

# Basic Literacy & Reading Resources

**ABC Fast Phonics**: ABC Fast Phonics is a free tutorial that uses cartoons and sounds with audio narration and clickable words to teach phonics. These pages were created to make it **easy** and **fun** for new readers -- children or adults -- to navigate through the lessons. <http://www.abcfastphonics.com/index.html>

**BC READS ADULT LITERACY**: This site offers open textbooks for adult learners. Organized roughly by grade level. Requires a bit of navigation to get to the online version of the book and then to the chapters to read. [VISIT THE SITE](#)

**CHROME VOX**: Free screen reader extension that can be used with Google Chrome. When ChromeVox is on, it will read all words on the screen. From your Google Chrome browser, go to <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/> and type in ChromeVox and “add extension.”

**CELL ED**: This is a new free Smart Phone app. Free English- LIFE - WORK Skills instruction. Call 831-292-4321 on any cell phone or go to [million.cell-ed.com](http://million.cell-ed.com) for app, WhatsApp and web options PIN Code 4321. Course English, Civics & Citizenship Reading & Math for Life & Work WorkReady/ only 3 minutes a lesson \* earn a certificate

**East of the Web**: This site offers a huge array of online short stories that can be sorted by fiction, non-fiction, sci-fi, humor, horror and crime. Some of the stories have comprehension questions and teaching activities.

<http://www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/>

**GCF Learn Free**: Check out this interactive site that includes a variety of engaging types of content, including word study and readings. This site is wonderful for both beginning readers and those learning English.

<https://www.gcflearnfree.org/topics/reading/>

**Hoopla**: Available through membership to the Montgomery County-Floyd Regional Library. You can check out eight audiobooks a month. An app version of this website is also available. <https://www.hoopladigital.com/>

**Learn to Earn Toolkit**: Geared toward English Language Learners (intermediate and advanced) but appropriate for any adult literacy students seeking work. Includes a unit on reading comprehension. Earn badges.<http://learntoearn toolkit.org/skill/13>

**Lingolia** is an app available for Apple and Android. The app offers a variety of games to strengthen vocabulary. This app is accessible to those beginning to read and those learning English. <https://www.lingolia.com/en/daily>

**Unite for Literacy**: Beginning level picture books with read aloud:  
<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

**Newsela.com**: News articles on different topics and at different reading levels. After reading, answer reading comprehension questions and practice writing responses to articles. You do not need the paid version. **VISIT THE SITE**

**News for You** Current event stories written for high-beginner level and above. Read or listen and follow along to each story in full or sentence-by-sentence. Seven new stories are posted each Wednesday, along with a teacher's guide, online exercises, vocabulary, online crossword puzzle, word search, and a poll. **731690 is the passcode.**

**Reading Skills for Today**: Easy to navigate site offering online and pdf printed options for leveled reading passages. No login necessary. **VISIT THE SITE**

**Rong-chang.com**: Created for ESL (but applicable for ABE as well). Hundreds of reading passages with accompanying audio.

**Vidtionary** A video dictionary, with short videos showing example scenes illustrating a word's meaning and presenting the text of the word itself in a visually

meaningful way. Search by word, category, or part of speech, or phonics blend. Includes some online worksheets and quizzes.

