

Resources for Lower Levels (CLB 1-4): Websites for Student Self-access



Introduction

There are countless ESL websites: some offer lessons that teachers can take into the classroom, some are designed for students to access independently, and some can be used for both purposes. It takes time to determine if a particular website would be appropriate to recommend to students.

Criteria for selection

The websites included here were selected for ELSA students based on the following criteria:

- They are not websites that teachers often rely on for in-class work, such as *CBC Manitoba EAL*.
- It is reasonable to expect that students would actually be able to navigate the site and the activities independently. Some sites are excellent, but require teacher support.
- The quality and accuracy of the websites are adequate.
- Students do not need to sign up for an account or pay a fee to use the site.

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Website	Description	URL
Process Research Methods	This site includes pre-reading, during reading, and post-reading materials. It focuses on vocabulary, decoding, and comprehension. The interactive readings are followed by comprehension questions and a phonics component. It offers three themes: household, health, and work /daily activity.	http://www.processresearchmethods.org/test/Story_home.htm
Agenda web	This site contains hundreds of links to free online exercises. It is categorized by verb exercises, grammar, songs, listening, reading, video, vocabulary for different levels.	http://www.agendaweb.org/
ESOL Course	This site has picture vocabulary matching quizzes with audio. Each lesson contains simple vocabulary building activities such as word search, gap fill exercise as well as matching exercises.	http://www.esolcourses.com/uk-english/beginners-course/free-english-lessons.html
Enjoy English	This website has words-picture matching games and spelling activities on various themes for beginners.	http://enjoyenglish.free.fr/english/primaire/concentration/index.html
Easy Reading	This website offers 200 stories with audio and vocabulary, crossword and gap-fill exercises. This is easy for students to navigate.	http://www.rong-chang.com/nse/ http://www.rong-chang.com/ne/
ICT Games: Look, Cover, Write, Check.	This game is designed for early learners to practice spelling of numbers, colors, months, and days.	http://www.ictgames.com/lcwc.html
ESOL self-accesses	This is a self-study site for learners at all levels to improve grammar and vocabulary skills.	http://www.paulmcg.com/esol/success/index.html
St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School	This is an elementary school website offering spelling exercises to practice phonics rules, and other word attack skills.	http://www.saintambrosebarlow.wigan.sch.uk/spellingpage.htm