

Excellent Websites for ESL Students and Parents



Listening Comprehension

- [Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab](#)
- [National Public Radio](#)
- [The English Listening Lounge](#)
- [Young and Old Favorites](#) (*American Music with Lyrics from NIEHS*)
- [Voice of America Special English](#)
- [Favorite Poems Project](#) (*Short videos of people talking about and reading poems. Listen and read. Learn poems for speaking!*)
- [Speech Accent Archive: American accents](#) (*Listen to regional differences in American English.*)
- [English Listening Lab Online](#)
- [The Bob and Rob Show](#) (*podcast discussion and variety show on culture, language, vocabulary*)
- [Easy Online RSS Reader for ESL/EFL Podcasts](#)
- [English as a Second Language Podcast](#)
- [American Rhetoric: Online Speech Bank](#)
- [Listening to Academic Lectures Online](#)



Reading

- [Bartleby.com](#)
- [The Magazine Rack](#)
- [Time for Kids](#) (*News stories at an easier reading level*)
- [Reader's Digest Magazine Articles](#)
- [Reading Skills](#) (*Using a Dictionary, Finding Main Ideas, Drawing Inferences, more from the AmLa Department of Mt. San Antonio College*)
- [Learning Resources](#) (*reading news stories from CNN and other archives*)
- [ELC Study Zone](#)
- [Poetry and Literature](#)
- [Strategies for Critical Reading and Writing](#) (*for advanced students*)
- [Study Skills: Effective Reading](#)
- [Speed Reading: Self-Pacing Methods](#)
- [The English Server Short Fiction Collection](#) (*online fiction*)

- [StoryCorps: Listen to stories](#) **New!** (Also tips on recording your own stories.)
- [Use Music to Practice Listening!](#) **New!** (Listen for specific words as you watch videos of these popular songs.)



Speaking

- [English Pronunciation from Okanagan University College](#)
- [ELEaston Pronunciation](#)
- [10 Tips for Successful Public Speaking from Toastmasters](#)
- [Public Speaking: An Online Resource Guide](#) **New!**
- [McGraw-Hill Public Speaking Website](#)
- [McGraw-Hill Public Speaking Tutorial](#)
- [Presentations and Public Speaking in English](#)
- [RepeatAfterUs](#) (texts and recordings for speaking practice)
- [EnglishCentral](#) (Watch videos, choose vocabulary to study, record yourself. Registration required for some features.)



Writing

- [Writing Tips: Sentence Builder](#)
- [Writing Tips: Paragraphs](#)
- [Writing Tips: Essays](#)
- [Purdue University Online Writing Lab](#)
- [LEO \(Literacy Education Online\)](#)
- [Business Letter Writing Basics](#)
- [BBC Schools: Dance Mat Typing](#) (a fun way to learn to type!)



Grammar

- [Online English Grammar](#)
- [Guide to Grammar and Writing](#)



Vocabulary

- [BBC World Service Words in the News](#)
- [Vocabulary in the News](#)

- [Grammar Quizzes](#) (from the *Internet TESOL Journal*)
- [ELC Study Zone](#)
- [English Club English Grammar](#)
- [About.com English as a 2nd Language Grammar Reference](#)
- [English Learner](#) (grammar and vocabulary lessons and tests)
- [English Grammar in Use Intermediate Test](#) (for TIE *Optional Self-Study grammar book*)
- [ESL Slang Page](#)
- [Self-Study Vocabulary Quizzes](#)
- [Building A Better Vocabulary Tutorial \(advanced\)](#)
- [Idiom Site](#) (a list of idioms and definitions)
- [Idiom Connection](#)
- [Dictionary of Idioms and Idiomatic Expressions](#)
- [Vocabulary in Use Upper Intermediate Test](#)



News

- [Bangkok Post](#)
- [CNN Student News](#) (click on [Student News](#))
- [BBC Learning English](#)
- [Chicago Tribune](#)
- [New York Times](#)
- [Chicago Sun-Times](#)
- [Newsweek](#)
- [Reuters News Service](#) **New!**
- [Time Magazine](#)



Test Preparation

- [TOEFL](#)
- [TOEFL: Prepare and Practice \(videos and documents from ETS\)](#) **New!**
- [TOEFL iBT Practice Test](#)
- [GRE](#)
- [GMAT](#)
- [TOEIC](#)
- [TestMagic](#)
- [IELTS](#) **New!**
- [IELTS preparation](#) **New!**



Culture

- [Chicago History Museum](#)
- [Field Museum of Natural History](#)
- [Art Institute of Chicago](#)
- [Museum of Contemporary Art](#)
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Research/Study Skills

- [Learn to manage stress, studying and time!](#) **New!**
- [FindArticles.com](#)
- [Google.com](#)
- [About.com](#)
- [Ask.com](#)
- [Taking Essay Tests](#)

- [Culture Shock : A Fish Out of Water](#)
- [Differences Between British and American English](#)
- [English Around the World](#)
- [Internet Movie Database](#)
- [Edward S. Curtis's *The North American Indian* \(photos\)](#)
- [Library of Congress](#) (American History, music, online exhibits)
- [The MudCat Cafe](#) (information, lyrics, and links about many musical styles, especially blues and folk)
- [The Encyclopedia of Chicago](#)
- [American Folklore: ESL Reading Practice](#) (American folk tales)
- [The American Election Process](#)
- [Internet/Email Hoaxes](#)
- [Finding Information on the Internet: A Tutorial from UC Berkeley](#)
- [USA.gov](#) (U.S. Government gateway/search site)
- [Online Study Skills Workshops](#) **New!**



Multi-Purpose ESL sites

- [Linguistic Funland](#)
- [Interesting Things for ESL Students](#)
- [Business English: Exercises](#)
- [English Club](#)
- [English at Home](#)
- [Free English Learning page from Englishtown](#) **New!** (listening, culture, business English)
- [Dave's ESL Cafe](#)



Health/Fitness

- [Healthfinder](#)
- [MyOptumHealth](#)
- [WebMD](#)
- [UIC Counseling Services](#)
- [Practice Conversations](#) (vocabulary and expressions for the doctor's office)



