

# Some Web Resources for Text-Based Interactive Learning Classes

## Foundational

### Al Jazeera News Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/c/aljazeeraenglish/videos>

(Suitable for Foundational and Improving levels: news reports often between 2 and 4 minutes long; longer news reports also available)

### BBC News One-minute Video Stories

<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/10462520>

(Suitable for Foundational and Improving levels)

### British Council: Learn English - General English resources page

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english>

(Recommended for Foundational and Improving levels. Multimedia resources presented in simplified English, including video stories, magazine articles, audio stories, fictional stories, etc.)

### British Council: Learn English Teens

<https://learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/study-break/graded-reading>

(Recommended for extensive reading, especially for Foundational and Improving levels. Choose materials by level.)

### CNN 10

<https://edition.cnn.com/cnn10>

(Suitable for Foundational and Improving levels: a daily 10-minute digital news programme that reports on international news stories)

### Global Oneness Project

<https://www.globalonenessproject.org>

(Possibilities for different levels: Films, photo essays, and essays to learn about social, cultural, and environmental issues from people and communities worldwide)

### Interesting Things for ESL Students - Reading with audio

<http://www.manythings.org/k/reading.html>

(Recommended for Foundational and Improving levels. Simplified reading materials on diverse topics. Selected from VOA programs.)

### NHK World in English

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/>

(Suitable for Foundational and Improving levels: short video and text news reports in English)

### **PBS News Hour**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/PBSNewsHour/videos>

(Suitable for Foundational and Improving levels: many news stories that are between 4 and 5 minutes long, as well as longer news reports and documentaries)

### **This I Believe**

<https://dev.thisibelieve.org/themes/>

(Recommended for all levels according to how it is used)

### **Vice News**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/VICENews/videos>

(Suitable for Foundational and Improving levels: 3-4 minute video news reports on events and issues across the world onger news reports and documentaries)

### **Wikipedia in Simple English**

[https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page)

(Suitable for Foundational level)

### **Youngzine**

<https://youngzine.org>

(Suitable for Foundational and Improving levels: aiming to teach young people about the environment and the changing climate)

## **Improving**

### **Amnesty International**

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/what-we-do/>

(Introductions to the human rights issues that Amnesty works on including armed conflict, freedom of expression, indigenous people and torture).

### **Facing History and Ourselves**

<https://www.facinghistory.org/topics>

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### **Learning for Social Justice**

<https://www.learningforjustice.org/topics>

(Suitable for Improving and Extending levels; looks highly interesting; note that this requires registration)

### **National Geographic**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com>

(Lots of free content. Recommended for Improving and Extending levels.)

### **New Internationalist Easier English Wiki**

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Main_Page)

(Articles on global, environment, and human rights issues in simplified English)

### **Rong Chang English for Intermediate Learners**

<https://www.rong-chang.com/eslread/>

(Lots of free graded readers. Stories tend to be very simple. Recommended for independent extensive reading at Foundational level.)

### **TED Talks**

<https://www.ted.com/talks>

(Suitable for Improving and Extending levels: Huge range of issues, including: environment / gender / global issues / poverty / racism ...)

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### **UNHCR video channel on Youtube**

<https://www.youtube.com/c/UNHCR/videos>

(Suitable for Improving and Extending levels: Youtube channels also available for other UN agencies and international NGOs)

### **United Nations News**

<https://news.un.org/en/>

(UN News app highly recommended: browse by issue, date, etc.)

### **World 101**

<https://world101.cfr.org/>

(From the Council on Foreign Relations: articles, videos and infographics on global issues, regions of the world, and historical periods.)

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### Pulitzer Center

<https://pulitzercenter.org/issues>

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