

Resources for Tutor-Student Continuing Instruction from a Distance (Prepared by ProLiteracy with additions from other Literacy Organizations) As of 10/1/20

Distributing Lessons for Distance Learning

- Mail or drop off documents to be used
- Message or text, using any of the messenger tools, a link to the site(s) you are using for the lesson or to the documents that you will use during the lesson. Example below:
 - Text 1:** *Good morning! For today's lesson I'd like you to spend 30 minutes working on your pronunciation of the /th/ sound in English. First, watch this video:*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1KNo1TGALA>
 - Text 2:** I have attached a worksheet with words that have "th"
 - Text 3:** *Have fun, and let me know if you have any questions!*
- Set up a website to house your links and documents. Some tools for this purpose include:
 - **Google Drive and Docs** - The easiest way to do this is to use your Google Drive. You can create a Google Doc or video and place in your Google Drive. In your Google Docs you can place all of the links to items being used in your lesson, and then share the URL link with your student. You can revise the content on that Google Doc by adding new lesson links. Students do not need a Google account nor email account to access. Google Docs can also be used to create worksheets or writing prompts.
 - **Padlet** - Another site that is easy to use is Padlet. You can sign up easily using your Gmail. Students only need the link to access your Padlet wall (no email, no password, no signing up). Again, you can simply change the wall for each lesson, eliminating the need to give your students a new URL link each week.

Tools for Creating Lesson Documents

- Create your own lesson documents (see tools below). They can be sent to the student or placed on your shared drive (e.g., Google Drive or Padlet).
- Create a video for your student to watch and send via text or put on a shared drive. Most computers have a built-in mic and webcam, as well as internal software which allows you to record yourself (usually part of your camera function). Also, you can record a video on your cell phone (the same way you would take a picture, except you record instead of taking a still image).
- Have your student create a video or recording of themselves and send to you via text. If you are using a texting platform like WhatsApp, students can use the record button to record themselves speaking in lieu of texting. That way, you can give them a prompt, say, 'What did you do yesterday?' (e.g., to elicit use of past tense for ESL).

Education.com

This site can be used to create puzzles and scrambles from words

<https://www.education.com/worksheet-generator/reading/>

Kahoot

There are a wealth of options for creating online quizzes. One of the most popular is Kahoot, where you can either use someone else's pre-made quiz, or create your own. The only thing you need to provide your students is the link and an access pin to that particular quiz. To create your own quiz, create a teacher account using your Gmail, then watch. <https://kahoot.com/>

Quizlet or Quizizz

Free site to create online flashcards and games to be used for training <https://quizlet.com/>.

[Quizizz.com](https://quizizz.com/) has access to pre-made quizzes for free. Quizzes are made to feel like a game.

Quill

Writing instruction into a free, open source digital platform. Activities help students develop their sentence construction and grammar skills and are designed as supplemental writing exercises that students complete over short, 10 to 15 minute sessions. Quill offers prompts and exercises and delivers instant feedback to help students write, revise, and revise again until they are able to produce succinct, powerful sentences. <https://www.quill.org/>

Goggle Forms

Create Q&A documents or interactive exercises that can be created to support a lesson plan.

<https://www.google.com/forms/about/> (free)

Sites with Prepared Digital Lessons and Documents

Listed below are solutions from New Readers Press, there are many other digital resources that can help facilitate distance learning. Some include:

New Readers Press, ProLiteracy's Publishing Division (Most Items Require Purchase)

New Readers Press Online Learning: Free 90-day pilots available for online Pre-HSE, GED® test prep, and HiSET® exam prep courses to keep your learners on track to reach their HSE goals. (<https://www.newreaderspress.com/digital-solutions>)

News for You Online: *News for You* Online uses current event articles and human-interest stories to engage learners' interest while building skills in reading, comprehension, and vocabulary. *News for You* Online includes a Tips for Teachers section where instructors can find the video How to Use *News for You* Online and other helpful resources.

<https://www.newreaderspress.com/news-for-you-online>

CrowdED Learning

CrowdED Learning provides an inventory of free or open content learning tools that reduce barriers for adult learners' education and employment while promoting persistence and lifelong learning.

(<https://www.crowdedlearning.org/explore/skill-directory>). [Language Link has stories to read and practice comprehension <https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone>]

LINCS Learner Center

The Learner Center links to federally-funded resources for learners. It is organized around goals such as “Learn to Read” or “Learn English.” All resources are free, online, and ready for adult learners to engage with at any time. (<https://learner.lincs.ed.gov/>)

ShareAmerica link has many of the resources are related to Naturalization topics. Includes a video and transcript/vocabulary.

Another linked site <https://americanenglish.state.gov/resources/dialogs-everyday-use> has materials to be used that are dialogs for Everyday life and are simpler.

USA Learns

USA Learns is a free website to help adults learn English online. Includes lessons for U.S. Citizenship as well. (www.usalearns.org/)

VOA

Has lessons that you can read, play out loud, and do tests of comprehension
<https://learningenglish.voanews.com/>

Readworks

FREE library of content, curriculum, and tools with curated nonfiction and literary articles, along with reading comprehension and vocabulary supports, Students can highlight, annotate, and complete assignments online. <https://www.readworks.org/>

Eslibrary

From grammar and literacy to dialogues, discussions, and debates, it is a library of student-focused content that makes it easy to find materials relevant to all your students’ language needs. (Cost)
<https://eslibrary.com/>

Teach-this

ESL/EFL teaching resources for free. Download teaching activities, lessons, worksheets, articles, games and ideas. <https://www.teach-this.com/>

Handouts Online

EFL ESL ESOL Worksheets. Conversation, grammar, comprehension and discussion. Download free samples. www.handoutsonline.com

COVID-19 quizzes below in English and Spanish

Futuro Sólido shares quizzes in English and Spanish to counteract hysteria and promote smart decisions that will protect your employees, your workplace, and our society.

English quizzes:

<https://app.quizzify.com/demos/coronavirus-quiz>

Spanish quizzes:

<https://app.quizzify.com/es/demos/coronavirus-quiz>

Homophones List

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A website with thousands of homophone examples. You could pick a couple at a time to practice with the class or refer students to the website to study on their own. <http://homophonelist.com/>

UE Using English

A collection of free ESL tools and resources, includes quizzes; view by ESL level or theme <https://www.usingenglish.com/>

***TEFL.net**

ESL lesson plans and worksheets such as numbers, using future tense <https://www.tefl.net/>

ESLauthority.com

Free ESL worksheets you can use. <https://eslauthority.com/>

AmericanEnglish.state.gov

Includes a range of free lessons that can be downloaded. <https://americanenglish.state.gov/>

Newsela.com

Create a free account to have access to current news articles at 5 ESL levels. <https://newsela.com/>

Bow Valley Easy Readers

ESL literacy reading and listening excersizes at different ESL levels. <https://globalaccess.bowvalleycollege.ca/learners/readers.php>

Lanternfish – ESL

ESL free resources including flashcards, worksheet, puzzles, phonics and more. <https://bogglesworldesl.com/>

Internet TESL Journal

Resources for teachers of english as a second language, such as conversations, sample lessons, games and other activities.. <http://iteslj.org/>

English Maven

Free online english lessons and exercizes, puzzles, and reading sheets and online quizzes. (example: many work sheets on verb tenses). <https://www.englishmaven.org/>

English for Everyone

Printable English worksheets at various levels of skill. <https://www.englishforeveryone.org/>

ESLPDF.com

Site for grammar and vocabulary worksheets based on daily activities. <http://www.eslpdf.com/>

News In Levels

World news for students of English at different levels. <https://www.newsinlevels.com/>

Dave's ELS Café

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Some resource pages available on English lessons. Good for grammar, idioms, phrase verbs and pronunciation. <https://www.eslcafe.com/>

English Club

List of common words for vocabulary, reading and writing skill lessons, games; verbal phonemic charts, sample business language, and much more . <https://www.englishclub.com/>

ESL Video

Site with free quizzes, lessons and online conversation classes for English language learners. <https://www.eslvideo.com/>

English Videos

Site with English video lessons.. <https://www.engvid.com/>

Student Resources and Independent Practice Tools

GED Practice

For advanced students, free GED sites can provide reading and writing exercises <https://www.gedpracticequestions.com/>

Duolingo

Must create an account; you can use on computer or download app to phone. <https://www.duolingo.com/>

WordUp

App for increasing English vocabulary. <http://www.wordupapp.co/>

FluentU

Videos with subtitles made for English learning; 14 days for free then requires a subscription. <https://www.fluentu.com/en/>

HelloTalk

Must download free app; chat (writing) based, but you can also send voice messages to and from your practice partner. <https://www.hellotalk.com/?lang=en>

REEPWorld

Online, interactive resource to build health-related vocabulary and comprehension. The site includes special sections on food, a healthy life, medicine, emergencies, health problems, and the body. <http://www.reepworld.org/englishpractice/health/index.htm>

US Citizenship

Resources to support citizenship training <https://www.uscis.gov/citizenship/educators/lesson-plans>

Intercambio

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Resources for ESL listening; videos on English sounds <https://intercambio.org/>

Voice Spice

Free easy to use online recorder and message sharing site. You record a message and send to others – they can then respond. <https://voicespice.com/>