugu, Thai and Tigrinya.

<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.

General

BBC Learning English website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>

Managing stress to improve learning

<https://nelrc.org/managingstress/pdfs/Reducing%20Stress%20and%20Promoting%20Mental%20Health%20-%20Balliro.pdf>

Developing English in common situations [British Council ESOL Nexus](#)

Interesting videos on a range of topics. You can watch the video (with subtitles), then answer questions on what you learned.

https://ed.ted.com/lessons?direction=desc&sort=featured-position&user_by_click=student

Children

Young children

https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/?_ga=2.39963879.412313853.1585137166-261642124.1585137166

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

https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21122358011?ref=adbl_ent_and_ds_ds_dpsh_cntr-0

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/>

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.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

American site to listen to children's books.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq5PZxgll5mXzRC0O_wLgXg

Family learning with music for young children.

<http://www.childrenslibrary.org/icdl/SearchWorld?ilang=English>

International children's digital library. Search for books in your language by region.

<https://www.childrensbooksonline.org/library.htm>

Children's books online with digital activities.

<https://globalstorybooks.net/>

Read and listen to stories in different languages with your children.

Chatterpack website - home learning resources for children/families, including free audio books <https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

Teenagers

https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/?_ga=2.6523127.412313853.1585137166-261642124.1585137166

Improve your 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.

https://stories.audible.com/discovery/enterprise-discovery-21122354011?ref=adbl_ent_and_ds_ds_dpsh_cntr-3

Additional resources for self study

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A4esl

<http://a4esl.org/>

Adele's ESL Corner

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

Grammar, listening and vocab

Agenda Web

<https://agendaweb.org/>

BBC English in a minute

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

Literally what it says – a one minute video explaining a point of grammar followed by activities

Digital Literacy

<https://en.diglin.eu/>

Online Materials to Practice Reading Writing, Speaking and Listening for Zero/Low Literacy Students

Elllo

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

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

English Club

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

This site offers sections with lessons on grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary and grammar exercises.

English Grammar Exercises

<https://englishgrammarexercise.com/>

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

ESL Desk

<http://www.esldesk.com>

Good and Varied for confident L1+ students

ESOL Stories from Bradford College Library

<http://library.bradfordcollege.ac.uk/esolhelp/esolstories>

Students can read stories and vote for their favorites

Could also have a class/level writing competition - #coronastories

Famous people lessons

<https://famouspeoplelessons.com/>

Similar format to Breaking News English

Grammar.net

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar>

Studious. L2 up

Lingua Reading Low Level

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

English texts for beginners to practice reading and comprehension online and for free.

New Internationalist Easier English Wiki

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

Topical ready lessons for students and teachers

Researchify

<https://www.researchify.co.uk/audiobooks.html>

Free online books with audio that students could read with their children

Using English

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

Over 250 quizzes designed for ESOL learners and group into 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.

Woodward English

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

Free courses. Colourful and appealing site