

Interactive Online Activities for ESOL and ABE/GED

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ESL Activities

Approved Distance Learning Curricula for Texas State-funded Programs

- USA Learns - www.usalearns.org - 1st Course (SP 0-3); 2nd course (SP 2-5)
- California Distance Learning Project - www.cdlnonline.org - Lots of reading and vocabulary, also good for lower-level ABE (SP4-7)

With Spanish Support

- **Puma Rosa** - www.pumarosa.com - Student favorite, multi-level including civics instruction. Great for computer novices.
- **Saber Inglés** - www.saberingles.com.ar - Good grammar explanations and activities
- **Curso Inglés** - www.curso-ingles.com - Lots of activities and instruction, but may be hard to navigate for inexperienced users.
- **e-Aprender Inglés** - www.e-aprender-ingles.com - Very similar to Curso Inglés. Lots of activities that may be overwhelming for beginners
- **Hello World** - www.hello-world.com - Designed for kids, but has great activities. Includes other language groups as well. However, to access all the activities, you have to have a subscription, and they require that you email them details before they give you the subscription cost.
- **GCF® for Everyday Life** - <http://www.gcflearnfree.org/everydaylife> - Everyday Living takes a while to load, but it is very interactive. For ABE or ESL with teacher support. Involves an easy signup.
- **Livemocha** - www.livemocha.com - Free and paid options for learning a variety of languages with first language support and social networking with native speakers

No Spanish Support

- **Breaking News English** - <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com> - One of my favorites because you can either print out the lessons for use in the classroom or have students work independently online. Hundreds upon hundreds of lessons taken from headlines. Audio is British English, though.
- **Many Things** - <http://www.manythings.org/> - Fairly easy to use. Some activities are designed for pair work, so it's great for classrooms with limited computer access.
- **Real English** - <http://www.real-english.com/> - Good videos, with and without subtitles. Activities and exercises. Recording with a microphone. I suggest starting with the lessons page (/new-lessons.asp). All levels.
- **Activities for ESL Students** - <http://a4esl.org/> - Lots of activities but mainly grammar and vocabulary. I like the bilingual quizzes with a wide range of languages included.
- **Starfall** - <http://www.starfall.com/> - Designed for children, but great for emerging readers of all ages. This is phonics basic, however, so students should have some level of vocabulary before starting.
- **ESL Gold** - <http://www.eslgold.com/> - Lots of activities broken down first by skill and then by level. The biggest drawback is navigation for literacy and low beginning students. There are many pages with multi-language support, but not all.
- **Literacy Works** - <http://literacyworks.org/learningresources/> - lots of reading and/or video for comprehension practice. Best for low intermediate and up.

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- **Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab** - <http://esl-lab.com/> - Lots and lots of listening comprehension opportunities divided by levels and different topics.
- **Botspot** - <http://www.botspot.com/pages/chatbots.html> - Practice chatting with virtual intelligence characters. My favorite is ALICE – the original. She's one of the oldest. Explain that she is learning English as a second language, too, (her first language is binary), so she sometimes misunderstands what you say. You have to help clarify your meaning. Great fun.
- **English Listening Library Online** = <http://www.elllo.org> - Lots and lots of listening comprehension practice with conversations by people from many different nationalities.
- **ESL Radio and TV** - <http://www.eslradioandtv.com/> - Listening and listening with video and low intermediate levels and up. Comprehension exercises.
- **English Vocabulary Exercises** - <http://www.englishvocabularyexercises.com/> - General and Academic vocabulary exercises. A weekly study guide is provided.
- **The Learning Edge**- <http://thewclc.ca/edge/> - Great Canadian-based site with many reading and listening activities in a “newspaper” type format
- **We Are NY** - <http://www.nyc.gov/html/weareny/html/home/home.shtml> - Several work and health-based videos and workbooks for high beginning and up ELLs. Some information is specific to New York, but overall it is a good resource. I particularly like the episodes about Diabetes and Asthma.
- **Duolingo** - www.duolingo.com - Great website for practicing English. Also has an application for phones and tablets. Gives feedback on speech.

CITIZENSHIP

- <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis/citizenship/>
- <http://www.citizenshipstudyguide.com/>
- **Ben's Guide** - <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/> - Choose grade levels and topics to explore American government.
- **Kids.gov** - http://www.kids.gov/k_5/k_5_government.shtml - Several links to some of the best “easy to understand” websites on government.
- **U.S. History** - <http://www.ushistory.org/> - Several videos and text on famous people and events.
- **America's Story** - <http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi> - A great way to explore U.S. history, famous people, and states.

ABE/GED Activities

Approved Distance Learning Curricula

- **California Distance Learning Project** - www.cdllponline.org - Lots of reading and vocabulary, also good for lower-level higher-level ESL (SP4-7)

GED TEST Prep –

- **4Tests.com: GED** - <http://www.4tests.com/examdesc.asp?examid=38> - Review questions to prepare for the GED Tests.

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- **Free-ed.net GED Online Course** - <http://ged.free-ed.net/free-ed/ged/> - Complete GED course. Managed registration for the course is at the beginning of each month.
- **GED Prep Works** - <http://prepworks.org> - a collection of resources for GED test preparation
- **Hippo Campus:** <http://www.hippocampus.org/> - A great website for ABE/GED it even has coursework at the college level (for transition). The site contains lots of practice and video clips. There is also a teacher section and links to other sites such as Khan Academy for Math and Science
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Lesson Plans

- **California GED Video Partners** - <http://www.cdlponline.org/gedprint/> - Though designed to go along with videos, there is ample information to use these resources as stand-alone.
- **Florida GED 2002 Project** - <http://ase.adultinstruction.org/GEDDLPortal.htm> - Lesson plans for all GED areas. Google searchable.
- **TechNet Living Library** - <http://www.floridatechnet.org/lessons.asp> - Pre-GED lesson plans

Multiple Skills

- **Fun Brain** – <http://www.funbrain.com> - Students will find activities and games for spelling, math and grammar. A teacher guide is available to help review the skills and levels of the numerous educational games.
- **BBC Education Scotland Bitesize** - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/education/bitesize> - “Bitesize” content reviews and a quiz for many subject areas in a very attractive and fun format.
- **GCF® for Everyday Life** - <http://www.gcflearnfree.org/everydaylife> - Everyday Living takes a while to load, but it is very interactive. For ABE or ESL with teacher support. Involves easy signup. Spanish courses.
- **Skillswise:** www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/ - This is a product of the BBC. It contains British English, but it is very colourful and even includes a long list of games. If you click on the home page games section, you get resources for why games are educational. However, if you use the *Quick Resource Finder* function and type in games, you will find 101 entries at various levels.
- **SAS Curriculum Pathways:** www.sascurriculumpathways.com - Free resource for online practice in just about every content area. Aligned with common core. Also has PD and Integration ideas.
- **LINCS Learner Center:** <https://learner.lincs.ed.gov/> Math, Reading, Science, English, Job Skills, Citizenship

Reading and Vocabulary

- **Cepstral Text-to-Speech** - <http://www.cepstral.com/demos/> - For students who may need text to speech assistance, this allows you to copy or type text in a box and choose the speed and pitch for the speech output.
- **The Learning Edge** - <http://thewcl.ca/edge/> - A multi-media, interactive online newspaper from Canada with many learning activities.
- **Learning Resources** - <http://literacynet.org/cnnsf/> - Abbreviated news stories with audio and some video. Vocabulary, sequencing, comprehension and writing activities follow each story.
- **Free Reading** - <http://www.freereading.net> - Designed for K-6, but this is a great site for beginning readers of all ages.
- NewsELA
- ReadWorks
- CommonLit

Grammar and Punctuation

- **Grammar Bytes** - <http://www.chompchomp.com/menu.htm> - Interactive grammar exercises, grammar rules and handouts for teachers and students.
- **Online Writing Lab** - <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/index.html> - Grammar worksheets from Purdue Writing Lab.

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Writing

- **Read-Write-Think** - http://www.readwritethink.org/student_mat/index.asp - The interactive graphic organizers are great tools for working on the writing process.
- **Writing Punch** - Students complete actual steps of writing a paragraph using prompts and graphic organizers. When finished, copy and paste the letter to a word processor to save, edit later, and print.
You don't have to pay to participate!
 - <http://www.paragraphpunch.com/>
 - <http://www.businessletterpunch.com/>
 - <http://www.essaypunch.com/>
- **Spelling City** - <http://www.spellingcity.com/> - Games, printable worksheets, and other activities to improve spelling. Students can customize their spelling lists.
- **Vocabulary** = <http://www.vocabulary.com/>. This site allows students to make individualized vocabulary study lists and study higher-level vocabulary, including SAT and GMAT.
- **Write on:** www.writeon.ie/ - This website quizzes students on the basic skills of Reading and Math in a variety of real-life situations and is student-directed. The site originates in Europe and may contain British English terms, but is easy to navigate and awards points for a certificate that students may find motivating.
- Penzu
- WriteAbout

Math

- **AAA Math** - <http://www.aaastudy.com/> - K-8th grade math concepts offered in discrete, self-checking modules.
- **A+ Math** - <http://www.aplusmath.com/> - Interactive website with basic math skills and concepts. Flashcards and games for students. Teachers can print out worksheets or create their own to print out on the fly.
- **Powers of Ten** - <http://microcosm.web.cern.ch/Microcosm/P10/english/P0.html> - This website uses a view of the earth at distances that are powers of ten. Helps create the concept in a fun way.
- **Visual Fractions** - <http://www.visualfractions.com/> - Instruction and practice in identifying, renaming, and operating on fractions. All fractions are modeled with number lines or circles. A few games are included.
- **National Library of Virtual Manipulatives** - <http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/vlibrary.html> - Interactive, web-based virtual manipulatives to help students engage in math concepts. PK – 12 levels.
- **Consumer Jungle** - <http://www.consumerjungle.org/> - Consumer Jungle features a consumer education curriculum with interactive student activities and printable materials.
- **Khan Academy** - <http://www.khanacademy.org/> - From beginning math to calculus. Step-by-step guides and practice. Ability for the teacher to monitor and coach students. FREE.
- **Bedtime Math** – <http://bedtimemathproblem.org> -Primarily for children, but good for family literacy and low-level ESL.

Geography

- **Traveler IQ Challenge** - <http://www.travelpod.com/traveler-iq> - Click on maps to test your knowledge of geography. Presented in a game format.
- **World Atlas** - <http://www.worldatlas.com/aatlas/world.htm> - Easy to navigate and explore world atlas.

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Information on the country or continent is provided along with additional web links.

U.S. Government and History

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World History

- **History for Kids** - <http://www.historyforkids.org/> - Provides broad and simple to understand overviews of world history from ancient times until more recent years.
- **Hyper History** - http://www.hyperhistory.com/online_n2/History_n2/a.html - Find out what was happening where and when with incredible timelines into the past.

Science

- **The Scientific Method** - http://sunshine.chpc.utah.edu/labs/scientific_method/sci_method_main.html - The first part of this interactive tutorial uses the analogy of a mystery to teach the process of the scientific method.
- **Reeko's Mad Scientist Lab** - <http://www.spartechsoftware.com/reeko/> - Simple experiments that demonstrate basic scientific principles.
- **Learn Genetics** - <http://learn.genetics.utah.edu> - Start with the Basics and Beyond section. Then explore.
- **Cells Alive** - <http://www.cellsalive.com> - Explore cells with animations and illustrations.
- **Virtual Body** - <http://www.medtropolis.com/VBody.asp> - A tour of the human body, with a narrated segment on neurons.
- **Interactive Body** - http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/body/index_interactivebody.shtml - Rotate, drag and drop body parts into a male or female body. Hints help you learn more about each part.
- **Chem4kids.com** - <http://www.chem4kids.com/> - Basic chemistry information on matter, atoms, elements, the periodic table, reactions, and biochemistry. Several quizzes to check understanding.
- **Chemistry Games** - <http://funbasedlearning.com/> - Games to review the elements and how to balance chemical equations.
- **Physics 2000** - <http://www.colorado.edu/physics/2000/index.pl> - Interactive java "applets" display results of experiments. Good explanation of scientific principles.
- **Cosmic Quest** - <http://www.childrensmuseum.org/cosmicquest/index.html> - Online game that explores living in space. Using thinking skills and general knowledge of science and math.
- **Consumer Consequences and Sustainability** - <http://sustainability.publicradio.org/consumerconsequences/> - Interactive game designed to illustrate the impact of our lifestyles on the Earth.
- **Basic Computer Skills Curriculum**: <http://spclc.org/curricula/computer> - Basic computer instruction

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Typing Practice

- 1. <http://www.freotypinggame.net/> = Typing lessons, games, and activities.
- 2. <http://www.powertyping.com/> = Typing lessons, games, and activities.
- 3. <http://www.nimblefingers.com/> = Typing lessons, games, and activities.
- 4. <http://www.shambles.net/pages/staff/keybskills/> = Tons of typing websites!
- 5. <http://www.goodtyping.com/> = Typing course in other languages. Registration required.
- 6. <http://www.learn2type.com/> = Registration required.
- 7. <http://freeonlinetypinggames.com/> = Typing lessons, games, and activities.
- 8. <http://www.typingtest.com/games/> = Typing lessons, games, and activities.
- 9. <http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/cjh/appliedtech/business/keyboarding/> = Typing lessons
- 10. <http://www.sense-lang.org/typing/> = Typing lessons, games, and activities.
- 11. <http://www.typingweb.com/> - Teachers have monitoring ability
- 12. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/topic/typing> - Accessible activities included.

Basic Computer Skills:

- **Wisconsin Online:** <https://www.wisc-online.com/courses/computerskills> - Basic Computer Skills MOOC
- **Digital Learn:** <http://digitallearn.org/> - Lessons for students and resources for teachers
- **JobScout:** <http://myjobscout.org/> - Lots of lessons (with badges!) on using the Internet

Workforce Specific

- **CNA English** - <http://www.cnaenglish.org/> - This Web site is intended to help ESL learners prepare for their academic studies in becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant. This is a higher level ESL and I think it would also be good for lower level ABE, especially those needing to work on soft skills.
- **The Right to Work** - http://www.nyc.gov/html/cchr/html/immig_esol.html, Another NY City project, it provides workbooks for beginning and advanced students with videos. Some information is specific to New York, but overall it is a good resource for workforce.
- **CSM - Core Skills Mastery** - <https://www.csmlearn.com/CSM/CSM.php?requestID=0886e4955cdcbdd256de06279a693a24b25e3fc8> . The goal of CSMlearn is to provide scalable tools to empower every person to make the most of their education and their career. People who we believe could benefit from CSM are in high schools, in adult education, in workforce programs, in colleges and in the workforce, and they include people without a high school diploma and people with college degrees, people who want to learn more and people who want a job and people who want a better job.
- **Texas Cares Online** - <http://www.texascaresonline.com/> Texas CARES Online (Career Alternatives Resource Evaluation System), a multi-media career information system, is designed to help students and jobseekers interactively address education and career exploration questions. It contains detailed O*NET occupational characteristics data and Texas state and regional labor market information including wages and job projections, employer contact lists, and over 320 occupational videos.
- **Texas Reality Check** - <http://www.texasrealitycheck.com/> There is nothing more motivational for students than showing them the relevance between educational attainment and their earnings power. Reality Check is designed to help students understand the connection between lifestyle aspirations and the importance of postsecondary education. It allows students to make lifestyle choices, create a budget, and then to view the occupations and preferred education levels that support those choices. Reality Check is one of the most popular and widely replicated websites in the LMCI toolbox.

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- **Texas Work Prep** - <http://www.texasworkprep.com/> Texas Work Prep is designed and hosted by the Texas Workforce Commission to manage the delivery of job search content and resources and to facilitate "anytime, anywhere" access to learning more about getting, and keeping, the job of your choice. Texas Work Prep contains three online courses: Your Next Job, designed to assist laid-off workers reinvigorate their job search skills; the Texas Job Hunters Guide, a complete resource to finding a new job; and Succeed At Work, which teaches skills and tips for being successful on the job. Each online course is designed to communicate unique aspects of successful job hunting and excelling on the job. The goal is to help job seekers master an effective job search process, get back to work quicker, and communicate the attributes of work excellence expected by Texas employers. Register today and explore these online courses.
- **Texas Consumer Resource for Education and Workforce Statistics** - : <http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/apps/txcrews/>
- Zunal Webquests: Building an Olympic Village

Multimedia / Flipped Classroom resources

- Teacher Tube - <http://teachertube.com> - An online community for videos targeting instructional use that are searchable by grade and subject.
- YouTube - <http://www.youtube.com> - Thousands of instructional videos. If YouTube is blocked, try using YouTube Downloader, but be sure to convert the file from .avi to something you can use like .wmv or .mp4. (http://download.cnet.com/YTD-Video-Downloader/3000-2071_4-10647340.html).
- Watch Know Learn - <http://www.watchknowlearn.org> - Thousands of educational videos arranged by subject matter.
- NeoK12 - <http://www.neok12.com> - Videos, tools and games geared for K-12 but adaptable for use in the adult education classroom.
- Curriki - <http://welcome.curriki.org> - A sharing platform for teachers around the world based primarily on project based learning.
- Screencastify
- TED Talks
- EduPuzzle

For Administrators / Supervisors:

http://study.com/articles/List_of_Free_Online_Management_Courses_and_Lessons.html

Favorite Classrooms APPS for ENGAGEMENT and COMMUNICATION

Socrative: <http://www.socrative.com/> (Live class-polling application)

Class Responder: <http://www.classresponder.com/> (Students respond in real time on their own Internet-enabled devices)

Remind: <https://www.remind.com/> (Safely send text reminders without sharing phone numbers)

Near Pod: <http://www.nearpod.com/> (Push presentations to students' devices)

Kahoot!: <https://getkahoot.com/> (Gamification of quick checks)

Quizlet: www.quizlet.com

PolEverywhere:

Quizziz:

Schoology: www.schoology.com

VOA English:

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YouTube:

Dictionary (FreeDictionary.com):

Google Drive:

Instagram:

Karafun:

Pinterest:

Snapfish:

Ted:

Symbalooedu:

CamScanner: (AWESOME)

Duolingo:

AZ Screen Recorder

EdPUzzle

CamScanner

SeeSaw

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Interactive classroom resources

- Poll Everywhere - <http://www.polleverywhere.com> - Easy polling from text messaging, Twitter or online.
- Socrative - <http://www.socrative.com> - Quizzes and polls specifically for a closed classroom
- ClassPager - <http://www.classpager.com> - Poll or send a text message to all students while keeping their phone numbers private
- Poll Daddy - <http://www.polldaddy.com> - Create surveys, polls, or quizzes that can be taken online and inserted into other programs through html code.
- Infuse Learning - <http://www.infuselearning.com/> - Surveys, polls, even hand drawn responses can be collected from students on phones, tablets, or computers that are WiFi capable. (Does not work with Internet Explorer).
- Schoology - <http://www.schoology.com> - Learning Management System - attendance, gradebook, assignments, discussion boards - Very useful site.

Miscellaneous Resources

- copyright free music: <http://www.jamendo.com>
- public domain free music: <https://musopen.org/music/>
- search free media: <http://search.creativecommons.org>
- Wikipedia in simple English: http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Simple_talk
- Reference list of videos for educational purposes: http://www.refseek.com/directory/educational_videos.html
- Photo and video media: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
- Stock footage for free: <http://www.stockfootageforfree.com/>
- Stock footage for free: <http://vimeo.com/groups/freehd>