

Apps to Consider

Lexia English (Free): Designed specifically for Emergent Bilingual students, also known as ELLs, in grades K–6, Lexia English helps learners acquire higher language proficiency levels of English and supports English language development through academic conversations. Founded on the leading-edge expertise of Lexia, the program blends language learning with subject knowledge to improve academic achievement. From Newcomers to Long-Term English Learners, Lexia English meets all students where they are and targets oral language and grammar skills at a level appropriate for each student's proficiency. Students progress linguistically and academically at their own pace, thanks to the program's embedded Speech Recognition Technology that provides immediate, guided, corrective feedback against the backdrop of an encouraging and nonjudgmental environment with respect for heritage culture and language.

BrainPOP ELL (Free): A comprehensive English language learning program that uses highly engaging animated movies to model conversational English. The movies and related features are leveled, building upon each other to reinforce vocabulary and usage. New concepts are presented within everyday situations, helping to provide context. BrainPOP ELL's structure enables students to master the language in a step-by-step process, giving them the confidence they need to read and speak English.

Duolingo (Free): Is a tool for both the beginners starting from scratch and for someone simply looking to brush up. The lessons are divided into 'skills' that are arranged in a tree format. You need to clear each skill to move on to the next level. The skills start with Basics and expand into different categories like Food, Family, Numbers, Questions, Colors, Grammar, etc. It's very important for the beginners to understand these skills to move onto the advanced sections. Each skill has different types of questions to help you understand and remember the words and sentences. There is a unique option called 'test out' where the learners can take one single test for all the basic sections and move directly into the advanced lessons.

Busuu (Free): A popular language learning app designed by linguists and highly recommended for learning English at a beginner level. This app combines human interaction and AI-powered teaching of spoken and written exercises that are corrected by native speakers to help you learn a language faster. The app provides courses in 12 languages on its mobile app. If you want to improve your English vocabulary, grammar, and spelling, using Busuu is a great place to start. Focuses on teaching useful English words that you can use in real-life situations.

Fun English (Free): The Fun English app, as the name goes, is a fun way to teach English to your children using games and activities. It is currently rated as the best English learning app for kids aged 3 - 10 years. The course is divided into 12 lessons to teach you about Colors, Animals, Numbers, Human body, Fruits, Food, clothes, etc., and over 80 learning games divided into these 12 lessons. The free version comes with 2 lessons on Colors and Animals and 14 games. You need to upgrade to the premium version to unlock all the remaining lessons.

Improve English: WordGames (Free): A app for learning English. For those who are learning English as an additional language, bite-sized lessons will help you to improve English skills. The app is designed for those who have established a basic grasp of English and wants to improve their vocabulary, reading, speaking, and writing skills. Scientifically designed word games to learn new words, grammar, spelling, and phrasal verbs. Personalized content for entrance exams like CAT, GRE, GMAT, IELTS and TOEFL. Offers four different learning approaches: sound recognition, picture recognition, spelling, and fill in the blanks. Lessons are divided into real-world topics, so you can learn the language that you will use in everyday situations. Set your own learning goals and track your progress.

Readlang (Free and Paid Versions): A phone-intuitive website that teaches language by translating content written in your native language to the language you are trying to learn. Choose fiction or non-fiction stories, songs, YouTube videos, or inspirational talks as you listen to and read the words in your selected language. Any terms that you choose to translate are automatically added to a list and put on a flashcard for further practice. Not only is the premise creative, but it's easy to reinforce what you've learned. Over 45 languages, including Greek, Italian, Swahili, Ukrainian, and Welsh

Memrise (Free): With a focus on vocabulary and the kinds of casual conversations you might have as a traveler, Memrise is a useful learning tool. The app is very accessible and uses a familiar flashcard approach with spaced repetition to help you memorize words and phrases. There are also grammar lessons and forgiving speech-recognition exercises. Set goals, lessons are quick, and there's a bit of gamification and prodding. Users can also get a lot of value from the free version, and the basic courses are bolstered by user-generated content.

Duo Cards (Free): This is yet another flashcard app that employs spaced recognition. It is worth a look because it allows you to create your own flashcards to decide which words you want to learn. Best used alongside other courses or apps, this app will help you build your vocabulary. The basic version is free, but with ads and limits on how many flash cards you can create.

Cram (Free): Cram is a free flashcard app that is being used by millions of students and teachers as an aid for learning a new language and memorizing difficult concepts and subjects. Flashcards help students remember what they learn. Cram has a feature called the 'Cram Mode' where students pass through five levels of questioning for each set of flashcards.

Language Reactor (Free): This clever Chrome extension works with YouTube and Netflix to give you subtitles for whatever you are watching in two languages, so you can see your native language and the language you are trying to learn. Users can also highlight words to see the translation, review all the subtitles, and get other examples of their usage.

Lingopie (Free): Best for intermediate and advanced learners, who want to improve their skills by watching TV and movies. Lingopie is a gamified app that uses fun exercises such as interactive videos, chatbot conversations, and weekly lessons to help people learn English. Teaches English with videos, audio tracks, and interactive activities. Creates contextual and visual-based flashcards automatically for users to study later.

TalkPal (Free): TalkPal is a GPT-powered AI language tutor. Users can chat about an unlimited number of interesting topics either by writing or speaking while receiving messages with a realistic voice. The engaging experiences like Chat, Roleplays, Characters, Debates, Call Mode, Sentence Mode, and Photo Mode enable users to practice over 57 languages.

HelloTalk (Free): Allows users to connect with native speakers to improve their language skills. The app uses AI to help learners find the right conversation partners and offers a range of interactive lessons and activities to help learners improve their vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation.

Tandem (Free): Tandem is a language learning app that allows users to connect with native speakers to improve their language skills. The app uses AI to help learners find the right conversation partners and offers a range of interactive lessons and activities to help learners improve their vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation.

Lingvist (Free): A language learning app that uses AI to personalize the learning experience and offers a range of interactive lessons and games to help learners improve their vocabulary and grammar skills. The app offers courses in French, German, Spanish, Russian, and Estonian.

Talk English (Free): The English Conversation Practice app (ECP) by TalkEnglish helps users do that by holding conversations in English. ECP is used to improve vocabulary, correct your pronunciation, and to be able to construct grammatically correct sentences. It has 200 different conversation lessons for developing your listening and speaking skills. The conversation topics are divided into categories of regular events like taking a vacation, eating dinner, playing football, talking about children, etc. The lessons are made up of listening exercises, recording your own voice, and speaking exercises for conversation practice.

Beelinguapp (Free): Focuses on reading skills using a diverse range of stories, song lyrics and news for 13 languages, including Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish.

Burlington English: A unique blended English program for adults. It offers comprehensive General English Courses as well as a wide range of Career Courses, and provides a complete language-learning solution. Students get any time-anywhere access to state-of-the-art online interactive courses.

Language Learning Podcasts (Free)