

# Ellii (Full Review)

#### **Overview**

Resource Type	Subjects	NRS Level(s)
Online	Writing, Grammar, Reading, ESL	ESL 1-6

## **Summary**

#### **General Information**

Ellii (formerly ESL Library) is a subscription-based resource that features a constantly growing catalog of lessons for beginning through advanced English language learners. With a subscription, teachers gain access to the full library of lessons, flashcards, instructional videos, teacher resources, and an online classroom. Within the online classroom, teachers can create and manage classes, assign lessons to individuals or whole classes, and grade/provide feedback on learner work.

Ellii's collection of lessons is appropriate for ELLs at any NRS level and contains content for a variety of common goals. Each of Ellii's lessons, at minimum, is available in learner and teacher-oriented PDFs, while a majority of the lessons are also available in "task player" mode, which is convenient for online synchronous instruction, and "assignment manager mode," which allows teachers to assign a lesson to an asynchronous online classroom. In the two latter modes, learners have access to an immersive reader tool, which offers support such as read-aloud capabilities, accessibility controls, text translation, and a built-in picture dictionary.

### **Language Instruction**

Teachers who use the English Language Proficiency Standards will find evidence of each standard throughout the Ellii collection, with content available from descriptor levels 1 – 5, or NRS levels 1-6.

Within individual lessons, teachers can expect to find activities that target each language domain, in addition to practice with relevant general or academic vocabulary. Beyond the

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content-oriented lessons, Ellii also offers task-based lessons or lessons focused on building sociolinguistic competence.

The PDF version of each Ellii lesson contains an answer key and teacher notes. The teacher notes contain suggestions of other lessons within the collection that teachers could use to support or expand upon the selected lesson. When selecting lessons, teachers can use Ellii's courses and study packs, which contain thematic lessons, or they can choose stand-alone lessons.

#### **Teacher Support**

Teachers who use Ellii gain access to a wide variety of resources. From the hundreds of lessons that are available on Ellii, teachers can select whether they would like to use the lesson in a synchronous class setting, print out a PDF version for their learners to write on, or assign it for use as an asynchronous lesson for supplemental distance learning.

In the resources section of the site, teachers can access assessment tools such as placement tests or learner self-reflection forms, while the grammar and usage worksheets can serve as a resource to be used with learners or as a refresher for teachers who want to review a grammatical form before teaching it. The resources section of the site also has extra listening practice, warm ups and fillers, language scenes and visual learning resources, activities specifically designed for young learners, classroom management tools, and sentence stem activities.

#### **Functionality**

There is no Ellii app; all users must access the resource through a browser, which is fit for both large and small devices. For technical support, instructors and learners can access an FAQ, call, or submit an online request form.

## **Accessibility Features**

Online platforms may include different accessibility features to aid learners. The publisher has provided a <u>Voluntary Product Accessibility Template</u> to help you review the features offered. Information that may help you understand the VPAT is available in our <u>informational document</u>.

You may also contact the publisher's sales representative or customer support.

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