

**Africa Online, English Language Education:  
Using Web Resources to Develop Classroom Content-Based Materials  
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**Web Sites for English Language Teaching**

This handout contains English Language Teaching web-based resources. It is divided into two sections:

- Discrete Skills Areas (Grammar, Reading, Writing, etc.), and
- Resources and Tools (Journals, Organizations, Website Search Tools, etc.).

However, there is considerable overlap between sections, and single resources often cover multiple skill areas. This is not intended to be an exhaustive list. Instead, it is a collection of a high quality, relatively stable websites on topics that are often of interest to English language instructors.

**DISCRETE SKILL AREAS**

**Grammar**

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| • <b>Grammar Handbook</b>                  | <a href="http://www.english.uiuc.edu/cws/wworkshop/grammarmenu.htm">http://www.english.uiuc.edu/cws/wworkshop/grammarmenu.htm</a> |
| • <b>Karin's ESL Partyland Quiz Center</b> | <a href="http://www.eslpartyland.com/quiz%20center/quiz.htm">http://www.eslpartyland.com/quiz%20center/quiz.htm</a>               |
| • <b>Guide to Grammar and Writing</b>      | <a href="http://ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/">http://ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/</a>   |
| • <b>Internet TESL Journal Quizzes</b>     | <a href="http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/ESL.html">http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/ESL.html</a>                                   |

**Reading**

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| • <b>CNN News FYI</b>                      | <a href="http://fyi.cnn.com/">http://fyi.cnn.com/</a>   |
| • <b>CNN News Channel</b>                  | <a href="http://www.cnn.com/">http://www.cnn.com/</a>   |
| • <b>Crayon: Create Your Own Newspaper</b> | <a href="http://www.crayon.net/">http://www.crayon.net/</a>   |
| • <b>English Club Reading</b>              | <a href="http://www.englishclub.net/reading/index.htm">http://www.englishclub.net/reading/index.htm</a>   |
| • <b>The Maze</b>                          | <a href="http://archives.obs-us.com/obs/english/books/holt/books/maze/index.html">http://archives.obs-us.com/obs/english/books/holt/books/maze/index.html</a> |
| • <b>MysteryNet</b>                        | <a href="http://www.mysterynet.com/">http://www.mysterynet.com/</a>   |
| • <b>Online Books</b>                      | <a href="http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/">http://digital.library.upenn.edu/books/</a>   |
| • <b>Project Gutenberg</b>                 | <a href="http://promo.net/pg/index.cgi">http://promo.net/pg/index.cgi</a>   |
| • <b>Quandry's Action Mazes</b>            | <a href="http://www.halfbakedsoftware.com/quandary/examples/">http://www.halfbakedsoftware.com/quandary/examples/</a>   |
| • <b>This Day in History</b>               | <a href="http://www.historychannel.com/thisday/">http://www.historychannel.com/thisday/</a>   |
| • <b>Travelers Tales</b>                   | <a href="http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/traveltales.html">http://www.pitt.edu/~dash/traveltales.html</a>   |
| • <b>Western-Pacific Literacy Network</b>  | <a href="http://www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/">http://www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/</a>   |
| • <b>World Radio Network</b>               | <a href="http://www.wrn.org/">http://www.wrn.org/</a>   |
| • <b>Yahoo News Headlines</b>              | <a href="http://dailynews.yahoo.com/">http://dailynews.yahoo.com/</a>   |

**Vocabulary and Idioms**

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| • <b>Cobuild's Idiom a Day</b>      | <a href="http://titania.cobuild.collins.co.uk/index.html">http://titania.cobuild.collins.co.uk/index.html</a> |
| • <b>Comenius Fables and Idioms</b> | <a href="http://www.comenius.com/">http://www.comenius.com/</a>   |
| • <b>Cool Word of the Day</b>       | <a href="http://www.edu.yorku.ca/wotd/">http://www.edu.yorku.ca/wotd/</a>                                     |
| • <b>Hangman</b>                    | <a href="http://www.allmixedup.com/hangman/">http://www.allmixedup.com/hangman/</a>                           |

### Vocabulary and Idioms, Continued

- **Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Crosswords** <http://www.m-w.com/dictionary.htm>
- **Quia: Activities, Languages-ESL** <http://www.quia.com/>
- **Vocabulary Lists** <http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/links/ESL/Vocabulary/Lists/>
- **Your Dictionary** <http://www.yourdictionary.com/>
- **Webopedia** <http://www.webopedia.com/>
- **A Word A Day** <http://www.wordsmith.org/awad/>

### Keypals and Email Resources

- **Dave's ESL Connection** <http://www.pacificnet.net/~sperling/student.html>
- **EFL/ESL Student Lists** <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/www/education/sl/sl.html>
- **Exchange** <http://deil2.lang.uiuc.edu/ExChange3/>
- **Intercultural Email Classroom Connections** <http://www.teaching.com/iecc/>
- **Teaching.com** <http://www.teaching.com/keypals/>

### Writing

- **Electronic Postcards** <http://postcards.www.media.mit.edu/Postcards/>
- **Exchange** <http://deil2.lang.uiuc.edu/ExChange3/>
- **Online Writing Lab -- ESL, Purdue** <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslstudent.html>
- **OWL Writers Exchange, WSU** <http://owl.wsu.edu/shared.asp>
- **PIZZAZ, Creative Writing Activities** <http://www.uoregon.edu/~leslieob/pizzaz.html>
- **Punctuation Made Simple** <http://chuma.cas.usf.edu/~olson/pms/>
- **Researchpaper.com** <http://www.researchpaper.com/>
- **StudyWeb** <http://www.studyweb.com/>
- **Style Guides:**
  - **APA** <http://www.apastyle.org/>
  - **Columbia** [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/cgos/idx\\_basic.html](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/cgos/idx_basic.html)
  - **MLA** <http://www.mla.org/>
- **Writing Help, HUT** <http://www.ruthvilmi.net/hut/LangHelp/Writing/>
- **Writing Help, Wooster** <http://www.wooster.edu/writingctr/help.html>

### Study Skills and Resources

- **Research-It!** <http://www.iTools.com/research-it/>
- **Roget's Thesaurus Online** [http://humanities.uchicago.edu/forms\\_unrest/ROGET.html](http://humanities.uchicago.edu/forms_unrest/ROGET.html)
- **Study Skills Self-Help, Virginia Tech** <http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html>
- **Virtual Encyclopedia** <http://www.refdesk.com/myency.html>

### Listening

- **BBC World English** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/index.shtml>
- **English Listening Room** <http://www.manythings.org/el/>
- **Gift of Speech** <http://gos.sbc.edu/>

### Listening, Continued:

• <b>History Channel Speeches</b>	<a href="http://www.historychannel.com/speeches/">http://www.historychannel.com/speeches/</a>
• <b>Hollywood.com: Trailers, video, interviews</b>	<a href="http://www.hollywood.com/">http://www.hollywood.com/</a>
• <b>Interactive Listening Comprehension</b>	<a href="http://deil.lang.uiuc.edu/LCRA/">http://deil.lang.uiuc.edu/LCRA/</a>
• <b>Jukebox</b>	<a href="http://www.jukebox.com/">http://www.jukebox.com/</a>
• <b>Listen to Stories</b>	<a href="http://www.wonderbox.org/samples.html">http://www.wonderbox.org/samples.html</a>
• <b>Lyrics.com</b>	<a href="http://www.lyrics.com/">http://www.lyrics.com/</a>
• <b>NASA Livecasts</b>	<a href="http://www.nasa.gov/ntv/ntvweb.html">http://www.nasa.gov/ntv/ntvweb.html</a>
• <b>National Public Radio</b>	<a href="http://www.npr.org/">http://www.npr.org/</a>
• <b>PBS Online News Hour</b>	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/newshour/">http://www.pbs.org/newshour/</a>
• <b>Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab</b>	<a href="http://www.esl-lab.com/">http://www.esl-lab.com/</a>
• <b>Songfile.com</b>	<a href="http://www.songfile.com/">http://www.songfile.com/</a>
• <b>Real.com</b>	<a href="http://realguide.real.com/">http://realguide.real.com/</a>
• <b>Voice of America</b>	<a href="http://www.voa.gov/stream/stremlst.html">http://www.voa.gov/stream/stremlst.html</a>
• <b>World Radio Network</b>	<a href="http://www.wrn.org/">http://www.wrn.org/</a>

### Speaking

• <b>American English Pronunciation</b>	<a href="http://eleaston.com/pronunciation/quizzes.html">http://eleaston.com/pronunciation/quizzes.html</a>
• <b>Conversation Questions for the ESL/EFL Classroom</b>	<a href="http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/questions/">http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/questions/</a>
• <b>EFL/ESL Speaking Links</b>	<a href="http://www.esllessons.com/standard/speaklinks.htm">http://www.esllessons.com/standard/speaklinks.htm</a>
• <b>ESL Pronunciation</b>	<a href="http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/links/ESL/Pronunciation/">http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/links/ESL/Pronunciation/</a>
• <b>ESL About.com Pronunciation</b>	<a href="http://esl.about.com/cs/pronunciation/">http://esl.about.com/cs/pronunciation/</a>
• <b>English Channel, Speaking</b>	<a href="http://www.hio.ft.hanze.nl/thar/speaking.htm">http://www.hio.ft.hanze.nl/thar/speaking.htm</a>
• <b>Online Phonetics Course</b>	<a href="http://www.unil.ch/ling/phonetique/api2-eng.html">http://www.unil.ch/ling/phonetique/api2-eng.html</a>
• <b>Virtual Presentation Assistant</b>	<a href="http://www.ukans.edu/cwis/units/coms2/vpa/vpa.htm">http://www.ukans.edu/cwis/units/coms2/vpa/vpa.htm</a>

### General Interactive Activities

• <b>Around the World in 80 Clicks</b>	<a href="http://www.steveweb.com/80clicks/">http://www.steveweb.com/80clicks/</a>
• <b>Dream Analysis</b>	<a href="http://astrology.yahoo.com/us/astrology/funtools/dreamanalysis/">http://astrology.yahoo.com/us/astrology/funtools/dreamanalysis/</a>
• <b>Internet Anagram Server</b>	<a href="http://www.wordsmith.org/anagram/index.html">http://www.wordsmith.org/anagram/index.html</a>
• <b>Ocean Planet Online</b>	<a href="http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/ocean_planet.html">http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/ocean_planet.html</a>
• <b>Personality Tests:</b>	
• <b>Color Quiz</b>	<a href="http://www.colorquiz.com/">http://www.colorquiz.com/</a>
• <b>Keirsey Sorter</b>	<a href="http://www.keirsey.com/">http://www.keirsey.com/</a>
• <b>Life Colors</b>	<a href="http://www.lifecolorsonline.com/lifecolorslite.html">http://www.lifecolorsonline.com/lifecolorslite.html</a>
• <b>NumberQuest</b>	<a href="http://www.numberquest.com/numerology/report/">http://www.numberquest.com/numerology/report/</a>
• <b>Personality Test</b>	<a href="http://www.ullazang.com/personality.html">http://www.ullazang.com/personality.html</a>
• <b>Techno Personality Test</b>	<a href="http://www.skypoint.com/~mfinley/test.htm">http://www.skypoint.com/~mfinley/test.htm</a>
• <b>Rhyming Dictionaries:</b>	
• <b>Rhymer.com</b>	<a href="http://www.Rhymer.com/">http://www.Rhymer.com/</a>
• <b>RhymeZone</b>	<a href="http://www.rhymezone.com/">http://www.rhymezone.com/</a>
• <b>Thinkquest</b>	<a href="http://www.thinkquest.org/library/">http://www.thinkquest.org/library/</a>
• <b>Web Chess</b>	<a href="http://www.june29.com/Chess/">http://www.june29.com/Chess/</a>

## RESOURCES AND TOOLS

### Worksheet Generators

- **Discovery Tools Worksheet Generator** <http://school.discovery.com/teachingtools/worksheetgenerator/>
- **Teachnology** [http://www.teachnology.com/web\\_tools/work\\_sheets/](http://www.teachnology.com/web_tools/work_sheets/)

### Website Search Tools

- **Directories by Subject:**
  - Ask Jeeves** <http://www.askjeeves.com/>
  - Education World** <http://www.education-world.com/>
  - Infomine** <http://infomine.ucr.edu/>
  - Librarians' Index** <http://www.lii.org/>
  - WWW Virtual Library, Education** <http://www.csu.edu.au/education/library.html>
  - WWW Virtual Library, Linguistics** <http://www.emich.edu/~linguist/www-vl.html>
  - Yahoo!** <http://www.yahoo.com/>
- **Search Engines:**
  - Excite** <http://www.excite.com/>
  - Google** <http://www.google.com/>
  - HotBot** <http://www.hotbot.com/>
  - Infoseek** <http://www.infoseek.com/>
- **File-specific Search Tools:**
  - Alta Vista: Images, sound, video** <http://www.altavista.com/>
  - Internet Essay Exposer** <http://essay.freehomepage.com/>
  - Lycos: Images, sound, video** <http://www.lycos.com>
- **Meta Search Engines:**
  - Dogpile** <http://www.dogpile.com/>
  - Metacrawler** <http://www.metacrawler.com/>

### Website Evaluation

- **Evaluating Information** <http://www.ohiou.edu/esl/help/eval.html>
- **Evaluating Web Resources** <http://www2.widener.edu/Wolfgang-Memorial-Library/webevaluation/webeval.htm>
- **Evaluation of Information Sources** <http://www.vuw.ac.nz/~agsmith/evaln/evaln.htm>
- **Important Things to Know Before You Begin Searching the Web** <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/TeachingLib/Guides/Internet/ThingsToKnow.html>
- **Internet Search Tools, Library of Congress** <http://www.loc.gov/global/search.html>
- **Thinking Critically about World Wide Web Resources** <http://www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/college/help/critical/index.htm>
- **Usability First** <http://www.usabilityfirst.com/>
- **Useit.com by J. Nielsen** <http://www.useit.com/>
- **WWW Consortium, Accessibility** <http://www.w3.org/>

### Online Teaching and Learning

- **Assessment and Evaluation on the Internet** <http://ericae.net/nintbod.htm>
- **Assessment in ESL and Bilingual Education** <http://www.nwrac.org/pub/hot/assessment.html>

### Online Teaching and Learning, Continued

- **Classroom Assessment Techniques** <http://www.hcc.hawaii.edu/intranet/committees/FacDevCom/guidebk/teachtip/assess-2.htm>
- **National Council for Teachers of English Research Reports** <http://www.ncte.org/research/reports/>
- **Site Trainer Forums** <http://www.sitetrainer.com/categories.cfm?catid=6>

### Journals and Publications

- **The Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium Journal** <http://calico.org/>
- **Computer Assisted Language Learning, An International Journal** <http://www.swets.nl/sps/journals/call.html>
- **International Association for Learning Laboratories Journal of Language Learning Technologies** <http://www.iall.net/>
- **Internet TESL Journal** <http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/>
- **Journal of Technology and Teacher Education** <http://www.aace.org/>
- **Language Learning and Technology** <http://llt.msu.edu/>
- **Language Teacher Online** <http://langue.hyper.chubu.ac.jp/jalt/pub/tlt/>
- **ReCALL Journal** <http://www.hull.ac.uk/cti/eurocall/recall.htm>
- **Teaching English as a Second or Foreign Language Journal** <http://www-writing.berkeley.edu/TESL-EJ/>
- **TESOL Matters Online** <http://www.tesol.edu/pubs/magz/tm.html>
- **U.S. Dept. of Education Publications** <http://www.ed.gov/>

### Organizations

- **AERA, Education and Research Network** <http://www.aera.net/>
- **Apple Classrooms of Tomorrow** <http://www.mellon.org/awmpd.html>
- **AskERIC** <http://www.askeric.org/>
- **Association for the Advancement of Computers in Education** <http://www.aace.org/>
- **Asynchronous Learning Network** <http://www.aln.org/>
- **Best Practices in Education** <http://www.bestpraceduc.org/>
- **Educational Standards & Curriculum Frameworks for FL/ESL** <http://www.putnamvalleyschools.org/StSu/Flang.html>
- **Educause** <http://www.educause.edu/>
- **International Reading Association** <http://www.reading.org/>
- **International Society for Technology in Education** <http://www.iste.org/>
- **Just in Time Technology** <http://www.open.k12.or.us/jitt/site/sitemap.html>
- **National Clearinghouse for Bilingual Education** <http://www.ncbe.gwu.edu/>
- **Northwest Regional Literacy Resource Center** <http://literacynet.org/nwrlrc/home.html>
- **Project Zero, Howard Gardner** <http://pzweb.harvard.edu/>
- **TESOL** <http://www.tesl.org/>