

## 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](http://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

ISBN-13: 978-0-13-159585-9

#### *Foundations*

Steven J. Molinsky and Bill Bliss

Pearson

Product details are available at [www.MolinskyandBdliss.longmanhomeusa.com](http://www.MolinskyandBdliss.longmanhomeusa.com)

Student Book ISBN -13: 978-0131731448

Teacher's Guide ISBN-13: 978-0132275545

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*

Glenda Reece

ISBN 9780984281329

[www.eslts.com](http://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](http://www.tpr-world.com)

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

*English in Action*

Wally Cirafesi

Navigators Resource Centre

<https://navresources.ca>

Teacher book ISBN: 9780963827302

Student book ISBN: 9780963827319

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*

Jayne Adelson-Goldstein and Norma Shapiro

Oxford University Press

ISBN-13: 978-0-19-902710-1

See product details at [elt.oup.com](http://elt.oup.com).

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.

### **Multilevel Basic ESL Text Series**

*Side by Side, Third Edition*

Steven J. Molinsky, Bill Bliss

Pearson Education

Read more at [www.pearson.com](http://www.pearson.com)

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

Find details by clicking on this link: <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 are available at Amazon in limited quantities

[www.barbara-black](http://www.barbara-black)

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.

*Ventures, Third Edition*

Bitterlin, Johnson, Price, Ramirez

Cambridge University Press

Six-level series (basic to low advanced) with teacher books, student books and workbooks, online resources. Books contain QR codes which students can use for listening and speaking practice at home.

**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.

[www.waveland.com](http://www.waveland.com)

ISBN-13: 978-1577666417

The focus is on individual sounds and minimal pair contrasts.

*Clear Speech from the Start*

Judy Gilbert

Cambridge University Press

[www.cambridge.org](http://www.cambridge.org) has product information.

This is designed for beginner students to help master crucial elements of English pronunciation and comprehension. Audio CD available.

Student Book ISBN-13: 978-0521619059

Teacher Book ISBN-13: 978-0521637350

*Clear Speech, 4th Edition*

Judy Gilbert

Cambridge University Press

Product details are at [www.cambridge.org](http://www.cambridge.org)

This is designed for intermediate to high-intermediate students.

Student Book ISBN-13: 978-0521543545

Teacher Book ISBN-13: 978-0521543552

*Small Talk, More Jazz Chats*

Carolyn Graham

Oxford University Press

These are out of print, but there are some listed on Amazon. There are YouTube videos.

This set uses music and jazz rhythms to teach rhythm, stress, and intonation.

Book ISBN-13: 978-0194342209

CD ISBN-13: 978-0194386098

*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.

Blue Canoe – smartphone app – Pronunciation activities for students, including a color-based vowel pronunciation system. Free and paid levels available.

Pronuncian – [www.pronuncian.com](http://www.pronuncian.com) – Pronunciation activities, minimal pairs for vowel sounds

English at Home – <https://english-at-home.com/pronunciation-minimum-pairs/> – Lists of minimal pairs for vowel sounds and selected consonants

**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](http://www.eslresources.com)

Reproducible pages of discussion/interview questions

ISBN-13: 978-09686858-53

*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](http://www.eslresources.com)

Reproducible pages of discussion/interview questions

ISBN-13: 978-09686858-60

*Something to Talk About, A Reproducible Conversation Resource for Teachers and Tutors*

Kathleen Olson

University of Michigan Press

Available at Amazon

Reproducible discussion starters and directions, divided into 13 topic areas

ISBN-13: 978-0472087600

*Purple Cows and Potato Chips: Multi-Sensory Language Acquisition Activities*

Marynn Christison and Sharon Bassano

Alta Book Center

Out of Print, but may be available used.

Fifty-six activities, teacher's notes, and reproducible exercise sheets

ISBN-13: 978-1882483310

*Look Who's Talking, Strategies for Developing Group Interaction*

Marynn Christison and Sharon Bassano

Alta Book Center

This is out of print but may be available used.

Seventy-eight activities and reproducible exercise sheets

ISBN-13: 978-188248334

*The Great Big Bingo Book: Bingo Games for ESL Learners*

Nina Ito and Anne Berry

Pro Lingua Associates

Find details at [prolingualearning](http://prolingualearning)

Reproducible bingo boards with pictures and vocabulary

ISBN-13: 978-0866471404

*The Card Book: Interactive Games and Activities for Language Learners*

Abigail H. Tom and Heather McKay

Alta Book Center

This is out of print but you may be able to find used copies.

Contains 243 reproducible cards on nine general topics; directions for teaching activities

ISBN-13: 978-1882483792

*Fifty Speaking and Listening Activities, 3rd edition*

Deb Scott

Canadian Resources for ESL

See <http://www.eslresources.com> for details.

Beginner to advanced level reproducible activities for children to advanced students.

ISBN-13: 978-1894799140

*The Idiom Book*

Hal Niergarth with Elizabeth Niergarth

Pro Lingua Associates

See [www.prolingualearning.com](http://www.prolingualearning.com).

High-intermediate to advanced; 1010 idioms in 101 two-page lessons

ISBN-13: 978-0866472593

*Oxford Picture Dictionary Classic Classroom Activities*

Oxford University Press

See details at [www.elt.oup.com](http://www.elt.oup.com)

Included 168 partner and small-group activities; teacher notes

ISBN-13: 978-019-474023-4

*Look Again Pictures for Language Development and Lifeskills*

Judy Winn-Bell Olsen

This is out of print, but you may be able to find some used.

Alta Book Center

Twenty-two reproducible picture pairs containing eight differences each. Teaching suggestions included.

ISBN-13: 978-1882483709

*Action English Pictures: Activities for Total Physical Response*

Noriko Takahashi and Maxine Frauman-Prickel

Alta Book Center

This is out of print, but it may be available used.

Sixty-six reproducible picture sequences with exercises, verb lists, teacher's notes, and suggestions; not limited to Total Physical Response use

ISBN-13: 9781-882483716

*Real Stories: Real Heroes, Real Animals, Real People*

Pat Dyck

Canadian Resources for ESL

See <https://www.eslresources.com>

Reproducible, comic-book format of 16 stories with exercises; use with high beginners or adapt for higher-level students

ISBN-13: 978-1894799034

*Communicating on Campus: Skills for Academic Speaking*

Amy Hemmert and Ged O'Connell

Alta Book Center

This is out of print, but it may be available used.

Focus on oral communication skills need in the classroom and other places on campus

Student Book ISBN-13: 978-1-882483679

Teacher Guide ISBN-13: 978-1-882483686

Audio CD ISBN-13: 978-1-932383201

### **Idioms**

*A Fine Kettle of Fish*

Kristin Pedersen

Canadian Resources for ESL

See <https://www.eslresources.com> for details.

Sixteen themed units with reproducible student materials

ISBN-13: 978-1-894799027

*Idioms Delight*

John Arena

Mind Resources

This is out of print but may be available used. Covers 75 common idioms, six lessons with reproducible activities

ISBN-13: 978-0878798896

*The Slangman Guide to Street Speak*

David Burke

Slangman Publishing

This may be available at Amazon.

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

Street Speak 1 ISBN-13: 978-1891888083

Street Speak 2 ISBN-13: 978-1891888069

Street Speak 3 ISBN-13: 978-1891888229

## **Cross-Cultural Communication Resources**

*The Crescent Project*

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

This website has a variety of stories and resources for those working with Muslims.

*Reaching The Nations Among Us*

<http://reachingthenationsamongus.org/>

### **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

Available on Kindle and through Amazon

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.

ISBN-13: 9781578566013

*Culture Grams*

ProQuest LLC

Individual four-page overviews of the culture of over 200 cultures; also available online

[Culturegram.stores.yahoo.net](http://Culturegram.stores.yahoo.net)

*Multicultural Manners: Essential Rules of Etiquette for the 21st Century (Revised Edition)*

Norine Dresser

Wiley.com

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

ISBN-13: 978-0471684282

### **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.com

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*

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.

ISBN-13: 978-0830823468

### **Books to Teach Culture**

*Culturally Speaking, Third Edition*

Rhona B. Genzel and Martha Graves Cumming

Heinle ELT

This book is out of print but may be available used.

Designed to build useful, comfortable communication skills through exploration of common experiences

ISBN-13: 978-1424004041

*New Ways in Teaching Culture*

Alvino Fantini, editor

TESOL Publications

This is out of print but may be available used.

Introduction to teaching culture and activities to use while teaching culture

ISBN-13: 978-0939791705

*Bridges: Christians Connecting with Muslims*

<https://www.crescentproject.org/bridges/>

Book alone: ISBN 978-0-9962396-9-1

Book, study book, and 2 DVDs: ISBN 978-0-9962396-8-4

### **Internet Resources**

NextStep Resources – <https://nextstepresources.com/product-category/church-ministry/esl-short-term-missions-church-ministry/> – Evangelical Free Church of America publications with several options for ESL and EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teaching. Teacher guides contain a variety of activities for each topic. “Adventures in English: Reading and Conversation” uses Bible stories as a basis for activities and discussion. There are also pronunciation (“What Did You Say?”) and conversation (“What Do You Think?”) supplements.

Busy Teacher – [www.busyteacher.org](http://www.busyteacher.org) – Thousands of articles and resources for ESL teachers.

Ethnic Harvest – [www.ethnicarvest.org](http://www.ethnicarvest.org) – Bible in multiple languages plus cross-cultural faith-based books

Five Minute English – [www.5minuteenglish.com](http://www.5minuteenglish.com) – Short lessons in English language skills: grammar, reading, vocabulary, listening, pronunciation, and slang/idioms.

Elizabeth Claire – [www.elizabethclaire.com](http://www.elizabethclaire.com) – Teaching resources (including “ESL Teacher’s Holiday Activity Kit”) and student materials. Subscriptions available for print or online versions of “Easy English News”, with guidelines on the website for using this resource in the ESL classroom.

EL Civics – [www.elcivics.com](http://www.elcivics.com) – Culture, government, and history lessons for ESL students, including US geography, holidays, life skills, and famous people.

ESL Lounge – [www.esl-lounge.com](http://www.esl-lounge.com) – Lesson plans and activities. Premium membership available.

English Media Lab – [www.englishmedialab.com](http://www.englishmedialab.com) – Free English activities online for ESL students, including games and puzzles as well as pronunciation and grammar exercises.

## **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](http://www.bibles.com)

*New International Readers Version (NIRV)*, third grade reading level  
[www.theNIVbible.com](http://www.theNIVbible.com)  
1820 Jet Stream Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
800-524-1588

*Learning and Teaching English through the Bible: A Pictorial Approach*  
MariAnne Dibbley  
CELA Publishing (2012)  
English  
ISBN-10: 0988068605  
ISBN-13: 978-0988068605

*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  
This may be out of print but available in limited quantities at Amazon.  
[www.barbara-black](http://www.barbara-black)

Eyes to See, Hears to Hear  
Heidi Jensen

Email: [hjensengsn@gmail.com](mailto: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  
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[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)

Multi-Language Media  
P.O. Box 301  
Ephrate, PA 17522  
717-738-0582  
<https://multilanguagemedia.org>

The Jesus Film Project in more than 1583 languages  
[www.jesusfilm.org](http://www.jesusfilm.org)

### **Bible Studies**

Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City  
P.O. Box 419527  
Kansas City, MO 64141  
800-931-1900 (order line)  
[www.nph.com](http://www.nph.com)  
*Basic Bible Studies in Everyday English* ISBN-13: 9780834120587  
*How Christians Grow*, ISBN-13: 9780834120594  
*What Christians Believe*, ISBN-13: 9780834120617  
*The Life of Jesus Christ: The Gospel of Mark*, ISBN-13: 9780834120600

## **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@literacymissionsbc.net](mailto:coordinator@literacymissionsbc.net)

Multi-Language Media

P.O. Box 301

Ephrate, PA 17522

717-738-0582

<https://multilanguage.org>

## **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)

#### **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>

ISBN-13: 978-0194349963

### *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.

Order: (800) 542-2442 or (919) 677-0977

<https://elt.oup.com>

ISBN-13: 978-0194349987

### *Creating Stories with Children*

Andrew Wright

Oxford University Press

Contains a variety of ideas for using stories to teach English

Order: (800) 542-2442 or (919) 677-0977

<http://elt.oup.com>

ISBN-13: 978-0194372046

### *ESL Teacher's Activities Kit*

Elizabeth Claire

Order from the author: <https://elizabethclaire.com/store/>

ISBN-13: 978-0130804785

### *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

<https://elt.oup.com>

ISBN-13: 978-0194372244

### *Jazz Chants for Children: Teacher's Edition*

Oxford University Press

Songs, chants, and poems to teach basic language structure; contains reduced copy of student book pages and teaching suggestions

This is out of print but may be available used.

ISBN: 978-0195024975

*Jazz Chants for Children*  
Oxford University Press  
ISBN: 978-0195024968

This is out of print but may be available used. Versions may also be on YouTube.

The Story of Jesus for Children

The Jesus Film, edited wonderfully for children, with a great gospel presentation at the end. Available in 182 other languages. The video can be viewed for free online.

[www.jesusfilm.org/watch/the-story-of-jesus-for-children.html/english.html](http://www.jesusfilm.org/watch/the-story-of-jesus-for-children.html/english.html)

## **Publishers of ESL Materials**

### **Clearinghouse for multiple publishers**

Alta Book Center Publishers  
P.O. Box 1736  
Provo, UT 84603  
1-800 ALTA-ESL  
[www.altaesl.com](http://www.altaesl.com)

### **Individual publishers**

ESL Training Services

Resources by Glenda Reece, including “Twelve Topics for ESL Beginners”, “Bible Verse Chants”, and “English Lessons from the Bible”; training DVDs and videos for ESL teachers; and “Learning of Jesus” by Doris Edwards.

[www.eslts.com](http://www.eslts.com)

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<https://intercambio.org>