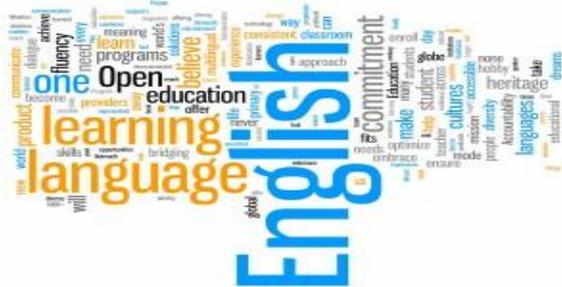


English SELF STUDY Resources

A collection of Self-Study resources to help you maintain and improve your *English Language* communication skills by Maurizio Morselli



While there's no substitute for learning a language on site, interacting with native speakers and with a focused approach, today's networked world puts a tour fingertips a number of resources which, when used diligently can greatly enhance and complement one's language journey. Here are a few resources anyone can use.

DICTIONARIES

<http://www.dictionary.com> - **Dictionary.com** Type in an English word and get definitions from a number of English dictionaries. It also has a thesaurus (for synonyms), translation dictionaries, and daily crosswords and word search puzzles.

<http://www.ldoceonline.com/> - **Longman Dictionary of Contemporary English** This ESL dictionary is a limited-feature version of the CD ROM; includes suggested headwords, sample sentences and pictures

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/> - **Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary** References the print version of Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Tenth Edition; includes audio clips, pronunciation symbols, etymology and a thesaurus; can also reference geographical and biographical names, foreign words, phrases and abbreviations

<http://oaadonline.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/> - **Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary** Based on the paperback dictionary for ESL students, the online version provides pronunciation and a sample sentence

GRAMMAR

<http://a4esl.org/> - **Activities for ESL Students** Over 1,000 activities to help students learn English as a second language, including crossword puzzles and quizzes for grammar, vocabulary, idioms, slang, phrasal verbs, and much more.

<http://ww2.college-em.qc.ca/prof/epritchard/> - **ESL Blues** Grammar, reading and vocabulary exercises for pre-intermediate to high intermediate level students.

<http://www.eslpartyland.com/> - **Karin's ESL Party Land** A collection of activities, games and quizzes on grammar, vocabulary, idioms, slang and phrasal verbs, plus chat rooms and discussion forums.

<http://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/esl-english-grammar-exercises.html> - **LearnEnglishFeelGood.com** Contains a variety of online ESL grammar quizzes/tests

LISTENING

<http://a4esl.org/p/> - **Activities for ESL Students** Contains links to various podcasts for ESL students and native English speakers; some cover the news and include transcripts

<http://www.cbc.ca/ottawa/esl/index.html> - **CBC - ESL** Contains Canadian news stories from CBC's Television and Radio archives; watch videos, listen to audio clips, read transcripts, answer interactive questions and explore external resources about each topic

<http://www.cbc.ca/> - **CBC Radio and TV** Contains current Canadian and international news from the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). Read text, listen to audio clips from CBC radio, and watch video clips from CBC TV.

<http://www.eslpod.com/> - **ESLPod** Podcasts are organized by category; ESL podcasts are spoken at a slower rate and explanations are provided; topics and key words can be listed in the ESL category; other podcast categories may contain transcripts with key words emphasized

<http://www.esl-lab.com/> - **Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab** A variety of listening activities, including stories, conversations and lectures, for beginner to advanced level students.

<http://www.ami.ca/> - **Accessible Media Inc. (AMI)** Articles from newspapers that are read aloud

PRONUNCIATION

<http://iteslj.org/links/ESL/Pronunciation/> - **The Internet TESL Journal** Contains various ESL pronunciation links

<http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/> - **Phonetics Flash Animation Project** Contains phonetic sounds of English with animated diagrams, steps, video and audio

<http://www.manythings.org/e/pronunciation.html> - **Interesting Things for ESL Students** Pronunciation practice using minimal pairs

READING

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<http://www.uefap.com/reading/readfram.htm> - **Using English for Academic Purposes** Contains information on reading, note-taking, paraphrasing, scanning, skimming, summarizing and text structure/organization; exercises are provided

<http://www.westcoastreader.ca/> - **The Westcoast Reader**

<http://bestofthereader.ca/> - **Best of the Reader** Online version of the newspaper for ESL readers; published by Capilano University

VOCABULARY

<http://www.academicvocabularyexercises.com/> - **The Academic Word List (AWL)** Contains 150 gap-fill exercises using high frequency vocabulary in different contexts found in academic texts and popular media; useful for students improving their understanding of academic vocabulary in various academic subjects and in popular media: television, movies, magazines and newspapers

<http://www.manythings.org/e/vocabulary.html> - **Interesting Things for ESL Students** Includes many quizzes, games, slang, proverbs, and a number of different kinds of word puzzles to help students learn vocabulary.

<http://a4esl.org/q/h/vocabulary.html> - **Self-Study English Vocabulary Quizzes** Quizzes are organized according to level

WRITING

<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar> - **Guide to Grammar and Writing** Covers the writing process, grammar, structure and organization; includes over 170 interactive grammar quizzes

http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/research/r_paraphrEX1.html - **OWL Practice Exercises in Paraphrasing**

<http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/sensen/> - **Sentence Sense** Four sections cover grammar, common sentence errors, writing and resources

OTHER USEFUL LINKS

<http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/links/> - **A Huge Collection of ESL Links** A superb collection of interesting links for ESL students and teachers, frequently maintained by The Internet TESL Journal.

<http://www.eslcafe.com/> - **Dave's ESL Café** A huge ESL web site, including grammar, idioms, phrasal verbs, slang, quizzes, chat rooms, discussion forums, and more.

<http://goenglish.com/Index.asp> - **English Idioms** A variety of English idioms with explanations and examples.

<http://www.idiomquest.com/> - **Idiom Quest** Idioms are defined and include a sample sentence, language translation and context (e.g. ESL, business or call centre) ; searches can be performed by root meaning, semantic, context or category

<http://www.online-college-reviews.com/resources/online-esl-help-resource-center/> - **Online ESL Help Resource Center** A comprehensive list of ESL resources for teachers and students covering pronunciation, grammar, vocabulary, and other competencies; includes ESL organizations and associations

<http://www.toefl.org/> - **TOEFL** The official web site for Test of English as a Foreign Language programs and services.

