

VIU ELC LEARNING CENTRE: RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

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ALL LEVELS (unless otherwise indicated)

Multiple Skills

Website	Description
http://www.esl-lab.com/	Hundreds of listening activities (stories, conversations, and lectures); also has reading, grammar, and vocabulary exercises
http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/	Thousands of interactive English lessons at 7 different levels, including listening/ reading comprehension, grammar, spelling, and vocabulary exercises
http://www.agendaweb.org/	Hundreds of ESL exercises including vocabulary, grammar, verbs, listening/reading comprehension
https://www.englishclub.com/learn-english.htm	Listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary lessons & exercises
http://www.manythings.org/	Vocabulary/grammar lessons and quizzes, idioms, pronunciation, listening (podcasts/ videos/songs), reading, spelling
http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/	Grammar, reading, vocabulary exercises at five different levels
http://www.usingenglish.com/	Grammar, vocabulary, reading comprehension, and spelling exercises
http://www.cdiponline.org/	Reading/listening comprehension on a variety of topics, spelling, vocabulary activities; low/intermediate
http://www.famouspeoplelessons.com/index.html	Short readings of famous people supported by audio with activities for synonyms, spelling, and word choice; <u>low/intermediate levels</u>

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LISTENING

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http://www.esl-lab.com/	Listening activities (stories, conversations, and lectures); also has listening scripts
http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/	Listening to news stories at 5 different speeds in North American and British accents.
http://www.seminolestate.edu/adult-ed/els/pett/listening	ESOL listening practice tests organized into 3 ESOL level
https://ed.ted.com/	Listening organized by topics, level, length, and popularity , followed by comprehension & critical thinking questions; <u>intermediate to advanced levels</u>
http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/6-minute-english	6-min videos with vocabulary and transcript; <u>intermediate/upper intermediate levels</u>
http://www.englishnumber.com	Listening for numbers from 1- 999,999,999; also includes listening for fractions, decimals, and percentages, as well as for years, months and dates

READING

Website	Description
http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/	Reading speed exercises (and comprehension for Level 6) using thousands of real-life news stories
http://www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html	Readings on a variety of topics using real-life news stories, followed by comprehension exercises
http://cdlponline.org/	Short readings supported by listening on different topics, followed by vocabulary, spelling, and comprehension exercises
http://www.myenglishpages.com/site_php_files/reading.php#.VCOLyRBdVFW	Readings on a variety of topics, followed by comprehension exercises
http://www.grammarbank.com/reading-comprehension-worksheets.html	Short articles (intermediate/advanced levels) with follow-up comprehension questions

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http://www.pagebypagebooks.com/	Hundreds of classic stories & books that are provided for free
http://www.thebestclass.org/rtscripts.html	Theatre scripts to print off and read with partner(s)
http://www.thewestcoastreader.com/	Online newspaper for <u>beginning</u> ESL readers
http://www.agendaweb.org/reading/comprehension_interm2.html	Short articles with follow-up comprehension quizzes ; <u>low/intermediate levels</u>

WRITING

<i>Website</i>	<i>Description</i>
http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/	Covers the writing process, grammar, sentence structure and organization ; includes over 170 interactive grammar quizzes .
http://elc.polyu.edu.hk/cill/writing/	How to write memos, e-mail, letters, resumes, essays, and reports ; get help with grammar, topics, and referencing
https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html	Writing process; citation (for advanced level)

GRAMMAR/VOCABULARY

<i>Website</i>	<i>Description</i>
http://www.grammar-quizzes.com/	Variety of grammar exercises and quizzes .
http://www.learn-english-today.com/	Grammar exercises, vocabulary lists (includes Business English) & games, idioms and proverbs, links to other resources
http://www.englishpage.com/	Grammar and vocabulary exercises with in-depth tutorials
http://a4esl.org/	Over 1,000 activities (grammar quizzes, vocabulary, idioms, slang, and phrasal verbs) in 3 levels

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http://www.wordcount.org/main.php	A quick tool for finding out how common a word is
www.idiomconnection.com	English idioms organized alphabetically/by topics

SPEAKING/PRONUNCIATION

Website	Description
https://rachelsenglish.com/	Clear video lessons on pronunciation: individual sounds, intonation, linking, rhythm, and stress
https://www.soundsofenglish.org/	Covers most vowel and consonant sounds as well as rhythm and stress
http://www.antimoon.com/how/pronunc-soundsipa.htm	Consonant and vowel sounds of English with IPA phonetic symbols
http://international.okanagan.bc.ca/pronunciation/	13 sets of vowel/consonant sounds with a variety of activities
http://www.focusenglish.com/dialogues/conversation.html	pre-recorded conversations on a variety of topics; students can listen and repeat

SPELLING/TYPING

Website	Description
http://www.esldesk.com/spelling/academic	Academic word list (AWL) with spelling test
http://www.aaaspell.com/	Type in words you want to learn how to spell & the website creates 10 practice exercises for those words
http://eslus.com/LESSONS/SPELL/SPELL.HTM	5 levels: (1) listen & spell (2) spelling quizzes
http://www.davidappleyard.com/english/spelling.htm	Spelling rules
http://www.learntyping.org/	Beginner & advanced typing lessons ; information on keyboard shortcuts

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ONLINE DICTIONARIES

<i>Website</i>
www.ldoceonline.com/
www.oxforddictionaries.com/
www.merriam-webster.com/

ONLINE THESAURUSES

<i>Website</i>
www.thesaurus.com/
www.collinsdictionary.com/english-thesaurus