

STUDENT/LEARNER RESOURCES - ESL

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1 DS: Favorite of CCSN lab students (4/07)

- Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab at www.esl-lab.com
- Word games, puzzles, quizzes, exercises, slang, proverbs, etc. at www.manythings.org
- English lessons, games, quizzes, forums, chat, lesson plans, jobs & more for ESL learners & teachers at www.englishclub.com

2 Learn English effectively at <http://www.antimoon.com/>

PH: This website is for ESL teachers and perhaps advanced students. It was created by two Polish students who found themselves unable to communicate in English despite many years of formal instruction. The site presents a unique view of ESL from the student's perspective. Finding this website changed the way I teach ESL! (4/06)

3 Improve English and math with factsheets, worksheets, quizzes, and games at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/>

This website is a wonderful resource for teachers and their intermediate and advanced ABE and ESL students. Skillswise showcases the latest and best in online education. In addition to educational content divided between "words" and "numbers," the site includes motivational stories and a message board. Be sure to check out the educational games linked to the homepage, or go directly to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/games/>. Though Skillswise is intended for residents of the UK, much of the content is available to everyone. I have used some of the English language games and fact sheets in my intermediate ESL classes. Though I am not teaching ABE Math, the numbers content appears potentially valuable. (4/06)

PC: The sites below are very popular with my students. Those with no previous experience with computers are able to use them with less than five minutes of instruction. In a class environment, more experienced students also help beginners navigate, without any help from me! (11/05)

4 English for All (www.myefa.org) is a free web-based program for adult speakers of other languages who want to learn English. It includes 20 episodes based on real-life situations, each with 15 minutes of video, six interactive activities, and a post-test. Students view the videos with or without viewing the script, practice oral vocabulary words, and complete a variety of activities related to vocabulary, grammar, life skills, and critical thinking, as well as complete a post-test for each episode.

PC: The site is best suited for students at the beginning intermediate or above levels.

5 Pumarosa (<http://www.pumarosa.com/>) is an ESL website for beginning and intermediate Spanish-speaking students.

PC: Because the explanations are in Spanish, this helps students jump-start their English studies. This approach conflicts with an "English-only" policy, but pointing out the similarities between the languages (e.g., cognates) seems too valuable to ignore.

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