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PROJECT TASK

LEARNING GAMES

There are a number of online games to practice English with, no matter what your hobbies and interests are. We'll present some of the interactive online games to practice English. Playing online games in English will teach you how to hold English conversations by encouraging you to talk to teammates and opponents.

In fact, one of the best ways for you to learn English is to turn your hobbies into language-learning experiences, which will make studying fun and exciting.



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The Grammar of Doom from GameZone

Level: Intermediate/Advanced.

Key question: Is there any retro game to practice English for free?

The Grammar of Doom is an adventure-style game where you explore secrets hidden within an old, magical temple.

To get an idea of the game, **imagine if Indiana Jonestaught your English class.**



There are a total of 10 rooms in the temple, and each room has its own series of puzzles that you have to solve using English.

In order to move to the next room and *eventually* (finally, in the end) beat the game, you have to use your grammar and vocabulary skills to create English sentences and solve these puzzles.

FluentU

Level: All levels

Key question: Can I have fun learning English *without* playing a game?

So let's be clear. FluentU isn't a game. It does, however, use fun and engaging videos to teach English—including some about gaming.

The program has a large library of videos, each with a set of interactive captions. This means that you can look up unfamiliar words instantly, with just a click/tap. You also have the option of using it like a dictionary by typing a word into the FluentU search bar and seeing what it means, how it's used in printed/video context examples, and a memorable photo definition as well.



The videos are sorted by difficulty level and/or genre. If you're in the mood for breaking out in (English) song, the "Music Video" category might work well, but if you want something more popcorn-friendly, there's the "Movie Clips/Trailers" section as well.

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You also can try fun review quizzes to test your knowledge of the content. These includespeaking, matching, multiple-choice, and fill-in-the-blank exercises.



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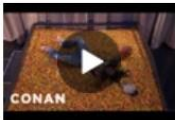
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noun an activity played for fun or casual competition such as board games, card games, or children's play

 Let's play a game with the legos .

 The kids want to play a puzzle game .




 You just ... I just got you the ball . That's the end zone right there . The game's on the line !



 Can you two stop playing that game and come and help us with the delivery ?



 If your children are reluctant to brush their teeth , why not make a game

The program is available online, or on iOS / Android.

Wordshake

Level: All levels.

Key question: What's the best word game to improve myEnglish vocabulary?

If you like **action-packed ESL games** that have you working against the clock, Wordshake is right for you.



This game gives you 16 random letters of the alphabet and three minutes. During that time, you have to *come up with* (think of) as many English

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words as you can using the letters you have, and every time you make a new word, you get points.

The letters don't have to touch each other or be in a particular pattern like they do in crossword puzzles, and you're able to select letters in any order.

Since there aren't any complicated rules with Wordshake, it's a good vocabulary-building game for beginners and advanced students alike.

Human Brain Cloud

Level: All levels.

Key question: Is there a word association game to practice English for free?

The Human Brain Cloud is a project, a game, a learning tool, a social experiment...

It's anything you want it to be, and it's awesome.



Described as "a massively multiplayer word association game," the Human Brain Cloud is as simple as it is complex (that has many connected parts).

You're given random words, and your goal is to type in words, expressions or even sentences you associate with the words you get.

For example, if you're given the word "single," your answer can be "ladies," "married," "me," "and ready to mingle," "double" or anything that comes to your mind when you see that word.

There are no right or wrong answers. The Human Brain Cloud simply takes your answers and adds them to the association bank.

After you've introduced your answer, you're told how many people in the world made the same word association, and if you're the first, you'll get the message "new association."

But the best part of the Human Brain Cloud comes when you click on a word.

Do that and you'll see a "cloud" with your word in the middle connected to other words people associate it with.

This is when the fun starts, because you can use this feature to learn vocabulary.

Every word you click will become the central word and be surrounded by other associated words!

If you're not afraid of spending hours clicking on words and making word associations, the Human Brain Cloud is your game.

Or was it a learning tool?

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Fun fact: The cloud started with just one word (volcano), and it's about to reach 800,000 unique words.

4 Pics 1 Word

Level: All levels.



Key question: What's the most entertaining yet simple app to practice English vocabulary? What do mountain biking, a walnut, six-pack abs and a rock have in common? They're hard!

What about fire, a volcano, soup and coffee? They're hot! Easy, right?

OK, one more: what do a plane, light, Usain Bolt and a cheetah have in common? They're all super fast! These are just three examples out of the hundreds you'll get while playing 4 Pics 1 Word.

The rules of the game are super simple: you get four pictures that have something in common, and you have to guess what it is. Sometimes the answer is very obvious, but other times you'll have to think hard and use hints to get some help.

Whether you're a beginner learner of English or a fluent speaker, 4 Pics 1 Word will surely activate your brain and make you think in English.

Plus you can always create your own flashcards for the words you don't know. Who said fun and learning can't go together?

Visual Thesaurus Spelling Bee

Level: Upper-intermediate/Advanced.

Key question: Is there a spelling game for advanced English learners?

If you thought spelling games were for kids, get ready to sweat with Visual Thesaurus Spelling Bee.



Even though the Visual Thesaurus isn't free, the Spelling Bee game is, and it's full of goodies (attractive and nice things) to help you learn English.

The simplicity of the page hides a deliciously difficult spelling game not apt for the faint of

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heart (people without courage).

The rules are simple: listen to a word and try to spell it correctly. No surprises here.

However, some of the words you'll hear are so hard to spell that you'll start to feel the bee is laughing at you and your misspellings.

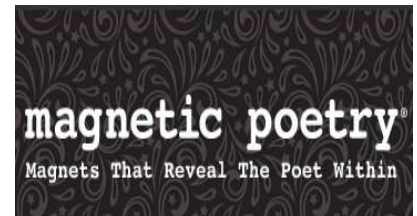
The game comes with statistics, a free look at the visual thesaurus for the words you spell correctly and all the definitions of the words divided by part of speech.

For intermediate learners, I recommend listening to the word and reading the definitions, but advanced learners can bump it up (go one level higher) and try to guess the word by just reading its definitions

Magnetic Poetry

Level: All levels.

Key question: Is there a game to practice English writing without having to write?



I remember getting my first Magnetic Poetry kit some 20 years ago.

It was a Christmas present. 200 word tiles in English and one promise: **“Magnets That Reveal The Poet Within.”**

20 years later, my original Magnetic Poetry kit has been to five countries and moved in and out of 11 houses, and it has helped me make many memories along the way.

Magnetic Poetry has grown a lot since it was created. It can now be found in several different languages and in the form of **over 100 thematic kits.**

And although the way of using it has remained the same, it's super interesting to see these little magnetic words get known worldwide.

Magnetic Poetry offers **five complete kits for free online** (the original kit and four thematic ones).

Use the words you're given to **create poems, stories, jokes or anything that comes to your mind.**

Challenge your friends to a race to see who's the first to use 50 or 100 tiles and create a *coherent* (logical) story in English.



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Or try to journal your day by only using the set of words

you get. Or write a geeky poem for your online crush.

Or...

You can actually create anything and everything with Magnetic Poetry, and since the free kits are in English, you'll also practice your vocabulary and writing skills.

Adaptive Spelling Quiz by SpellQuiz

Level: Beginner/Intermediate.

Key question: How can I teach (or learn) English with fun games and quizzes?

Imagine being able to do dictations online,

but: The site is absolutely cute and

well-designed.

The audio is *crystal clear* (very clear, easy to understand).

Each sentence gets checked and corrected immediately if you make mistakes. You can click on any word to know more about it.

The program takes your mistakes into account and gives you more and more difficult sentences as you advance and get better.

You can check your word and mistake statistics.

You can *unlock* (open, discover) achievements and see where you are in the global ranking.

Word Games by Learn English Today

Level: All levels.

Key question: How can I improve my English vocabulary with word games?

You came here looking for a word game. How about 135?



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Learn English Today’s creator woke up one day and thought to himself, “I’m going to create the biggest collection of word gamesonline.”

And so he did.

This story is probably not true, but what’s true is that Learn English Today offers **135 freeword games to help you improve your English vocabulary while having fun.**

Divided into **four levels** (easy, medium, more difficult and challenging) and **five categories** (crossword puzzles, jumbled sentences, quizzes, missing words and matching exercises – broken sentences), each one of these games will help you get better at English nomatter your level.

It’d be impossible to mention all the topics included in the games, but I can tell you my threefavorite ones, in case you want to try them:

Phrasal Verbs (Crossword puzzles, level “More difficult”).

Sightseeing (Missing words, level “Challenging”).

Preposition Quiz 1 (Quizzes, level “Easy”).

7 Words

Level: Advanced.

Key question: What’s the most challenging word game forEnglish students?

If I told you this simple name hides one of the most difficult but also entertaining and addictive games I’ve ever played inmy life, I wouldn’t be lying.

7 Words is super easy to play: you get **seven definitions and 18 tiles with letters**, and your goal is to click on the tiles to **create words that match the definitions.**

Each definition is followed by a number of gray squares that *correspond* (match) to thenumber of tiles you need to use to form that word.

Other than that and three *hints* (a small piece of practical information), that’s all you have



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to complete the **777 puzzles included in the game.**

When you guess one word, its definition *gets crossed out* (a line is drawn over it) and the corresponding tiles disappear.

Fun fact: I've completed the 777 puzzles twice. It took me about one week each time because I was constantly thinking about it and couldn't stop playing it.

ESL Crossword Puzzles

Level: All levels.

Key question: Where can I find the best ESL crossword puzzles?

Crossword puzzles are great for people who like a challenge, and for English language learners they're a **good way to test your reading comprehension and vocabulary skills.**



However, the crossword puzzles that you find in the Sunday newspaper are often too hard for English learners to complete. (Many of them are even too difficult for native English speakers who aren't good at *trivia*, or general knowledge questions.)

Fortunately, with ESL Crossword Puzzles you can challenge yourself with **word problems that were created especially for English language learners.**

The website is comprehensive and has a variety of crossword puzzles and difficulties to choose from, making it great for students of all skill levels. Just choose your level from the menu at the top of the homepage linked above.

What's especially helpful is that you're also able to choose from various themes, including:

Common words in English (Easy).

Medical vocabulary (Intermediate).

English words from other languages (Advanced).

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Level: Intermediate/Advanced.

Key question: Is there a game to practice English and help those in need at the same time?

Freerice is another **quiz-style game that helps you improve your vocabulary skills.**

Instead of answering word problems, you're given a vocabulary word and then have to find its closest synonym out of four different words.

The game starts out easy but, with 60 levels in total, it gets much harder as you go along.

What really makes Freerice different from other online games is that **the company will donate 10 grains of rice to hungry families for every question that you answer right.**

So the more you play, the more you're helping those in need.



Quiz Your English App

Level: All levels.

Key question: Which game is the best for learning English for an official exam?

If you're a grammar lover and you enjoy learning English on your phone while on the bus, during your lunch break or on your couch, this app is perfect for you.



**Cambridge
Assessment
English**

Quiz Your English was produced by Cambridge University Press, so you know it's a quality product.

It allows you to **play against any other user in the world**, and you can also invite and compete against your friends. Who will win?

Set your profile by logging in with your Facebook or Google account, choose your country and you're ready to play!

You'll see **different topics available, divided by level.** Choose the level and topic you want to play and the app will find *an opponent* (a player to play against) for you.

Some packs of questions can only be accessed if you pay for them. This option can be helpful if you want to practice a specific topic, or if you want to **get access to the**

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Cambridge

English Exams Pack, which will help you to practice for the official exams.

When playing against someone, you'll get questions to fill in the gaps with four possible answers. If you answer correctly, you can go to the next question, but if you make a mistake, the game will end.

After each game, you'll be able to see who won, your points and a menu where you can choose to play again, *challenge someone* (invite them to play against you) or see the world's and your country's rankings.

Lovatts Free Online Trivia

Level: Intermediate/Advanced.

Key question: Is there a trivia game for advanced English students? because let me tell you, some of the questions are only for trivia pros (professionals)!



If you're an intermediate or an advanced English learner, this game is **perfect to practice your English reading skills under pressure**. You're playing against the clock, and the more time you take to answer a question, the fewer points you get.

But even if you don't answer any question right, this game will help you practice your English and to learn *tidbits* (small pieces) of random information about the world and fun facts about the English language, which is awesome.

There are seven categories you can choose from: **General Knowledge, Dictionary, Entertainment, History, Food & Drink, Geography and Science & Nature.**

The system remembers your highest score, allowing you to challenge yourself *time and time again* (many times).

Each quiz includes 10 questions, some of which can appear again when you retake the quizzes.

If you ever need some help, you can always ask the system to help you out. Click on the word "Hint" in the upper-right side of the gray line, and one of the incorrect answers will be discarded.

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20 Questions

Level: All levels.

Key question: Is it possible to learn English with Alexa? When I was a kid, I used to play 20 Questions with my friends during recess (break between classes in primary school).

We didn't have smartphones or apps back in the '80s, so we just wrote down a word on a piece of paper and let the rest of the players ask questions.



The basic rules were: **One person chooses a word, and the rest of the players take turns asking “yes” or “no” questions.** You can only ask 20 questions—if no one can guess the word before 20 questions are up, the person who chose the word wins!

Originally, the only possible answers to the questions were “yes,” “no” or “I don’t know,” but the game has evolved with time, and now there are a lot of other possible answers you can choose from, like “maybe,” “sometimes,” “probably,” etc. (More on these in a moment.)

If you access 20 Questions from your computer or laptop, choose the option Think in American (or British, if you need to practice your British English).

Think of an **animal, vegetable, mineral, concept or unknown word.**

The category *Unknown* includes things like prime numbers, months or the words “tomorrow,” “infinity” and “reincarnation,” although most of them could be included in the *Concept* category.

There’s also the option of playing with Alexa.

This is a wonderful way to practice both speaking and listening comprehension at the same time, so if you have the chance, give it a try.

If you have an iPhone or an iPad, you can download the game and play it when you’re not on your computer.

Once you have chosen your word, the system will start asking questions that you’ll have to answer with “yes,” “no,” “unknown,” “irrelevant” (not important), “sometimes,” “maybe,” “probably,” “doubtful,” “usually,” “depends,” “rarely” or “partly.”

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If you're playing on your computer, each question together with your answer will appear on your screen while you play.

By the end of question number 20, the system will tell you what it believes you're thinking about.

If it doesn't get it right, it'll ask you a few more questions and give you some more answers. **If it's not able to guess your word, you win!**

You can also play **themed versions of the game**, which include questions from "Star Wars," "The Simpsons," sports, TV and more. The rules for the themed versions are the same, but they include two new word categories: *Person* and *Place*.