English as a Second Language Resources

Please note: Publishers of ESL resources update their curriculum and change prices frequently. Check availability and prices from a variety of sources before choosing a resource.

Basic texts

Low Beginning Level
Word by Word Basic Picture Dictionary
Steven J. Molinsky and Bill Bliss
Pearson
Product details are available at www.longmanhomeusa.com
Picture dictionary for beginning level students; more than 2,500 words focused on using language to meet survival needs; includes dialogue practice and questions to promote discussion and communication skills. WordSongs music CD included.

Word by Word Basic Teacher's Guide with Multilevel Activities and Lesson Planner CD-ROM

Foundations
Steven J. Molinsky and Bill Bliss
Pearson
For low beginning level students, this structured text focuses on essential vocabulary and relevant life-skill topics. It features listening, speaking, reading and writing activities. The text employs active learning with interaction and physical activity.

Twelve Topics for ESL Beginners
ISBN 9780984281329
www.eslts.com
This has a teacher guide and student book. The teacher guide contains instruction for the teacher and all of the content and practice material to be used in creating lessons for teaching English as a Second Language to beginner level students. It contains the alphabet and writing exercises.

Total Physical Response in First Year English
Francisco Cabello, Ph. D
Sky Oaks Production, Inc.
www.tpr-world.com

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This is a complete guide for using TPR for teaching English.

*English in Action*
Wally Cirafesi
Navigators Resource Centre
https://navresources.ca

This resource is a Bible-based English program complete with TPR activities and other lesson plan ideas. It contains both a teacher and student book.

**Literate Beginners**
*Oxford Picture Dictionary: A complete vocabulary development program*
Jayme Adelson-Goldstein and Norma Shapiro
Oxford University Press
This picture dictionary includes 4,000 words and phrases, along with practice activities to help the student increase reading, thinking and speaking skills. Additional material is available to help the teacher extend the application of this item.

*Basic Oxford Picture Dictionary Literacy Program, Third Edition*
Garnet Templin-Imel
Oxford University Press
ISBN
This is a comprehensive whole-language, competency-based program. The program emphasizes literacy skills. Curriculum includes thinking, reading, and writing exercises.

**Multilevel Basic ESL Text Series**
*Side by Side, Third Edition*
Steven J. Molinsky, Bill Bliss
Pearson Education
This series is a four-level series, from high beginning through low advanced, that integrates life skill topics, language functions, and grammar. Student books have full color illustrations and photos. There are a variety of materials available for each level. Digital resources are also available.

*Step Forward*
Oxford Press
https://elt.oup.com
This series contains 4 levels with multiple resources including CDs, a literacy reproducible book, workbooks, student books, multi-level activity book, and teacher
resources. It features a consistent lesson presentation that includes vocabulary, life stories, grammar, everyday conversation, and real-life reading.

_Tried and True ESL Lessons_
Barbara Kinney Black
Tried and True ESL Resources
(www.TriedAndTrueESLResources.com)

Tried and True ESL Lessons has four levels, from beginning to advanced. Teacher and student books are available. This series was designed with faith-based ESL in mind and includes a biblical principle related to lesson content. Black is an experienced ESL ministry director and professor.

_Intercambio Interactive English_
https://intercambio.org
This series contains 6 levels and 12 books. Pronunciation practice includes a color vowel chart and “Pronunciation Fun.” There are some training resources available to help teachers use the series.

**Foundations of Language Learning and Teaching**
*Practical Techniques for Language Teaching* (Out of Print)
Michael Lewis and Jimmie Hill
Language Teaching Publications
ISBN 0-906717-55-8

(Resources for teaching Pronunciation*
*Pronunciation Contrasts in English, Second Edition*
Don L.F. Nilsen and Alleen Pace Nilsen
Waveland Press, Inc.
The focus is on individual sounds and minimal pair contrasts.

_Clear Speech from the Start*
Judy Gilbert
Cambridge University Press
This is designed for beginner students to help master crucial elements of English pronunciation and comprehension. Audio CD available.

_Clear Speech, 3rd Edition*
Judy Gilbert

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Cambridge University Press
This is designed for intermediate to high-intermediate students.

Small Talk, More Jazz Chats
Carolyn Graham
Oxford University Press
This set uses music and jazz rhythms to teach rhythm, stress, and intonation.

Bible Verse Chants
Glenda Reece
Available on Amazon.com
ISBN: 9780984481305
This is a book of chants for teaching English as a Second Language using verses from the NIV Bible. The lessons are designed to teach pronunciation with an emphasis on linking, sound units, and the rhythm of American English. The use of rhythm bubbles and sound unit marks help students distinguish between content and structure words, and helps them stop voicing each word as a separate and unconnected unit of speech.

Communication Practice Activities
It's Time to Talk! 101 Pages of Questions for Communication and Fluency
Elisa Doyle
Available from Canadian Resources for ESL
www.eslresources.com
Reproducible pages of discussion/interview questions

It's Time to Talk Again! 101 More Pages of Questions for Communication and Fluency
Elisa Doyle
Available from Canadian Resources for ESL
www.eslresources.com
Reproducible pages of discussion/interview questions

Something to Talk About, A Reproducible Conversation Resource for Teachers and Tutors
Kathleen Olson
University of Michigan Press

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Reproducible discussion starters and directions, divided into 13 topic areas

*Purple Cows and Potato Chips: Multi-Sensory Language Acquisition Activities*
Maryynn Christison and Sharon Bassano
Alta Book Center
Fifty-six activities, teacher's notes, and reproducible exercise sheets

*Look Who's Talking, Strategies for Developing Group Interaction*
Maryynn Christison and Sharon Bassano
Alta Book Center
Seventy-eight activities and reproducible exercise sheets

*The Great Big Bingo Book: Bingo Games for ESL Learners*
Nina Ito and Anne Berry
Pro Lingua Associates
Reproducible bingo boards with pictures and vocabulary

*The Card Book: Interactive Games and Activities for Language Learners*
Abigail H. Tom and Heather McKay
Alta Book Center
Contains 243 reproducible cards on nine general topics; directions for teaching activities

*101 Illustrated Crossword Puzzles eBook*
John F. Chabot
Full Blast Productions
Ten reproducible units, 9 of which are thematic.

*Fifty Speaking and Listening Activities, 3rd edition*
Deb Scott
Canadian Resources for ESL
Beginner to advanced level reproducible activities for children to advanced students.

*The Idiom Book*
Hal Niergarth with Elizabeth Niergarth
Pro Lingua Associates
High-intermediate to advanced; 1010 idioms in 101 two-page lessons

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*Oxford Picture Dictionary Classic Classroom Activities*
Oxford University Press
Included 168 partner and small-group activities; teacher notes

*Look Again Pictures for Language Development and Lifeskills*
Judy Winn-Bell Olsen
Alta Book Center
Twenty-two reproducible picture pairs containing eight differences each. Teaching suggestions included.

*Pictures for Language Learning (may be out of print)*
Andrew Wright
Cambridge University Press
Describes over 200 ideas for picture-generated language work with visuals easily available to the teacher

*Action English Pictures: Activities for Total Physical Response*
Noriko Takahashi and Maxine Frauman-Prickel
Alta Book Center
Sixty-six reproducible picture sequences with exercises, verb lists, teacher's notes, and suggestions; not limited to Total Physical Response use

*Real Stories: Real Heroes, Real Animals, Real People*
Pat Dyck
Canadian Resources for ESL
Reproducible, comic-book format of 16 stories with exercises; use with high beginners or adapt for higher-level students

*Communicating on Campus: Skills for Academic Speaking*
Amy Hemmert and Ged O'Connell
Alta Book Center
Focus on oral communication skills need in the classroom and other places on campus

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Idioms
*A Fine Kettle of Fish*
Kristin Pedersen
Canadian Resources for ESL
Sixteen themed units with reproducible student materials

*Idioms Delight*
John Arena
Mind Resources
Covers 75 common idioms, six lessons with reproducible activities

*The Slangman Guide to Street Speak*
David Burke
Slangman Publishing
A three-part course in American slang and idioms; available in eBook, mp3, and audio CD); note that other topics such as biz speak is also available

Cross-Cultural Communication Resources

*The American Ways: An Introduction to American Culture, 3rd edition* (out of print)
Kearny-Datesman, Crandall, and Kearney
Pearson Education ESL
A cultural reader designed to help understand the cultural values of the United States; provides readings and cross-cultural activities for small group and class discussions.

Gary Althen and Janet Bennett
Nicholas Brealey Publishing
Designed for non-Americans who want to understand cultural values and customs of US Americans

*The Crescent Project*
https://www.crescentproject.org/
This website has a variety of stories and resources for those working with Muslims.
Learning About Other Cultures

Reaching the World in Our Own Backyard: A Guide to Building Relationships with People of Other Faiths and Cultures
Rajendra K. Pillai
WaterBrook Multnomah Publishing Group
Wonderful basic introduction to cross-cultural ministry and specific dos and don'ts in dealing with culturally sensitive issues with people from more than 50 countries; also available as an ebook.

Culture Grams
ProQuest LLC
Individual four-page overviews of the culture of over 200 cultures; also available online Culturegram.stores.yahoo.net

Norine Dresser
Wiley
Gives readers an understanding of the dos and don'ts of interacting with those from other cultures.

Books on the Cultures of Individual Countries

Gestures: the Do's and Taboos of Body Language Around the World
Roger E. Axtell
Wiley
Covers the world of gestures and what they mean, how to use them, and when to avoid them.
ISBN: 978-0471183426

Do's and Taboos Around the World, 3rd Edition
Roger E. Axtell, editor
Wiley
Information on protocol, customs, and etiquette around the world
ISBN: 978-0471595281

A Beginner's Guide to Crossing Cultures: Making Friends in a Multi-cultural World

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Patty Lane
InterVarsity Press
Written from a Christian perspective, this book is a wonderful help to understanding different cultural perspectives with practical suggestions about building relationships across cultures and dealing with cultural conflict.

Books to Teach Culture

*Culturally Speaking, Third Edition* (out of print)
Rhona B. Genzel and Martha Graves Cumming
Heinle ELT
Designed to build useful, comfortable communication skills through exploration of common experiences

*New Ways in Teaching Culture* (out of print)
Alvino Fantini, editor
TESOL Publications
Introduction to teaching culture and activities to use while teaching culture

*Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims*
[https://www.crescentproject.org/bridges/](https://www.crescentproject.org/bridges/)

Bible-Based Materials

Bibles and Biblical Material in Basic English

*Contemporary English Version of the Bible (CEV),* 5.4 reading level
American Bible Society
1865 Broadway
New York, NY 10023-7505
1-800-322-4253
www.bibles.com

*New International Readers Version (NIrV),* third grade reading level
Biblica (formerly International Bible Society)
1820 Jet Stream Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

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Learning and Teaching English through the Bible: A Pictorial Approach
MariAnne Dibbley
CELA Publishing (2012)
English
ISBN-10: 0988068605

_The Jesus Storybook Bible_
Sally Lloyd-Jones
ISBN 978-0-310-70825-4
This Bible storybook is good for children as well as being an easy-reader for adults.

_Tried and True ESL Lessons in Genesis_
Barbara Kinney Black
Tried and True ESL Resources
[www.TriedAndTrueESLResources.com](http://www.TriedAndTrueESLResources.com)

Eyes to See, Hears to Hear
Heidi Jensen
Email: hjensengsn@gmail.com
This resource was previously published by Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ). It contains 12 multi-level lessons based on the Jesus Film Project. Contact the author directly since she owns the rights to the material.

**Bibles, Tracts, and Materials in Other Languages**

American Bible Society
1865 Broadway
New York, NY 10023-7505
1-800-322-4253
[www.bibles.com](http://www.bibles.com)

Biblica (formerly International Bible Society)
1820 Jet Stream Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
800-524-1588
[www.biblicadirect.com](http://www.biblicadirect.com)

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The Jesus Film Project in more than 1583 languages
www.jesusfilm.org

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Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City
P.O. Box 419527
Kansas City, MO 64141
800-931-1900 (order line)
www.nph.com

Texts that Use Biblical Material to Teach ESL

English Lessons from the Bible: Book of Mark, Books 1 and 2
North American Mission Board
Available as a purchase through FedEx. Contact coordinator@literacymissionssbc.net

Multi-Language Media
P.O. Box 301
Ephrata, PA 17522
717-738-0582
http://multilanguage.com

ESL Resources for Children

Types of General Children's Books that You Can Use with ESL children

Books that illustrate concepts
Use books with limited text and clear illustrations — opposites, shapes prepositions (on, under, around, through)

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Books with illustrations that support and extend meaning
Use picture books with no words, and picture books with bright clear illustrations of the action in the story.

Books with predictable features
Use books with predictable language and rhyming.

Books that support the academic curriculum
Use simplified, illustrated explanations of academic subject matter.

Books linked to the child's culture
Use stories about people from the child's culture—in the United States, Canada, and in their own countries—and folktales from the child's culture.

Structured children's ESL series

*Let's Go, 4th edition*
Ritsuko Nakata, Karen Frazier, Barbara Hoskins, and Steve Wilkinson and Carolyn Graham
Oxford University Press
Includes student books, teacher guides and other resources
Order: (800) 542-2442 or (919) 677-0977
http://elt.oup.com

Other Resources

*The Oxford Picture Dictionary for Kids*
Oxford University Press
Presents over 700 words with 60 colorful illustration; shows children and their families in everyday situations at home, school, around town, and out in the world.
Order: (800) 542-2442 or (919) 677-0977
http://elt.oup.com

*The Oxford Picture Dictionary for Kids, Teacher's Book*
Oxford University Press
Teaching techniques and strategies for each of the pictures in the dictionary; can be used without the workbook and reproducible collection that are other components of this resource.
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**Very Young Learners**  
Vanessa Reilly and Sheila M. Ward  
Oxford University Press  
More than 80 activities, games, and songs for working with pre-school children  
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**Creating Stories with Children**  
Andrew Wright  
Oxford University Press  
Contains a variety of ideas for using stories to teach English  
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**ESL Teacher's Activities Kit**  
Elizabeth Claire  
Order from the author: http://elizabethclaire.com/store/  

**Games for Children**  
Gordon Lewis and Gunther Bedson  
Oxford University Press  
This book shows how to use games in the classroom to strengthen language learning.  
Order: (800) 542-2442 or (919) 677-0977  
http://elt.oup.com  

**Out of Your Chairs! 40 Active Games for ESL**  
Dani MacArthur and Thane Ladner  
Available from Canadian Resources for ESL  
Reproducible activities that help students experience language learning kinesthetically.  
www.eslresources.com  

**Jazz Chants for Children: Teacher's Edition**  
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McHenry, IL 60050-7030
1-800-323-8270
www.deltapublishing.com

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Longman, Prentice Hall Regents, Scott Foresman ESL, Addison Wesley
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