

## ESL Websites

<http://www.english-forum.com/00/>

### **Aardvark's English Forum (from the BBC)**

This is an online, interactive site with self-study activities and quizzes covering grammar, vocabulary, idioms, business English, daily quotations and much more. It includes resources for teachers, students and parents as well as BBC news service links. **Note:** This is a British site, so some usages and spelling may be different from ours. It does include a section on American slang, however, with 280 common expressions. It also has an interactive card trick in the "And just for fun. . ." section, which is a kick to do.

<http://www.CanTeach.ca>

### **Can Teach**

A basic website, that offers sound advice and information for teachers. Provides links to hundreds of additional ESL websites.

<http://www.eslcafe.com>

### **Dave's ESL Cafe**

A global community classroom for ELL teachers and students. Many resources for all aspects of second language acquisition. Includes an extensive listing of idioms and slang expressions, forums for students and teachers, quizzes and an online pronunciation program. **Note:** Some links are to advertisements for ESL products.

<http://www.educationalvoyage.com/esl.html>

### **Educational Voyage**

Links to dozens of other sites with lesson plans, downloadable activities, interactive lessons & quizzes, CNN, BBC . . .and on and on. Very useful. **Note:** Some of the links are to membership only sites. Also, some of the "hot" links take you to unexpected and inexplicable places. For example, the "Thumbs Up!" link connected to an AT & T/All Stream site. Go figure.

<http://Enchantedlearning.com>

### **Enchanted Learning**

Excellent site for elementary students and teachers. Has student, teacher and parent information. Downloadable activity sheets. Dozens of subjects, articles, crafts ideas and links to online activities. There's a picture dictionary for English and about a dozen other languages. You can explore the site for free. In order to get printable lessons, though, you have to join (\$20.00/year). This site is very colorful, friendly and easy to navigate.

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

### **English Baby**

This one's great for teenagers interested in learning about the American community, and for advanced English learners. The site offers several services: *Student Community*, *People Zone*, *Global Services* and *Domestic Services*. The *Student Community* has a *Lesson Zone* and a *Study Zone*. They are free, but require registration. The *Study Zone* is for people wishing to study English abroad. The *Lesson Zone* offers daily interactive lessons, topical conversations and music and movie reviews. You can also sign up to receive an email "Slang of the Week". *Global* and *Domestic Services* are marketing and advertisement sites for "English, baby!" products and programs (international and domestic, respectively). There is also a Message Board, which is a chat room for online English practice. The *People Zone* is a member gallery with pictures. You can pick a map location, click and link to a picture, brief bio and email address for an "English, baby!" member who is seeking English-speaking "key pals". ***Be careful with anonymous chat rooms.***

<http://www.englishclub.com>

### **The English Club**

aka TEFL.NET (<http://www.tefl.net>)

This is a well designed, practical, useful and easy to navigate site. It features activities, lesson plans, forums, other resources and products for U.S. and international learners, teachers and schools. Printable lessons and worksheets are labeled by ELD level and cover grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, listening, speaking, reading and writing. Interactive links include "authentic" activities such as news sites, games, cooking, a chat room, business English and pens pals. Links directly to "ESL Lesson Plans" at [tefl.net](http://www.tefl.net). There are also sections with interactive quizzes. One terrific feature is a link ("*ESL Links*") described as a "mini-Yahoo!" search engine designed to locate other ESL sites. The link itself is organized topically. It's great.

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

### **English Firsthand Cafe**

A sponsored site, but it contains many online and printable activities. Features three sections for students, *On Your Own*, *Student Chat Center* and *Suggested Links*. There are two sections for teacher, *Resources* and the *Discussion Center*. *Be careful if using the global chat room and "key pals" in the chat center.*

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

### **ESL Kids' Stuff**

Printable flashcards, games, songs and worksheets for parents and teachers of primary level students. There are also lots of links to specific instructional categories. For example, the "Thanksgiving Link" offered 14 different sites.

<http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/eslindex.html>

### **ESL Lesson Plans and Resources**

An ESL Professor Emeritus at CSUN created this wonderful site. It features links to lesson plans and activities for all levels of ELL's, but seems to emphasize intermediate to advanced students. It's also useful for secondary students, ELL and EO, who are reading below grade level. Some activities/links, (e.g., "CNN Student News & World view for ESL") although free, require registration. Most worksheets and lesson plans can be printed. There are also online, interactive grammar and vocabulary activities and quizzes.

<http://www.esl-lounge.com/siteguidetop.html>

### **ESL Lounge**

Provides a variety of printable lessons in grammar, reading comprehension and other resource materials for each ELD level, including games and song lyrics.

<http://www.everythingsl.net>

### **Everything ESL**

Provides seasonal, thematic, cultural, science and language lessons for beginning through intermediate level ESL students. Includes downloadable activities, a forum for asking questions ("Ask Judie"), and a list of recommended resources.

<http://www.funbrain.com>

### **Funbrain**

A well organized, concise and informative website targeting pre-K to 5th grade. It is a valuable resource for students, teachers and parents alike. Some of the many resources include games, a quiz lab, a teacher's curriculum guide and a state standards finder. The flexibility of the website allows the instructor to customize each lesson plan to a student's individual needs and goals.

<http://resources.globalchalkboard.com>

### **Global Chalkboard Resources**

This website is easy to explore, and the information is well presented. Click on "Lesson Plans" and reveal many vocabulary building activities including Word Wizards and a fluency practice called One Minute Dash. Links directly to state Education Departments.

<http://www.graphic.org>

### **The Graphic Organizer**

Looks like a sales site for "Kidspiration" software, but it connects to detailed examples of many types of graphic organizers and techniques for their use. Offers tips on using graphic organizers in essay writing. It also contains rubric and California Content Standards for writing application, grades 1 - 12.

<http://www.ira.org/links>

### **International Reading Association**

pre-k - 12. Includes organizations, many education links for parents and teachers, and current research.

<http://www.LessonPlanz.com>

### **Lesson Planz**

Hundreds of K - 12 lesson plans are organized by subject, grade level, and themes. Includes resources, printable material and links to other sites.

<http://www.longman.com/teachers/langupdate.html>

### **Pearson Longman Publishing**

This sponsored site links to student and teacher activities, companion websites organized by age level (*young, teen, adult*). Most, but not all, companion websites do not ask for money or require the purchase of materials. It provides a variety of online activities, lessons and quizzes.

<http://www.onestopenglish.com>

### **Macmillan Publisher's website**

The site presents methodologies and activities for teaching students K - 12. Offers frequently updated materials for use in the classroom, free resources, professional support, vocabulary lessons with themes and speaking practice lessons inspired by provocative topics. Includes tips for exams, news lessons and a program called *WebQuest*. *WebQuest* is an inquiry-oriented activity in which most or all of the information is gathered from the Web. *WebQuest* lessons cover vocabulary, listening and grammar. The *Culture* section integrates music, art and writing into the standard curriculum and includes music and art articles and worksheets that are downloadable. Another great feature is the *Teaching with Minimal Resources* section, which offers ideas whose implementation doesn't require a photocopier or a printer.

[www.ohiou.edu/esl/teacher/teacher/listening.html](http://www.ohiou.edu/esl/teacher/teacher/listening.html)

### **Ohio ESL**

Teaching material, lesson plans and listening resources for teachers and students. Links to many other sites that offer online interactive grammar and comprehension activities.

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~leslieob/pizzaz.html>

### **Pizzaz!**

This site provides creative writing activities and downloadable handouts for all age ESL students. It includes poetry and fiction writing prompts, writing contests and publishing opportunities. It also has cross-cultural resources available.

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

### **Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab**

Wide selection of listening exercises and quizzes. Good for students' self-study and homework.

<http://rosettastone.com>

### **Rosetta Stone Software**

This site offers language learners of any age effective experience and practice in English. The site has a wide selection of activities, exercises and lesson plans.

<http://www.storyarts.org>

### **Story Arts**

Focuses on storytelling in the classroom, lesson plans and activities, story arts theater and a story library. Provides storytelling activities to support Language Arts standards. Includes extensive links to authors, books and storytelling resources and a monthly newsletter, *Musings*.

<http://esl.about.com>

### **What You Need to Know About English as a Second Language**

The site has links to both online activities for beginning to advanced ESL students downloadable lesson plans. It also has articles, information, a dictionary and much, much more. **Note:** annoying pop-ups kept appearing.