



## SPECIAL EDITION!

**E-RESOURCES:** Welcome to this Special Edition of the Literacy Link Newsletter! In this newsletter, we hope to “link” you to internet resources that both you and your student can use. While most of our students, and many of our tutors, are comfortable online, we understand that not everyone is an expert. Please talk to us and ask questions! We love to help tutors and students learn to use these resources, or we can help to find alternatives to going online.



### My student needs something to READ!

<https://www.thetimesinplainenglish.com/>



The Times in Plain English



An online newspaper appropriate for high-beginning or intermediate level learners. Articles can be searched by topic, i.e. health and education or world news. Articles can be easily printed, and students can listen to any text that they highlight. Don't miss the Check Inside feature which has several discussion questions (and answers!) about each article. If you provide your email, this free newspaper is delivered right to your inbox!

### Reading Skills for Today's Adults

[http://resources.marshalladulthoodeducation.org/reading\\_skills\\_home.htm](http://resources.marshalladulthoodeducation.org/reading_skills_home.htm)



Great for beginners through intermediate! Choose to read and listen to the stories online. Comprehension and speaking and writing prompts follow each story. OR Choose to print out the story and the worksheet with the questions on it. Don't miss the Helpful Hints, Answer Keys and Research at the bottom of the page for tutors!

### My student needs something to LISTEN TO!

<https://www.culips.com/>



Great for everyone except the very lowest beginning listeners!  
*Simplified Speech:* natural conversations speaking slowly and clearly  
*Chatterbox:* English conversations at normal speed  
*Catch Word:* English idioms, phrases and slang

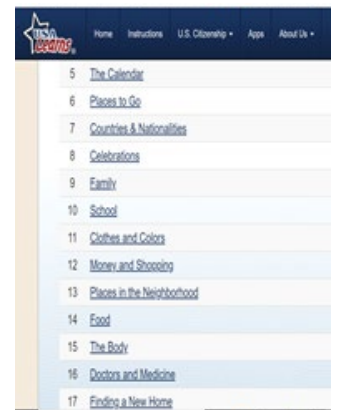
Podcasts are like radio shows! You can easily download episodes and listen on your phone anywhere! According to their website, “each Culips episode is designed to teach natural English vocabulary.”

### My student is a BEGINNER!

<https://www.usalearns.org/>



This is a FANTASTIC site for beginners! The topics are organized into the life skills that are typically found in student textbooks. Each lesson includes a video for listening practice. The student can listen (or listen and read the transcript). Each lesson also develops and practices useful vocabulary and grammar. Free, but requires registration with email and password. Works great on iPads, Kindles and other larger screens, but not so great on the small cell phone screens.





<https://www.engvid.com>



This website is great for our VISUAL LEARNERS! There are videos for both beginning, intermediate, and advanced students on a wide variety of topics, including grammar, pronunciation, business English, slang and vocabulary. The website boasts it has 1413 videos and growing!

## Civics Resources



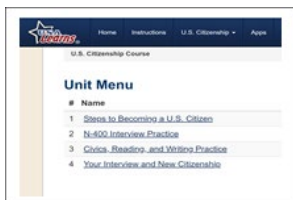
<https://www.elcivics.com/civics.html>



If you're looking for information and worksheets on HOLIDAYS, this is the place! In addition to the usual CIVICS TOPICS (13 Colonies, Declaration of Independence), there are more up-to-date topics, too. Check out the lesson on Nancy Pelosi!

<https://www.usalearns.org/usa-learns-citizenship>

Includes reading and writing practice, and videos to help your student through the citizenship process.



## One site that does it all!

<https://www.myenglishpages.com/>



- MY ENGLISH PAGES
- Learn English Grammar Online
  - Grammar            Listening
  - Speaking           Writing
  - Vocabulary        Jokes/Idioms

This site is particularly useful because it has lots of tests that students can do (and do again) to practice. The tests cover both grammar points and vocabulary. Check out the Exercises tab. Another great area on this page is the Speaking section. Does your student need to learn how to introduce people? Make a suggestion or a complaint? Talk about hope? These and other speaking functions are clearly explained with lots of examples.

## My student is always translating!

<http://learnersdictionary.com/>



LearnersDictionary.com

Instead of a translator, steer your student toward this free dictionary specifically written for ESL students. Words are explained in simple English with lots of example sentences. The site includes Word of the Day, Top searched-for Words of the Week, and vocabulary quizzes. One section focuses on the CORE 3000 vocabulary words that students need to know. The CORE 3000 are arranged both alphabetically and within categories, i.e. parts of your body, or air travel. Students can also create a free account and make their own personal vocabulary lists.

## Visit our TEACH website for More Resources!

<https://www.teachempowers.org/>



Always check our website! There are grammar, vocabulary, reading and holiday worksheets in the Tutor Resources section. Our newsletters often have Tutor Resources that we've discovered and want to share. You can find back issues on our web page. Also, try to attend one of our Professional Development Workshops! We offer them four times each year. Please check in with us often as we strive to become YOUR #1 RESOURCE to help your student succeed!

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