

TEACHER/TUTOR RESOURCES - ESL

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- 1 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)

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- 2 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)

- 3 Dave's ESL Café (www.daveseslcafe.com)

AH: I love this Web site because it is very user friendly, very colorful, and has tons of "fun" ideas. I start with the "idea cookbook" section and go to different topics based on what I want to teach. I have used the "ice breakers" section extensively. Ideas are submitted by teachers from all over the world and most of them are very enjoyable for the students to participate in and for the teacher to implement. There is a section for students where quizzes are provided for idioms, phrasal verbs, slang, etc. and also a listing of available teaching jobs for teachers worldwide. (1/06)

- 4 Inside out (www.insideout.net) provides many free resources for ESL teachers.

AH: You can provide your email address and be emailed daily lesson plans. The level and the necessary materials are specified. Also, a worksheet for the lesson is provided in Acrobat reader both for the student and the teacher. The site also provides lists of other Web sites related to the specific topic being taught. There are many lessons on seasonal events worldwide and the majority of the topics are very interesting and "fun" to teach. (1/06)

- 5 English for All (<http://www.myefa.org/login.cfm>) is a free Web site linked with CASAS standards. It offers video, audio, and text and incorporates an online dictionary for 16 languages. "Visitors" can view the material without registration. Registration allows teachers to set up and manage classes. Richmond, Thacher, and Porter reported results of their efficacy study ("Studying ESOL Online", [Focus on Basics, March 2005](#), p. 38).

PC: This site is best suited for beginning intermediate or above students. I have used this material in my ESL intermediate level classes. Students may also access lessons on their own — the site is very popular with my students. Teachers can print hard-copy transcripts of each lesson. (11/05)

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6 **CBD: Worthy of recommendation (7/05):**

6.1 Equipped for the Future (EFF) <http://eff.cls.utk.edu/default.htm>

6.2 National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL)
<http://www.ncsall.net/>

6.3 Center for Adult English Language Acquisition (CAELA) <http://www.cal.org/caela>

6.4 ESL Special Collection <http://www.literacynet.org/esl/aboutus.html>

6.5 ESOL Starter Kit http://www.aelweb.vcu.edu/publications/ESLKit/ESLKit_2002.pdf

7 The *Practitioner Toolkit: Working with Adult English Language Learners (ELLS)* provides support and resources to adult education and family literacy instructors new to serving adults and families learning English. It is free and available at <http://www.cal.org/caela/tools/index.html>, then click on practitioner toolkit.

- **CDB: Overall I was very impressed with this toolkit! I think this document is definitely worth having at all our program sites because it offers lots of good research-based information, classroom ideas, and resources. Both new and experienced teachers would find it very helpful. (2/05, updated 5/07)**

8 Virginia's ESOL Main Street (www.jmu.edu/mainstva/) is a multipurpose, multilevel site that provides basic life-skills information in an interactive format that is "pertinent not only to VA residents but to ESL and ABE programs throughout the nation."

- **CDB: I liked what I saw — probably good for intermediate ESL learners and above, as well as for ABE! (7/04)**
- **SF: Looks good and likely very useful. (7/04)**