

Learning English with WWW Resources

A. Quizzes

Activities for ESL Students: Quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a Second Language (ESL)

<http://a4esl.org/>

Dialang. Test yourself in reading, writing, listening, grammar and vocabulary. You can learn about your strengths and weaknesses in a foreign language, and find out what level you are at. This test is also available in 13 other languages. It will take you some time to do. Your scores will not be saved.

<http://www.dialang.org/english/index.htm>

Test your Level (British Council): a less comprehensive placement test than the one offered by Dialang.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-test-test-your-level.htm>

B. Reference Works

Cambridge Dictionaries Online (including the advanced learner's dictionary, dictionary of phrasal verbs dictionary, and dictionary of idioms)

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary with Exercises & New Words

<http://www.cornelsen.de/oald/1.c.115282.de>

Leo: German/English and English/German dictionaries:

<http://dict.leo.org/>

Merriam-Webster On-line: English/English dictionary, thesaurus, and word of the day.

<http://www.m-w.com/dictionary.htm>

YourDictionary.com: Specialty dictionaries. Everything from golf to medical terms.

<http://www.yourdictionary.com/specialty.html>

A Dictionary of Slang

<http://www.peevish.co.uk/slang/m.htm>

Virtual Thesaurus

<http://www.visualthesaurus.com/>

C. Writing & Grammar

Academic Phrasebank

<http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/>

Dave's ESL Cafe's Student Discussion Forums

<http://forums.eslcafe.com/student/viewtopic.php?t=28429>

Common errors in English:

<http://www.wsu.edu/~brians/errors/errors.html>

Online Writing Lab at Purdue University: One of the finest websites on grammar, punctuation and spelling available on line. Explanations, exercises, and answer keys are available:

<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/index.html>

Dartmouth Writing Program. Includes information on writing seminar papers in various fields. The site explains the parts of a paper including the thesis.

<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~writing/materials/student/toc.shtml>

Die englische Grammatik verstehen und online lernen - grammar

http://www.englisch-lehrbuch.de/grammatik/inhaltsangabe/englisch_lernen_online_inhaltsverzeichnis.htm

Guide to Grammar and Writing

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>

Lynch's Guide to Grammar and Style

<http://andromeda.rutgers.edu/~jlynch/Writing/contents.html>

The Writing Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's handouts on writing and grammar

<http://www.unc.edu/depts/wcweb/handouts/index.html>

D. English for Specific Purposes

Business English Podcasts from Financial Times Germany

http://www.ftd.de/div/podcast/business_english/67283.html

Business Spotlight (podcasts, articles, business vocabulary)

<http://www.business-spotlight.de/>

Scientific Terms from the The American Heritage® Book of English Usage

<http://www.bartleby.com/64/4.html>

E. Audio & Video

BBC Learning English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/index.shtml>

BBC Radio

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/>

BBC News

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/>

Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

<http://www.cbc.ca/>

CNN

<http://edition.cnn.com/>

NPR

<http://www.npr.org/>

Free Audio Books

http://www.openculture.com/2006/10/audio_book_podc.html

Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab (good for all levels, a variety of speakers with quizzes, scripts, explanations to the answers)

<http://www.esl-lab.com/index.htm>

E. Capitalization & Spelling

Punctuation Made Simple

<http://lilt.ilstu.edu/golson/punctuation/>

University of Richmond's Writing Center: Capitalization

<http://teach2.eac.edu/owl/resources/mechanics.html> - capitals_general

Writing for Business and Pleasure: Spelling compound words with or without hyphens

<http://www.wilbers.com/part24.htm>

F. Style

Methods for Eliminating Wordiness

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/general/gl_concise.html

William Strunk's Elements of Style

<http://www.bartleby.com/141/index.html>

Putting Sentences Together (BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/interestsentences/compoundsentences/index.shtml>

F. Vocabulary & Word Choice

Idioms

<http://www.idiomconnection.com/>

Vocabulary Power

<http://www.recitfga.qc.ca/English/activities/vocabularypower3.asp>

Free Rice. A vocabulary game which also. If you get the question right, you get a harder question. If you get it wrong, you get an easier question. For each answer you get right, we donate 10 grains of rice to the UN World Food Program.

<http://www.freerice.com>

Information on difficult words to use from The American Heritage® Book of English Usage.

<http://www.bartleby.com/64/3.html>

Avoiding Sexist Language. from the The American Heritage® Book of English Usage

<http://www.bartleby.com/64/5.html>

Vocabulary Exercises English (fill-in-the-blank exercises in context on many topics)

http://www.englisch-hilfen.de/en/exercises_list/alle_words.htm

Make you own mind maps.

http://www.pctipp.ch/downloads/office/23763/mindman_personal.html

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