

Websites for Teachers of Secondary English Language Learners

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[TDSB's Code of Online Conduct](#)

[TDSB's Privacy Policies and Procedures, Guides and Fact Sheets](#)

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TDSB educators are encouraged to start by utilizing all the curriculum resources readily available through our [TDSB Library](#) and [TDSB Virtual Library](#). These are resources that we currently have agreements and licences in place with vendors. For ease of access and to better understand the curriculum resources available, please review the following:

[Short information video](#)

[Virtual Library](#)

[Virtual Library Can Be Leveraged](#)

In addition to the curriculum resources located in the [TDSB Library](#), there are a number of curriculum resources highlighted that are operated by organizations ***outside*** of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). Reference to these resources does not imply endorsement. These organizations are solely responsible for the operation and information found on their sites. As TDSB educators, in accessing these resources, it is essential to please review all of the policies, procedures and information listed above.

A Toolkit for Selecting Equitable and Culturally Relevant and Responsive Texts for English and Language, K-12

TDSB Google Site

- Choose from a wide selection of TDSB student-created texts that can be accessed as flip books or downloaded: [Welcoming Newcomers Student Author Series](#); [Mindfulness Matters](#); [Financial Literacy Student Author Series](#); [TDSB ELL Student Anthology](#); [ERGO Live Well Series](#); [Making Good Choices](#)

www.tdsb.on.ca/library

- Click on TDSB Virtual Library
- You can access – Encyclopedias, News, e-Books, elementary subjects and so much more (Use Learnmark to connect)
- **Encyclopedias:** [Britannica School](#) (Three reading levels available and articles can be translated)
- **Online Databases:** [Pebble Go](#) (Non-Fiction topics for early readers)
- **Ebooks:** [Tumble Book Library](#) (Fiction and Non-Fiction); [Teen Book Cloud](#) (teen and

middle school Hi/Lo e-books with Accelerated Reader reading levels ranging from 3.0 to 5.0). [Capstone Interactive](#) (Login required; Non-Fiction books for grades 4-8, read-aloud available)

- **Current News:** Canadian Reader (Grades 3-5) and What in the World 1 and 2 (Grades 6-8 and 8-10 respectively) are available from the "Educator" tab (scroll down to "Current Events Resources" and click on "[Les Plan](#)")

[Global Digital Library](#)

- Digital books available at 4 different reading levels.

[Bow Valley College ESL Literacy Readers](#)

- Digital books with read-aloud function, available at 7 different reading levels.

ESL Video - <https://eslvideo.com/>

This is an American-produced website that contains a wide array of videos on mostly diverse, culturally appropriate topics. Clips are usually short, depending on the level, most running under five minutes. Videos have been organized according to level: beginner, low-intermediate, intermediate, high-intermediate and advanced. Some teacher discretion is advised for the latter, as well as preliminary set-up for students just developing an understanding of certain media formats. All videos—often highlighting a language-development point (e.g., grammar, idioms, etc.)—come with a multiple choice, comprehension quiz, and many with a vocabulary cloze exercise as well. With further teacher input, these could be easily extended. The site also provides a mechanism for teachers to create their own quizzes from videos they would like to upload to the site. Lessons are printable.

Breaking News English - www.breakingnewsenglish.com

All lessons are based on stories currently in the news (international in scope). Components include: Listen (in various speeds), Read, Grammar, Spell, and Vocabulary. Lessons are free. There are 7 levels, from elementary to advanced. There is a new lesson every two days. All lessons are also downloadable in PDF format. There are quizzes (multiple choice, cloze, matching, short-answer) for each lesson. Listening files in British and North American English are on-site, and can be downloaded in mp3 format or subscribed to via a podcast. There are graded listening exercises with each lesson

Best of the Reader - bestofthereader.ca

This site offers a series of easy readings in the form of e-books for adult learners in a similar format to *Amazing Canadian Newspaper Stories*. The stories are taken from past issues of *The Westcoast Reader* (1982-2009,) a newspaper for adult

learners of English. Examples of e-books include titles such as “Canada’s Indigenous Peoples” and “Sports”. Each reading comes with activities such as questions, cloze activities, vocabulary building, puzzles and recipes. These materials are free to download and distribute.

ESL Fast - <https://eslfast.com/>

This site provides free resources for kindergarten to ESL level 6 and some content **only** appropriate for adult learners. There are a variety of simple readings, essays and audio recordings of conversations. Much of the content relates to everyday life such as finding an apartment, national holidays and how to call in an emergency. The readings come with vocabulary, cloze and dictation activities. There are also some grammar tasks. **Please note:** this site features American content (such as 100 famous Americans) and has ads.

English Learner - englishlearner.com

English exercises on grammar, reading, comprehension, vocabulary and listening at the beginner through advanced levels. These include cloze exercises with popular songs, multiple choice tests, and exercises converting sentences.

A 4 ESL - a4esl.org/q/h/ a4esl.org

Self-study grammar and vocabulary quizzes, crossword puzzles, and YouTube listen and repeat videos. There is also a section for teachers that includes the TESL Journal.

ESL Lab - esl-lab.com

This is an American English listening site created by Randall Davis. Listening activities are divided into easy, intermediate and difficult levels, and there are numerous themes and topics. Self-marking quizzes and scripts accompany each activity. There are also cultural videos, vocabulary lessons (with quizzes), and academic listening conversations.