

Online ESL Resources

Tacoma Community House (materials from this training)

<http://www.tacomacommunityhouse.org/literacy-now-downloadable-materials/>

Free Puzzles

www.puzzlemaker.com

<http://azargrammar.com>

<http://handouthub.com>

<http://englishclub.com>

<http://www.usingenglish.com>

100 free short English stories for ESL learners

<http://www.rong-chang.com/qa2/index.html>

Activities for ESL Students

<http://a4esl.org/>

Dave's ESL Café

<http://www.eslcafe.com/>

English Grammar Quizzes

<http://iteslj.org/cw/>

Health Literacy

<http://aspiruslibrary.org/literacy/literacy.htm>

Eastside Literacy

<http://www.eastsideliteracy.org/tutorsupport/>

Flashcards and Worksheets

www.eslhq.com

Activities, Lessons, Worksheets

<http://bogglesworldesl.com>

Tips for Talking with English Language Learners

- Anything that helps communication "goes": pictures, drawings, and body language.
- Be creative and good spirited.
- Don't worry about errors - yours or theirs!
- Limit your correction to controlled lesson stages
- Laugh a lot. Humor eases tension and makes communication fun.
- Try to be quiet. Wait at least 5 seconds after asking a question.
- Speak at a normal volume. Try to speak at normal speed but slow down when you get a comprehension block
- When you get a comprehension block, try rephrasing. Use something else.
Try writing it down or drawing a picture
- Ask person to tell you what they have understood.
- Don't be afraid to tell someone that you don't understand. Tell what you have understood and where you got lost.
- Go from the known to the unknown, from the simple to the complex