ELT Resources Online

The Internet is a rich and almost infinite source of ELT materials. These are not only provided by publishers but also by practising language teachers.

Worksheets and other materials are available for classroom use homework or self-study. You can find specific materials for young learners, Business English and special purpose exam preparation, skills work, ESOL etc. You can also access lessons written by other working teachers and get tips and ideas for use in the classroom.

The main UK ELT publishers each have websites offering a range of materials to download. These have often been written by established authors and cover a whole range of different language – learning situations.

Cambridge University Press
www.cambridge.org/elt

Longman
www.longman.com

Macmillan – OneStopEnglish
www.onestopenglish.com

Oxford University Press
www.oup.com/elt

As well as publishers' websites, there are many other websites offering downloadable materials and lesson ideas. These are often provided by teachers from around the world who have used these websites and want to share their ideas. Amongst the most popular are:

Dave Sperling's ESL café
www.eslcafe.com

English Club
www.englishclub.com

eslbase
www.eslbase.com

www.usingenglish.com

www.learnenglish.britishcouncil.org

Exercises & Tests

Interactive online material, such as multiple choice grammar & vocabulary exercises & tests offer students lots of extra practice and allow them to test themselves in many different areas of the language.

Interactive materials can be found on publishers' and independent sites. Some examples can be found at:

EFLnet

www.eflnet.com

OUP Test It, Fix It test

www.oup.com/elt/global/products/testitfixit/test

Vocabulary Reference

Each of the following sites provides links to categorised vocabulary links:

About.com English Vocabulary

http://esl.about.com/od/englishvocabulary

BBC learning English

www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish

Dictionary of English Idioms

www.usingenglish.com/reference/idioms

Language Games

British Council Learn English Central

www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-games-homepage.htm

The British Council; offers a large number of games which cover many areas of language. These range from single-screen drag-and-drop exercises which practise specialist vocabulary to the extensive Agents Underground, which requires players to solve puzzles in a tour of the London Underground and emails new passwords for entry to each new part of the game.

English Word Games

www.learn-english-today.com/wordgames.html

Free English Games

www.free-english-games.com

Interesting Things for ESL Learners

www.manythings.org

Listening Activities

There are two types of listening activities available as podcasts: those produced by academic institutions or language-course providers, and those produced by enthusiastic teachers. They style of these varies from closely scripted example of spoken English designed to focus on specific grammatical, lexical or functional content to more relaxed, entertaining monologues or dialogues intended to provide examples of 'real' English in context. These podcasts are usually accompanied by support material such as a transcript or vocabulary list. The following websites can be useful sources of podcasts for your classroom:

ESLpod
www.eslpod.com

www.learnenglish.britishcouncil.org
Podcast series

Business English Pod
www.businessenglishpod.com

TED Talks
www.ted.com
(Talks can be played with or without English subtitles)
(Ted-Ed videos – watch, share and create lessons)

ad.ted.com