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Resources for English Language Learners

Graded Materials for English Language Learners

- [Breaking News English](#)
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- [English Online](#)
- [ESL Fast](#)
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- [Free English ELT Graded Readers](#)
- [Lingua Press](#)
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- [Turtle Diary - Short stories for kids](#)
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Authentic Materials for English Language Learners

- [American Stories for English Learners](#)
- [Lit2Go](#)
- [English Language Learning : Listen & Read](#)

This website contains so much material that you can read--books, short stories, and articles. Everything has both the listening audio, and the reading text, so you can do it either as a reading or a listening or both.

Most of the material on this website is authentic material, which means that much of it will be difficult for English language learners. But generally speaking the children's books will be easier than the books written for adults.

Children's books

[Charlotte's Web](#)

The easiest story I can think of on this site is Charlotte's Web by E.B. White, which you can find here. This is a classic children's story, first published in 1952, but still read to young children nowadays. When I was in school, my teacher read it to us when I was in 2nd grade (so I was 7 years old). So it's at about a 7 year old level for native speakers. For second language learners like you, I suspect there will be a lot of unknown vocabulary in this story, but you should still find the main idea of the story very easy to follow. It's a children's story, so the plot is simple, but it's not without its charms. There's a reason why it became a classic.

[The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe](#)

This is another children's book, so it should hopefully be easy for you to read. I first had this book read to me when I was 5 or 6 years old, so for a native speaker I think it's about at the 6 year old level. For second language students like yourself, I think you should be able to follow the main idea easily, even if there will be some unknown vocabulary.

Because this is a very famous story, it's been made into a movie multiple times. At least two of the movie versions are available for free on Youtube. A 1979 cartoon version is on Youtube here:

<https://youtu.be/CP5uXoNf7Nc> A 1988 live action version is on Youtube here: <https://youtu.be/6Fft9DLIp7E> If you're having trouble visualizing what is happening in the book, you may want to use one of the movies to help you follow the story. You can watch the movie before you read the book. Or you can watch the movie after you finish the book. Or you can watch the movie alongside the book (i.e. read some of the book, then watch some movie, then back to the book, etc). Whatever helps you more.

[Diary of a Wimpy Kid](#)

This is another children's book. This one is pitched at slightly older kids (10-11). The vocabulary is slightly more advanced, and it also contains more slang terms and idioms. But on the plus side, each individual chapter is very short, so it's very easy to do this in short reading sessions. And in my experience, this book has been popular with students in Vietnam

Here are some other children's books from this website

--[Bridge to Terabithia](#)

--[Holes](#)

--[Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh](#)

--[Peter and the Starcatchers](#)

--[The Black Stallion](#)

--[The Hobbit](#):

--[The Lightning Thief](#)

- [The Wonderful Wizard of Oz](#)
- [Where the Red Fern Grows](#)
- [Chitty Chitty Bang Bang](#)
- [Danny, the Champion of the World](#)
- [Mary Poppins](#)
- [Charlie and the Chocolate Factory](#)

And here are some of my favorite books for adults from that same website:

- [Invasion of the Body Snatchers](#)
- [Animal Farm](#)
- [Lord of the Flies](#)
- [To Kill a Mockingbird](#)
- [And Then There Were None](#)

Comic Books Online

- [Comic Book Plus](#) (Unlike a lot of other comic book websites, this one is completely legal. The reason is that all the comics hosted on this website are in the public domain.)
- [Captain Marvel Adventures](#) (This is probably the most famous Superhero comic on Comic Book Plus)
- [Nightmare Comics](#) (For students who like scary comics)
- [Manga Plus](#) (A student alerted me to this website. I'm told that it's legal.)
- [Classics Illustrated Online](#) (These were taken down years ago, but still available on the Internet Archive. Internet Archive is perfectly safe to use.)
- [Moby Dick](#)
- [A Tale of Two Cities](#)
- [Les Miserables](#)
- [Rip Van Winkle || The Legend of Sleepy Hollow](#)
- [Uncle Tom's Cabin](#)
- [Gulliver's Travels](#)
- [The Hunchback of Notre Dame](#)
- [Oliver Twist](#)
- [Frankenstein](#)
- [Mysteries](#)
- [Great Expectations](#)
- [20,000 Leagues Under the Sea](#)
- [David Copperfield](#)
- [Alice in Wonderland](#)
- [A Christmas Carol](#)
- [Wuthering Heights](#)
- [The Prisoner of Zenda](#)

- [The Iliad](#)
- [The Odyssey](#)
- [All Quiet on the Western Front](#)
- [The War of the Worlds](#)
- [The Time Machine](#)
- [A Journey to the Center of the Earth](#)

Books and Stories Online

[Project Gutenberg](#)--Free books from the public Domain

Some of my favorite books from this website:

- [A Princess of Mars](#)
- [Tarzan of the Apes](#)

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- [Salon.com](#)
- [Yahoo News](#)
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- [NPR](#)
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