

VIU ELC LEARNING CENTRE: RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

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ALL LEVELS (unless otherwise indicated)

LISTENING

<i>Website</i>	<i>Description</i>
Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab	Listening activities (stories, conversations, and lectures) at <u>3 levels</u> ; also has listening scripts
Breaking News English	Listening to news stories at <u>7 different speeds</u> in North American and British accents.
Agenda Web	Listening activities (dialogues, stories, dictations, podcasts, audio books) at <u>3 levels</u> .
ESOL Listening Practice Tests	Listening practice tests organized into <u>3 ESOL level</u>
CBC Learning English	Video and audio based on Canadian news with various listening and understanding exercises at <u>2 levels</u>
BBC 6 Minute English	6-min videos with vocabulary and transcript; <u>intermediate/upper intermediate levels</u>
English Numbers	Listening for numbers from 1- 999,999,999; also includes listening for fractions, decimals, and percentages, as well as for years, months and dates
Dictations Online	Listen and write a dictation at different levels of difficulty
Learn English Feel Good	Practice your English using movie and audio

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READING

<i>Website</i>	<i>Description</i>
Breaking News English	Reading exercises (and comprehension for Level 6) at <u>7 levels</u> using thousands of real-life news stories; supported by audio
Read Works	Free, award-winning reading exercises (comprehension & vocabulary) at <u>multiple levels</u> . Talk to a Learning Centre instructor for help to join a class created by the Learning Centre.
Agenda Web	Reading activities (comprehension, summarizing, skimming & scanning, stories) at <u>multiple levels</u> . Some reading supported by audio .
Literacy Net	Readings on a variety of topics using real-life news stories, followed by comprehension exercises; intermediate to upper intermediate levels
Grammar Bank Reading Comprehension	Short articles with follow-up comprehension questions; <u>intermediate/advanced levels</u>
My English Pages	Readings on a variety of topics, followed by comprehension exercises; <u>advanced level</u>
Page by Page Books	Hundreds of classic stories & books that are provided for free; <u>mixed levels</u>

WRITING

<i>Website</i>	<i>Description</i>
Guide to Grammar and Writing	Covers the writing process, grammar, sentence structure and organization ; includes over 170 interactive grammar quizzes .

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Centre for Independent Language Learning	How to write memos, e-mail, letters, resumes, essays, and reports ; get help with grammar, topics, and referencing
Purdue Online Writing Lab	Writing process; citation (for <u>advanced level</u>)
Online Writing Exercises	Videos and quizzes to improve your writing
Sentence Structure Writing Practice	Practice writing sentences from scrambled words.
ESL Writing	Many links to writing help
Random Subject Generator	Creates a new writing topic every time you click on "Generate a Subject"; <u>mixed levels</u>

GRAMMAR

<i>Website</i>	<i>Description</i>
English Grammar Online	Variety of grammar lessons, exercises, and tests organized by topics.
The Road to Grammar	Variety of grammar lessons and quizzes organized by topics.
Grammar-Quizzes.com	Variety of grammar exercises and quizzes .
http://www.learn-english-today.com/	Grammar exercises, vocabulary lists (includes Business English) & games, idioms and proverbs, links to other resources
English Page	Grammar and vocabulary exercises with in-depth tutorials
A4ESL	Over 1,000 activities (grammar quizzes, vocabulary, idioms, slang, and phrasal verbs) in 3 levels

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SPEAKING/PRONUNCIATION

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Rachel's English	Clear video lessons on pronunciation: individual sounds, intonation, linking, rhythm, and stress
Sounds of English	Covers most vowel and consonant sounds as well as rhythm and stress
Focus English	pre-recorded conversations on a variety of topics; students can listen and repeat
Perfect Pronunciation	A variety of lessons to practice listening to and repeating the different sounds of English

VOCABULARY/SPELLING/TYPING

<i>Website</i>	<i>Description</i>
Academic Word List Highlighter	Copy and paste any text to see which academic words are used/
NGSL Highlighter	Copy and paste any text to see the most common words highlighted
iWeb	Explore the word frequency of any word.
Vocabulary.com	One of the best vocabulary websites for building your knowledge and skills
New General Service List	Study the most common words in English here.
NGSL/NAWL Quizlet	Study the NGSL and NAWL using Quizlet
Spellquiz	Practice your spelling at different levels
AAA Spell	Type in words you want to learn how to spell & the website creates 10 practice exercises for those words
Guide to English Spelling Rules	Spelling rules
Spell-It Game	Fast paced and challenging spelling games

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Spelling Bee	Improve your spelling – 2 different levels
Learn Typing	Beginner & advanced typing lessons ; information on keyboard shortcuts

ONLINE DICTIONARIES

Website
www.ideoonline.com/
www.merriam-webster.com/
Dictionary.com

ONLINE THESAURUSES

Website
www.thesaurus.com/
www.collinsdictionary.com/english-thesaurus

Multiple Skills

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Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab	Hundreds of listening activities (stories, conversations, and lectures) at <u>3 levels</u> ; also has reading, grammar, and vocabulary exercises
Breaking News English	Thousands of interactive English lessons at <u>7 levels</u> , including listening/ reading comprehension, grammar, spelling, and vocabulary exercises
Agenda Web	Hundreds of ESL exercises including vocabulary, grammar, verbs, listening/reading comprehension
English Club	Listening, speaking, reading, writing, grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary lessons & exercises
Study Zone	Grammar, reading, vocabulary exercises at <u>5 levels</u>
Learn English Feel Good	Practice multiple skills using this website