

Online Resources for Tutors

Our goal is to select sites that are free to use, that appear to be current or maintained, and that are easy to navigate. We've tried to note when a site has ads and pop-ups. While some of these sites may offer a good experience for students to use on their own, many more sites offer segments tutors can incorporate into our lessons to supplement other materials we may be using. Please let us know if you find problems with these sites or have suggestions for other sites to include. [A printable version of the entire list is available here.](#) [updated 3/2025]

Websites are organized into the following categories:

General–Instruction and Resources

Vocabulary

Pronunciation

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General–Instruction and Resources

VOA Learn American English https://learningenglish.voanews.com/ dw	At the beginning level, VOA offers programmed instruction (Level 1 and 2) with 52 lessons. But for tutors the <i>additional</i> features offer many ways to supplement your lessons. At the beginning level are features such as How to Pronounce and News Words. For high beginners and intermediate level students find features such as stories organized by topic where students can listen as they read. English in a Minute (videos illustrating particular idioms), Everyday Grammar, Ask a Teacher, Words and their Stories, and World News stories organized by topic where students can listen as they read.
ThoughtCo.com https://www.thoughtco.com/esl-4133095 atv	A lively resource site for tutors. The expository language is advanced, so probably more useful as a tutor source for intermediate lessons and exercises. The language of the lessons seems directed to teachers to provide them with background information, easily adapted into lessons.
Dave's ESL Cafe https://www.eslcafe.com/ atv	Under "Resources," tutors will find exhaustive explanations of grammar rules and vocabulary. These are directed to tutors, not learners, so Dave's could provide support for tutors who feel they'd like grammar and usage explanations. There are quizzes for students, but the value here is the explanations of grammar and usage rules. Not super easy to navigate.
Learn American English Online https://www.learnamericanenglishonline.com/ atv	There are seven levels of instruction here, color-coded. Photographs and videos are included in the lessons, which mimic the form of traditional grammar books. A basic student could make use of this rich and easily navigated site. A tutor can pick and choose which lessons suit the learner.

<p>Ellii</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnFRJ3mNt6nL9vMHduwCCyg</p> <p>tb</p>	<p>The Ellii site, formerly ESL Library, offers short animated and hybrid videos to reinforce a grammar concept or introduce content specific vocabulary. Tutors can incorporate these short videos into their lessons. Voices are natural and not robotic. In addition, there are some pronunciation and dialogue videos. Mostly aimed at high-beginner level.</p>
<p>English Club</p> <p>https://www.englishclub.com/</p> <p>dw(bs)</p>	<p>There is a wealth of material here for learners and teachers. The number of ads and pop ups make navigation difficult. But this could be very useful, if tutors guide students to specific sections in, for example, Listen and learn in easy English, Learning English video project, etc.</p>

Vocabulary

<p>Language Guide</p> <p>https://www.languageguide.org/english/vocabulary/</p>	<p>This easy-to-navigate site could be used by basic learners. The audio component makes the micro-lessons engaging. The user hovers the cursor over colorful words and symbols, and the site pronounces each. A basic student could become grounded in basic vocabulary by working through these illustrated lessons.</p>
<p>Memrise: Language Learning App</p> <p>https://www.memrise.com/</p> <p>tb dw</p>	<p>Memrise offers a pro(\$) plan but their free plan (which requires you to open an account with them) includes these features: video clips of phrases used in real life, gamified tests that train language skills, and personalized review.</p>
<p>Grammar Monster</p> <p>https://www.grammar-monster.com/ESL-vocabulary-lists.html</p> <p>dw</p>	<p>These are vocabulary lists for beginning students. From broad categories choose more specific categories to find lists that offer flash cards with picture, text and audio pronunciation. Then find games and self-correcting tests to reinforce learning. The British accent is not too strong but the occasional British term may need some explanation (we'd say spatula, not egg slice).</p>
<p>Agenda Web</p> <p>https://agendaweb.org/vocabulary/feelings-emotions-exercises.html</p> <p>atv</p>	<p>This site is colorful and easy to navigate for basic learners. There are video and audio components enabling students to recognize and label emotions. Using this site could be a back door into encouraging learners to identify and name their own emotions.</p>

Pronunciation

<p>Accent Chanel</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/@Theaccentchannel</p> <p>tb</p>	<p>With the Accent Channel, the tutor and student can watch specific video clips together and pause periodically to practice. The speech pathologist/teacher goes through the physical movement of the mouth and tongue. The site is better for intermediate/advanced level students because of her lengthy explanations.</p>
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<p>Clear English Corner</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLRLeMavQb2rjhCZkXrm6kKTQ-QLYu5i1Y</p> <p>dw</p>	<p>Compared to the Accent Channel, these segments are shorter, and maybe spoken a little slower. The instructor is also a speech pathologist, and because of the more advanced explanations of how to make the sounds, this site is also for intermediate/advanced level students.</p>
<p>Rachel's English</p> <p>https://rachelsenglish.com/explore/</p> <p>dw (bs)</p>	<p>Great videos broken down into Practice American sounds, Improve your accent, Learn English vocabulary and Study English conversation. Not for beginners.</p>

Conversation

<p>Learn English with English Class101</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/@EnglishClass101/featured</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NNamZZsggM4</p> <p>atv dw</p>	<p>There's a wealth of videos here: English for every day, English in three minutes, and more. And many stress how to speak more like a native. Some are for beginners, more are for higher levels.</p> <p>There is also a long video (2 Hours of English Conversation Practice) with lots of strategies for improving speaking skills.</p>
<p>English Speaking Course</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/@EnglishSpeakingCourses</p> <p>tb</p>	<p>These little animated stories with slowly spoken phrases occur in real-world situations, including restaurant conversations between server and customers. Beneficial for beginning-advanced levels.</p>
<p>English Easy Practice</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=henIVICPVIY</p> <p>dw</p>	<p>These are short animated videos of everyday conversations in American English (at the hotel, at the bookstore, at the restaurant, etc.) for the beginning adult learner. Total time is 30 minutes.</p>
<p>ELLLO English Listening Lessons Library Online</p> <p>https://elllo.org/index.htm</p> <p>dw</p>	<p>From the homepage you can choose a language level. There are conversations to listen to, videos to view, most with the script and interactive quiz. Lots of ideas are given here for working with these lessons.</p>

ESL Fast Easy Conversations https://www.eslfast.com/easydialogs/ atv and dw	Beginning/Intermediate students can listen to these easy conversations (dialogs) on daily life while reading along with the script. But a warning—navigation is tricky with lots of ads.
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Reading and reacting

Breaking News English https://breakingnewsenglish.com/ atv	Offering lessons based on readings on contemporary topics (in levels 0 to 6), the site is facile and up-to-date. An advanced learner could probably navigate the lessons, but a basic learner would require tutor assistance. Sample reading topics include “Fog harvesting could provide water for dry cities.”
News in Levels https://www.newsinlevels.com/ dw	Current world news stories are available in three levels with audio, text, new vocabulary and video. Some ads, but not as difficult to navigate as Breaking News.
Deep English https://deepenglish.com/blog/ dw (bs)	Learn Language with Stories offers free articles to listen to at different speeds, and read with vocabulary help. These seem for more advanced students. AI chat conversations about the stories are available.

Spanish speakers

Web Inglés https://www.youtube.com/@WebIngles/featured dw	There are many lessons (videos) covering vocabulary, pronunciation, conversation (dialogs) in beginning and intermediate levels. The organization of the site is a little lacking but tutors could find much here to use with their students.
Alejo Lopera Ingles https://www.youtube.com/@alejolopera/featured dw	Lopera is Colombian and offers lots of lively videos covering grammar, phrasal verbs, etc at beginning to intermediate levels. Use the search box to find the particular topic you’re trying to reinforce. (En estos videos vas a aprender, recordar y reforzar conceptos, gramática y vocabulario en Inglés de manera divertidad y sencilla. Además cada video dura 5 minutos o menos.)
Amigos Ingleses https://www.youtube.com/@AmigosIngleses/videos dw	Phillip (in England) and Isabel (from Madrid) provide many videos with help on pronunciation, vocabulary, idioms, grammar. Sometimes his English and her Spanish might raise questions but these are quick, lively supplementary materials. Not identified by levels.