

# ESOL Toolkit Part 1

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“Our classes are filled with  
grammar and we’re not learning  
how to communicate.”

# Goal

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To provide various strategies, activities and resources to have on hand to enhance lessons, practice skills and fill in gaps during a session or class.

# Workshop Participants will be able to:

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- Learn, review and practice strategies for practicing Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing.
- Create and adapt tools to use with learners at different levels of English proficiency.
- Modify activities and strategies to use in different learning environment such as 1:1, small group, class and Talk Time.
- Interact with other volunteers to share ideas, challenges and best practices.

# AGENDA

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- ❖ Introduction and Overview
- ❖ Warm-up(s)
- ❖ What can we physically put in our toolkit?
- ❖ What strategies and activities can we put in our toolkit?
- ❖ Small group challenge
- ❖ Resources

# WARM-UPS

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- ❖ Find someone who
- ❖ Line up Activities
- ❖ 4 corners
- ❖ Item on my back. Who am I?
- ❖ 21 Questions
- ❖ Question patterns. What did you do this week?
- ❖ Other ideas?

# What can we physically put in the toolkit?

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- ❖ Picture File
- ❖ Index Cards
- ❖ Dice
- ❖ Scissors
- ❖ Games and Game Boards
- ❖ Maps

# The toolkit continued...

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- ❖ White Board
- ❖ Kindle/Phone/iPad
- ❖ Oxford Picture Dictionary
- ❖ Food, mail, etc
- ❖ What else do you always have on hand?



# Strategies & Activities

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# QUESTION HIERARCHY

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Yes/No

Either/Or

Concrete- Wh and H Questions

Inference/Open-ended

# GAMES

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Bingo

Circular Game Board

Finite Game Board

Pictionary

Games from Home

# GRIDS

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Matching

Copying

Cloze

Simple Questions

Open-ended questions

Paragraph and short story assignments

# DIALOGUES

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A. Hello, I am here for a job interview

B. What is your name?

A. My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. What job did you apply for?

A. I applied for the housekeeping job.

B. Please have a seat and wait for your name to be called.

A. Thank you.

# Small Group Challenge!

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# ONLINE ESL RESOURCES

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<https://www.tacomacommunityhouse.org/literacy-now-online-resources/>

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

<http://bogglesworldesl.com>

<http://puzzlemaker.com>

<https://www.newreaderspress.com/news-for-you-online> (subscription required)

<http://azargrammar.com>

<http://handouthub.com>

<http://englishclub.com>

<http://www.englishforeveryone.org/>

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<http://www.usingenglish.com>

[www.caela.org](http://www.caela.org) An archive of useful short articles on ESL teaching topics.

[www.apsva.us/reep](http://www.apsva.us/reep) has lesson plans on common topics

[www.iteslj.com](http://www.iteslj.com) Has a useful list of conversation questions

[www.eslcafe.com/](http://www.eslcafe.com/) The “ideas cookbook” has lots of tasks and activities

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

<http://a4esl.org/>

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

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

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

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



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THE END (of Part 1)!