

English Learner Resources

These resources focus on the education of English learners (ELs). Some resources listed here are instructional and can be utilized directly with ELs, while others are meant to assist teachers in preparing for delivering instruction to ELs and working with language minority families. Some links lead to additional lists of resources curated by professionals in the field.

If you have any questions about these or other resources, contact Julia Hutton at juhutton@pa.gov or Bob Measel at romeasel@pa.gov.

General Information for Educators

[Meeting the Needs Multilingual Learners in an Online Environment: An FAQ from the REL-NEI and Carrie Parker.](#)

[How can districts support families' access to technology during school closures? An FAQ on State and District Response to COVID-19 Outbreak.](#)

[5 Things Districts and Educators Can do to Support Instruction for English Learners During COVID-19](#)

[Wakelet – Paulina Mitropoulos](#) – collection of instructional resources: Multilingual Reading & Listening Resources via @wakelet

[Teaching Multilingual Learners Online](#) – WIDA Newsletter

[Multiple resources for different grade levels](#) – English (all grades)
Wisconsin Center for Education Research – Research Guides. List of sites and resources for educating English learners.

[Rosetta Stone](#)

Rosetta Stone is available to parents and guardians of K-12 students who either attend a school that is closed in response to COVID-19 or are homeschooled. This offer includes a 3-month, no-cost Rosetta Stone for Students subscription for new users (3-month period begins upon delivery of the access information email) and a no-cost, 3-month subscription added to the end of the current subscription term for eligible Homeschool product subscribers.

Elementary Instructional Resources

[Fun English Games for Kids](#) - English

Site with a range of free teaching resources for students learning English, ESL classes, and teachers looking for ideas online. Includes interactive games, classroom activities, printable worksheets, etc.

[Games to Learn English](#) - English

Collection of online activities to practice various English language skills including vocabulary development and grammar.

[Online interactive lessons](#) – Multilingual

Site containing printable ESL worksheets, games for ESL classrooms, ESL videos tutorials, PPT lessons, interactive vocabulary and grammar activities, teaching downloads.

[Unite for Literacy](#) – Multilingual

A large collection of online books with narration in multiple languages.

[CommonLit](#) – Multilingual

Free collection of fiction and nonfiction for 3rd-12th grade classrooms. Search and filter the collection by lexile, grade, theme, genre, literary device, or common core standard.

[Duolingo](#) – English

Online language learning site. Note: Duolingo focuses on basic interpersonal communication skills and may not address academic English development.

[ABCya](#) – English

Online collection of books and interactive activities focusing on English development.

[ESL Tower Free ESL resources and lessons](#) – English

Collection of English lessons and worksheets

[ESL Galaxy](#) – English

Collection of ESL resources including PowerPoint presentations, videos, lesson plans, and worksheets.

[Games to learn English](#) – English (all grades)

Collection of online games that focus on English development.

[Colorin Colorado](#) – English (all grades)

Colorín Colorado is a national website serving educators and families of English learners in Grades PreK-12. Colorín Colorado provides free research-based information, activities, and advice to parents, schools, and communities.

[Paco el Chata \(online versions of textbooks from Mexico's Ministry of Education\)](#) – Spanish

Spanish textbooks, answered tasks, explanations, exams, interactive exercises and more.

Intermediate and High School Grades Instructional Resources

[News in Slow Motion](#) – English / Spanish

Current news narrated at a slow pace to help in comprehension. Emphasizes key aspects of language learning, including listening comprehension, rapid vocabulary expansion, English grammar, common idiomatic expressions, interactive pronunciation and grammar exercises, and live speaking practice.

[International Children's' Digital Library](#) – Multilingual

Online collection of books that represents historical and contemporary books from throughout the world. The ICDL foundation aspires to have every culture and language represented so that every child can know and appreciate the riches of children's literature from the world community. (K-8)

[Learn English with English Class 101 free youtube videos](#) – English (Grades 6-12)

Series of YouTube videos focusing on English development.

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[ReadWorks](#)- English (all grades)

Printable content to share with students includes leveled passages and question sets. Topics are categorized by STEM, Reading, Social Studies, Arts, Poetry, Literary Fiction, Holidays & Events. Library of passages searchable by topic, grade level and lexile level. Differentiation for ELs, Special Ed students, and struggling readers.