

Literary Resources



English Language Dictionaries and References

- Cambridge Dictionaries Online: <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

Search for words, phrases and idioms using the new, free online dictionaries from Cambridge University Press.

- Infoplease.com: <http://www.infoplease.com/encyclpdict.html>

An online dictionary and encyclopedia.

- Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary: <http://www.m-w.com/netdict.htm>

Site includes online dictionary and thesaurus.

- The Internet Public Library: <http://www.ipl.org/>

This site contains information resources reviewed by professional librarians.

- Thor Purdue University Libraries - The Virtual Reference Desk: <http://thorplus.lib.purdue.edu/reference/index.html>

Includes international dictionaries and links to many reference web sites.

- YourDictionary.com: <http://www.yourdictionary.com/>
Language dictionaries, multi-lingual dictionaries, and more.

Grammar

- An On-Line English Grammar: <http://www.edunet.com/english/grammar/gram-gr.html>
A grammar reference site with an easy-to-use alphabetical index.
- EnglishCLUB.net: <http://www.englishclub.net/>
Topics include grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, and much more.
- English-Zone.Com: <http://members.home.net/englishzone/index.html>
Practice or test your grammar. Exercises and Quizzes
- Activities for ESL Students: <http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/s/>
Study materials for students of English as a second language.
Materials written by teachers from around the world.

Quizzes, Puzzles and Games

- Dave's ESL Cafe: <http://www.eslcafe.com/>

Idioms

Popular site with quizzes, games, idioms, phrasal verbs, links and much more.

- ESL Quiz Center at <http://www.pacificnet.net/~sperling/quiz/>
- EnglishLearner.com: <http://www.englishlearner.com/>

This site includes tests, exercises, quizzes, crosswords and many other activities.

- Interesting Things for ESL Students: <http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~itesls/>

Word games, puzzles, quizzes, proverbs and much more.

- Self-Study Quizzes for ESL Students:
<http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/quizzes/>

Many quizzes for ESL students. This site is a part of The Internet TESL Journal's Activities for ESL Students.

- Word Games and Puzzles:
<http://www.sccd.ctc.edu/~ssesl/Puzzles.html>

Puzzles to help you practice healthcare vocabulary. Puzzles are at different levels.

Idioms

- Cobuild Idiom of the Day:
<http://titania.cobuild.collins.co.uk/Idiom.html>

Each day, this site will display an idiom from the Cobuild Dictionary of Idioms.

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- Karin's ESL PartyLand - Idioms, Slang, and Phrasal Verbs:
<http://www.eslpartyland.com/linkspages/idiomslinks.htm>
Links to ESL interactive resources and references.
- The AEG's Idioms Page:
<http://spectrum.troyst.edu/~nkayoro/idioms.htm>
Links to idioms, quizzes and more.
- The Idiom Connection - English Idioms and Quizzes:
<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/6720/>

Vocabulary

- CNN Newsroom and Worldview for ESL Web Exercises:
http://lc.byuh.edu/CNN_N/CNN-N.html
This site includes grammar and vocabulary exercises.
- Vocabulary Help Page: <http://www.hut.fi/~rvilmi/LangHelp/Vocabulary/>
Includes vocabulary exercises as well as links to dictionaries and other sites.
- Welcome to Longman Dictionaries:
<http://www.awl-elt.com/dictionaries/>
This site offers word games and study exercises at different levels.

Writing

- Guide to Grammar and Writing:
<http://webster.commnet.edu/grammar/index.htm>

Information on grammar and writing from sentence, to paragraph, to essay level. This site also has interactive quizzes for further practice.

- Exchange: <http://deil.lang.uiuc.edu/exchange/>

Exchange publishes writings of non-native English speakers from all over the world.

English Language for Specific Purposes

Business

- Better-English: <http://www.better-english.com/exerciselist.html>

This site includes business vocabulary exercises, plus grammar quizzes.

- EnglishCLUB.net Business: <http://www.englishclub.net/business/>

Includes information on business vocabulary, business news, business correspondence, currency, and curriculum vitae/resume writing.

Science and Technology

- English for Science and Technology: <http://www.hut.fi/~rvilmi/EST/>

Science and technology resources for students of English. Topics include: glossaries, exercises, journals, links, and discussion lists.

On-line Sites for Test of English as a Second Language (TOEFL)

- English Test Prep: <http://studint.net/toefl/>

This site includes information on the TOEFL and practice exercises.

- TOEFL: <http://www.toefl.org/>

This is the official Internet site for Test of English as a Foreign Language programs and services. This site also includes some practice exercises.

Books

- The Canadian Oxford Picture Dictionary. Beginner's Workbook (1997), Maggie Grennan. Includes exercises that correspond to the dictionary. (Beginner)
- The Canadian Oxford Picture Dictionary (1997), E.C. Parnwell, and Canadian adaptation by Maggie Grennan. Teaches English as a second language through the use of pictures. Subjects include the post office, law, travel, and family. (Beginner)
- The Canadian Oxford Picture Dictionary. Intermediate Workbook (1996), Maggie Grennan. Exercises cover vocabulary, language usage, and idioms. (Low to High Intermediate)
- The Oxford Picture Dictionary (1998), Norma Shapiro and Jayme Adelson-Goldstein. Available in English/Arabic, English/Chinese,

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English/Japanese, English/Korean, English/Polish, English/Russian, English/Spanish, and English/Vietnamese. (Beginning to Intermediate)

- Word by Word Picture Dictionary (1997), Steven J. Molinsky and Bill Bliss. Available in English/Chinese, English/Spanish and English/Vietnamese. Accompanying workbooks include: Word by Word: Beginning Workbook; and Word by Word: Intermediate Workbook.

Idioms – Beginner Level

- 101 American English Idioms (1986), Harry Collis. 2 sound cassettes and 1 book. Provides a situation and a picture that explains how the idiom is used. (Beginner to Advanced, Self-Instruction)

Reading Comprehension – Beginner Level

- Amazing!: Canadian Newspaper Stories (1990), Susan Bates. Includes stories from Canadian newspapers with exercises. (High Beginner to Low Intermediate)
- Classics Canada: Authentic Readings for ESL Students (1995), Patricia Brock and Brian John Busby. Real stories of Canadian literature. Series includes: Book 1 (High Beginner to Intermediate); Book 2 (Intermediate); and Books 3 & 4 (Advanced).
- Easy True Stories: A Picture-Based Beginning Reader (1994), Sandra Heyer. This book uses true stories from newspaper and magazine articles. Vocabulary, comprehension, discussion, and writing exercises follow the readings. (Beginner)

Literary Resources

- English Express Reader: Stories from the Pages of English Express (1998). Edited by Bev Burke and Patsy Price (Project Coordinators, Mary Norton and Phyllis Steeves). Topics include: people, health and safety, things to do and see. (Beginner, Self-Instruction or Tutor)
- English, Yes! Introductory: Learning English through Literature (1998). Editors: Jamestown Publishers, Lincolnwood III. Includes short stories followed by review questions, and story comprehension and grammar exercises. (Beginner, Self-Instruction)
- English with a Smile: Light-Hearted Stories and Reading Skills for High-Beginning and Low-Intermediate Students (1993), Barbara Zaffran and David Krulik. A collection of short stories about interesting people and funny situations. (High Beginner to Low Intermediate)
- Very Easy True Stories: A Picture-Based First Reader (1998), Sandra Heyer. Real-life stories with exercises in vocabulary, comprehension, and writing. (Low Beginner)
- On the Write Track: Beginning Literacy for Secondary Students (1997), Deborah Becker Cotto. Contains vocabulary exercises. (Beginner)

Writing – Beginner Level

- Beginning English Writing Skills: A Handbook with Practice (1998), Mona Scheraga. Covers basic writing skills needed to perform everyday activities in school, at home and on the job. (Beginner)
- Get Ready to Write: A Beginning Writing Text (1998), Karen Blanchard and Christine Root. Students will learn how to write simple sentences, guided paragraphs, and develop organizational skills. (Beginner)

Books

- On the Write Track: Beginning Literacy for Secondary Students (1997), Deborah Becker Cotto. This textbook combines basic literacy, interpersonal English language skills, and academic content.

(Pre-Beginner)

English Puzzles 1: 50 Puzzles and Games for Practicing Your English (1990), Doug Case. Puzzles and games are at beginner level. Other titles include: English Puzzles 2: 50 Puzzles and Games for Practicing Your English (Elementary); English Puzzles 3: 50 Puzzles and Games for Practicing Your English (Pre-Intermediate)