

Resources

Books

Signposts: Access Material for Beginning ESL Learners, Adult Ramm, J., Migrant Educational Services, 1992

This book has been designed for beginning adult ESL learners, particularly those who have had little formal education. It includes units that introduce students to basic vocabulary, a focus on filling in simple forms and surveys, and games and revision activities. The materials introduce students to a limited amount of new English, recycling the content through a range of contexts. It also introduces students to a range of activities and different kinds of worksheets. The book provides:

- curriculum guidelines
- a set of teaching material for classroom use
- guidelines for further materials development.

This book also has accompanying workbooks on the following topics

- Alphabet
- Numbers
- Personal information
- Occupations

Understanding Life in Australia: ESL for the Older Learner (1998) Nicholls, Mary and Raleigh, Robyn

The resource guide was developed as a result of a project investigating the need for English language classes for older immigrants to Australia. The section containing class activities is arranged into five thematic groups: socializing; health; reminiscing; community services; and daily living skills.

ESL Literacy and Numeracy Victorian University Women's Programs (blue cover)

A series of units which have been developed for ESL students involved in the preliminary course which prepares them for CSWE 1. The book has used topic based units with tasks providing scaffolding skills required to continue their language acquisition. Topics include myself, daily activities, clothing, food, housing and the community. It also includes a numeracy unit.

A new edition of this book has been recently published (red cover) in 2007. Six additional units have been developed including a new topic "Conversations". The book is used as a workbook for students.

Beginning ESL – Support material for primary new arrivals

(1998) Department of Education and Early Childhood Development VIC

Supports primary mainstream classroom teachers by providing practical ideas and resources for newly arrived ESL learners. The material is organised into sixteen units of work, based around topics that are appropriate for newly arrived students. The activities and worksheets are designed to encourage communication and interaction between the new student, the teacher and other students in the class. Although the material is aimed at primary students, much of it is also appropriate or can be adapted for adult ESL students. Each unit contains:

- learning outcomes for the topic and for English learning
- lists of vocabulary and grammar features
- worksheets which may be photocopied
- additional references and lists of resources.

For information about purchasing this publication see

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/esl/resources/default.htm>

Get Ready- beginning reading and writing Maureen Hague and Clare Harris AMES- WA 1997

A series of 8 workbooks that progress in their level of difficulty. The workbooks are based predominantly on listening activities but they also supply writing and reading practice and provide strategies the student can use and develop.

Passages to English 1 Maggie Power OUP 1998

Each unit consists of a small reading passage and associated comprehension and writing activities. Book 2 is also available.

Language games for ESL students (2004) Department of Education and Early Childhood Development VIC

These photocopiable materials can be used to make language games for ESL students, across all year levels. The games consolidate and reinforce skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing, and give students a chance to use a range of language functions important for working and playing with others. Many suggestions on how to play a range of games are provided. The games are based on 19 topics that are usually taught to newly arrived ESL students including: Actions, Animals, Beach, Body, Clothes, Food, Plants and gardens, School, Transport and Weekend activities.

For information about purchasing this publication see

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/esl/resources/default.htm>

Certificate 1 in General Education for Adults (Introductory) workbook (2003) Power, Maggie AMES

A student workbook written to align with the current CGEA level 1.

The Literacy Workbook for Beginners, Christie, J. NSW AMES, 1999

Provides introductory activities for immediate-needs English, and for early numeracy in English, particularly for students who are new to literacy. It contains clearly presented classroom and individual exercises, with an emphasis on recycling vocabulary. Topics covered include the alphabet, personal details, time, dates, signs and symbols, and the weather. The workbook is available as a bilingual version in Arabic, Mandarin, Cantonese and Vietnamese.

The Numeracy Workbook for Beginners, NSW AMES, For students at beginner and post-beginner levels, especially those with limited literacy skills. The workbook takes a thematic approach through topics such as shopping, banking, transport and sport. Students cover numeracy activities in the areas of number, space, measurement and diagrammatic and graphic texts through contextualised and sequential activities.

The Basic Oxford Picture Dictionary, Gramer, M. F. Oxford University Press, New York, 1994.

Illustrates 1200 words and phrases. Organised in themes relevant to the everyday experience of older learners. Can be used to assist with initial communication, or for vocabulary activities. As the book is an American publication some of the vocabulary introduced is relevant to American usage and therefore needs to be altered for the Australian language student. There is also a workbook and teacher's book that goes with this publication. The teacher's book corresponds to the units and topics introduced in the dictionary. Activities are communicative and help reinforce the language introduced.

The Basic Oxford Picture Dictionary (Workbook), Adelson-Goldstein, J. , OUP, New York, 1994.

A workbook which provides reading and writing activities for beginning level ESL students. Each page in the workbook corresponds to a specific page in the Basic Oxford Picture Dictionary. Activities include categorising, labelling matching, and puzzle solving. Activities can be given to individuals, pairs, small groups or classes.

Listening to Australia Beginner (2000) NSW AMES

One of a series of books focusing on listening skills. As it is Australian it allows students to be exposed to authentic language use. The beginner's book looks at the topics of – **socializing, shopping, appointments, health, housing, banking and leisure.**

Easy True Stories – *A picture-based beginning reader* (1994)

Heyer, S.; ***Very Easy True Stories*** – *A picture-based beginning reader* (1998) Heyer, S. Longman, New York,

These true, high-interest stories have been written or adapted for ESL students with some experience of English. They are written in the present tense. The stories are presented both as a series of captioned pictures, and as a whole text. Exercises are then given to develop basic reading skills and to build pronunciation, spelling and vocabulary.

Beginners' Communication Games, Hadfield, J : Longman, England, 1999

Forty communicative games for beginning students of English. Provides photocopiable material and teachers notes. The games are suitable for pair work, small group work and whole class activities, and focus on immediate needs language.

Elementary Vocabulary Games, Hadfield, J., Longman, 1988

A collection of vocabulary games and activities for elementary students of English. The games have been designed to practice not introduce new vocabulary. Topic areas include family, body parts, housing, food, weather, everyday actions and countries and nationalities.

Picture Prompts – Adjectives (1997), Body and Health (1996), Clothes (1999), Prepositions and Directions (1996) Thomas, S. The beginning of the book give teachers suggestions on how to use the photocopiable material.

Beginning ESL – secondary (2003) Department of Education and Early Childhood Development VIC

Can be downloaded from

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/studentlearning/programs/esl/resources/default.htm> found under secondary resources or

http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/teachlearn/student/lem/BESLsec_units1_2.pdf

Supports secondary classroom teachers by providing practical ideas and resources for newly arrived ESL learners. The material is organised into four units of work :

- Time
- Body and Health
- Personal identification
- The classroom

and includes printable worksheets. Some sheets may need to be adapted, depending on your students, as they can appear too busy.

Sound Spelling Lilliana Hajnci and Jacky Springall, AMES 2008
Two A1 posters and a class set of 25 A4 charts for teaching about the relationship between English letters (graphemes) and sounds (phonemes). The posters and charts depict the IPA symbols for the 43 phonemes of Australian English and the range of common spelling choices for each sound, featuring pictures and words that are useful in an adult ESL context. There is also an accompanying CD which provides printable flashcards of the pictures, vocabulary and the IPA symbols.

Start to Read Series NSW AMES

This series can be brought as individual readers or in kit form. Each series recounts a sequence of events. These are presented through full-colour digital photographs and one or two sentences per page. The teacher's kit contains the reader, sentence strips, flash cards, A4 full-colour pictures and black-line masters of simple exercises. The kit also contains a CD with a pdf presentation of the story (photographs and text) and interactive audio for study on a personal monitor or large screen projector for group work. The titles include :

- Coffee Time
- A New Hairstyle
- Moving House

There are 2 new additions to this series. These stories use full colour illustrations instead of digital photos.

- The Soccer Club
- The Soccer Match

AMES Everyday Picture Dictionary Suite Lilliana Hajncl, AMES
2006

A set of four data CDs with printable .pdf files. Can be bought as a complete set or individually (samples are available on the AMES website

CD 1 Dictionary, literacy activity and vocabulary builder sheets

CD 2 Flashcards (A5 ,colour, hand drawn with word below)

Five extra sets include ordinals, time marker words, the alphabet and form filling vocabulary.

CD 3 Literacy Dominoes 60 games, in 6 sets, help develop visual discrimination, early literacy skills and sight word recognition, and give practice in identifying colours, letters and alphabetical order, numbers, shapes, common words, clock faces and digital time.

CD 4 Reading & Writing Practice. Learners complete letter and number recognition and formation exercises in a range of formats and levels of difficulty. Matching, tracing and copying exercises

CD 5 Audio CD (2 CD set)

900 words and phrases from everyday life with colourful graphics, and accompanying audio files. Tracing and cloze exercises and vocabulary builder sheets allow learners to develop handwriting, spelling and vocabulary.

DVD'S

Money! Money! Consumer issues for adult literacy Carmel O'Day and Paul Learmonth AMES 2005

This DVD includes scenarios in five topic areas covering consumer issues such as budgeting, door-to-door sales, buying a mobile phone, buying a used car and returning faulty goods. Key messages for consumers are included and optional subtitles in English are provided. Free downloadable worksheets available on the AMES website <http://www.ames.net.au/publication>

Mr Bean series

These videos or DVD's are great as the story is told visually through humour. Follow up activities include discussion (especially on what not to do), class recounts, sequencing and cloze activities. Some of the Mr Bean series may need to be viewed prior to watching as some scenes in episodes may be culturally inappropriate. I have used successfully episodes on the dentist (health and daily routine topics), Christmas (celebrations) and the Bus Stop (emergency and how not to administer CPR)

Wallace & Grommet

4 Steps to Life Ambulance Victoria

A 20 minute video or DVD (available in English, Italian, Greek, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Arabic, Turkish, Macedonian, Croatian and Spanish) on CPR. The video is clear and easy to follow and provides video-guided practice. The kit comes with 2 pillow pals to practice CPR. Available for \$20 through Ambulance Victoria

CD roms

The Alphabet, CD-ROM

Protea Textware Hurstbridge, Victoria, Australia, 1996

This program covers the basics of the English alphabet, including the names and sounds of the letters of the English alphabet, upper and lower case matching activities, alphabetical ordering, keyboard familiarity activities, graded spelling activities for revision of skills, workbook with photocopiable exercises to consolidate each skill. Uses Australian accents.

The Interactive Picture Dictionary, CD-ROM

Protea Textware. Hurstbridge, Victoria, Australia, 1996

Teaches spelling and sight recognition of over 800 words that are arranged in 40 topics. Includes spelling tests and vocabulary recognition tests for each topic.

Drive This Way Rosa DAgostino, AMES

An interactive DVD to assist new arrivals drive legally and safely on Victorian roads. Users can choose between English, Arabic or Dinka voiceover and follow three video stories to find out about licensing, road rules and road safety. Each story is followed by its own quiz in English. Topics covered are getting Ls and Ps, child restraints, parking signs, dealing with accidents, consequences of not obeying road rules.

That's Life, CD- ROM Lilliana Hajncl and Jan Livingstone, AMES 2002

Developed for elementary learners of English, based on 36 conversations in everyday situations, including shopping, health, family and friends, work and leisure. Each conversation is followed by six language activities. Activity types include vocabulary, listening, comprehension, spelling, grammar and pronunciation.

Vocabulary Builders NSW AMES

Interactive CD-ROM and accompanying activity book

- **Maths Words** - for students at beginner levels of numeracy, especially those with limited literacy skills. The resource covers topics such as numbers, shapes, measurement, time and money.
- **Leisure Words** - - introduces learners to the vocabulary related to leisure activities. This resource enables learners to build vocabulary through interactivities with images, words and audio.
- **Shopping Words** - introduces learners to vocabulary from a range of shopping contexts. Learners build vocabulary and grammar through interacting with visual images, listening to words and grammatical structures and practising spelling, reading and writing in context.
- **Work Words** - Enables learners to build vocabulary for a wide range of worksites and occupations. The workbook contains activities for developing workplace vocabulary and literacy skills.

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Market Fresh

brochures ie Fruits, Vegetables, Herbs available free from greengrocers and some supermarkets, may be ordered from Market Fresh or downloaded from their website

www.marketfresh.com.au

MFB Fire Safety brochures

Melbourne Information Centre , Federation Square
maps of city, flyers on tourist attractions and events

Shopping catalogues

Old magazines

Calendars

Often have excellent pictures which can be used for descriptions

Excursions

- Footscray market
- Victoria market
- CERES, Brunswick
 - offers cultural and environmental programs. Details and costs can be downloaded from
- The Melbourne Zoo
- Local area
- Local café
 - students can practice ordering coffee and casual conversation
- Royal Botanic Garden
 - education centre organises class sessions at a cost
 - volunteers also give guided tours
- Williamstown Croquet Club or other sporting centres for Come'n'try days
- Local library - librarians often give talks on using the catalogues, talks by the children's librarian on reading to your children
- National Gallery of Victoria
- Museums
 - Melbourne museum
 - Immigration museum
 - Scienceworks

Speakers

Western Region Health Centre phone no 8398 4112

The Health Centre offers different speakers on various health issues

- nutritionist cooking demonstration
 shopping tours of supermarkets
 lessons on food pyramid
- podiatrist talk on foot care

- talks on heart health

- community nurse and midwife talks on women's health

MFB Community Officer

General number for Community Education – 9665 4464 and ask for the contact for the western suburbs.

Talk on fire safety which is visually based. The Power Point presentation is very good and **easily understood**.

Community Police Officer

General number for Multicultural Advisory Unit – 9247 5233 and ask for contact in the western suburbs.

Provides talks to students on personal safety and house safety. It also allows students to view police as friendly and accessible.

Websites

<http://www.mes-english.com/>

An excellent resource with free printable worksheets, flashcards, bingo cards and handwriting sheets. You can also use the site to make your own customized worksheets

<http://www.soundsofenglish.org>

a website designed for learners of English and their teachers.

This site includes:

- handouts
- English pronunciation pages - pictures, sounds, and videos to help you with English pronunciation.
- Activities and exercises for English pronunciation and listening.
- Tips for teachers
- [listening exercises with printable worksheets and teacher guides.](#)

<http://www.dimia.gov.au/living-in-australia/help-with-english/learn-english/curric/stage1>

originally designed for students who had no access to classes as a distance learning project. There are three Stages of ***It's Over to You***. There are six books in each Stage, an Access (introductory) book and five workbooks, each divided into four units. All books have a cassette for listening.

<http://www.writingwizard.longcountdown.com>

make your own handwriting worksheets in either print or cursive

http://www.englishraven.com/download_resources.html

A site which has free downloadable flashcards on topics like food, clothes, weather, sports, emotions etc.

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

good for making your own wordfinds, crosswords, mazes (fine motor skills)

<http://bogglesworldesl.com/>

This website offers ideas and worksheets from primary to adults at different levels. The website offers worksheets, units of work, board games (which can be saved and then changed according to the topic you are currently teaching), bingo game generator, wordsearches, crosswords and teacher reference reading. Well worth spending some time looking at.

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com>

An American site that offers more if you are a subscriber, however, there are samples which are free of charge. It also offers a springboard of ideas and activities that you may adapt to your own students. A subscription cost \$20 (American) for 12 months

www.esl-lounge.com

esl-lounge gives free access to ESL lesson plans and materials that can be used for communicative English lessons in the classroom. You will find printable grammar worksheets, surveys, flashcards, reading comprehension and communication activities for each level. There are also board games (masters) and song lyrics for teachers. If looking at the site for the first time it is best to start by clicking on esl lesson and materials site guide.

<https://www.esl-library.com/>

Teachers may join to be able to access lessons and flashcards (images), however, there are sample pages available for you to print. The grammar lessons are very simple and clear with several activities accompanying a lesson. Membership is \$30 (American) for 6 months

www.dkimages.com

Clear images you could use to make games or instructions. Check if images are copyright free before using

http://www.hitentertainment.com/ARTATTACK/menu_artattacks.html

From the art show on television. Gives fact sheets and ideas on different art activities with step by step instructions and accompanying visuals.

www.the-bus-stop.net.

This site complements 2 primary English learning books published by Macmillan Heinemann. Click on free resources and then click on games to find easy to print activities focusing on specific language function and grammar. Below are just a few:

Who's Who – descriptions

Racing Past – sentence construction

Picture Pairs – expressing possession

Mime – verbs, daily activities

Classroom Cube – prepositions

The sheets are all photocopiable.

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/index.htm>

Primarily aimed at activities for children, there are some useful resources which can either be adapted or used as displayed on the website. The education section includes activities to promote pre writing and reading skills focusing on fine motor activities of tracing and cutting. If printing these sheets you will need to cut off the bottom section which states "keeping kids busy". You could also use the printable grid paper to practice drawing lines and listening to instructions. The themes, holidays and puzzles sections are worth looking at and include graded wordsearches, flag printables, maps, fact sheets and craft activities

<http://tools.atozteacherstuff.com/>

The teacher tools section of this website allows you to generate your own word searches, word shape and handwriting worksheets

<http://www.senteacher.org/Print/>

This website has been developed for special needs teachers but has lots of free downloadable activities or in some areas adapt to suit your class.

- prewriting sheets
- handwriting sheets which you can customise to your students or students can type their story or sentence, print and then trace
- excellent photo cards which can be made and printed for language activities
- expression dice, cards
- dominoes- initial sound, blends, number etc

Student online computer activities

<http://www.manythings.org/> go to easy things for beginners for online activities, including vocab. games. Spelling games, matching activities, crosswords etc

<http://www.languageguide.org/english/esp/>
vocab and pronunciation on basic groups ie clothes, body parts, food, animals. You may also print off the page to make games or worksheets

<http://artpad.art.com/artpad/painter/>
allows students to paint own pictures, good for mouse control and eye hand coordination

<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/200/vocab>
200 vocabulary exercises which involve reading instruction and clicking on the correct picture. Topics include furniture, school and office, home appliances, kitchen utensils, clothes, animals and food

<http://www.the-bus-stop.net/games.html>
Simple and easy activities. The website has been designed for younger students but most activities and sheets are suitable for adults

<http://www.eyecanlearn.com/index.htm#Saccades>
Activities to improve your Visual Information Process Skills: Perception, Tracking, Focusing, and Eye Teaming

Teacher references

ESL for Literacy Learning. Canadian Language Benchmarks 2000

Can be downloaded from www.language.ca and then click 'for ESL professionals'. Looks at literacy and language competencies from Foundation to level 3 with suggested activities for each area

Into Learning: a professional development kit for teachers and trainers of adult literacy learners from aural/oral learning cultures, Adult Migrant Education Services with Victoria University, AMES

This resource comprises a DVD and accompanying CD. The DVD presents film sequences from five classrooms which highlight useful approaches and strategies especially for adult learners with limited formal schooling. The accompanying CD contains printable material to support and extend the examples of practice shown on the DVD. The CD also includes an overview of current theory and methodology, a facilitator's guide, and a further readings and reference list.

Making It Real: Teaching Pre- Literate Adult Refugee Students found at <http://www.literacynow.info/PDF/prelit.pdf> 2005. A Canadian resource which discusses and gives practical examples on teaching adult pre lit students. Focuses primarily on the 4 macro skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking

www.ncevr.edu.au Classroom management strategies to address the needs of Sudanese refugee learners. Australia 2007

Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) Fact Sheets,
NCELTR, Sydney

These fact sheets have been developed by the AMEP Research Centre to provide teachers with information on areas of professional concern. There are several series in the Fact Sheets, which can be downloaded from

<http://www.nceltr.mq.edu.au/pdamep/factsheets.html> Those most helpful for teachers encountering new learner groups are:

Country profiles

These provide summaries of a number of countries. The information includes historical background, economy and education, people and culture, settlement in Australia and classroom issues

Teaching issues

Many of these describe the cultural and educational backgrounds of learners from Africa, identify emerging teaching issues and suggest follows.

- The influences of prior learning
- Teaching spoken and written language
- Enhancing language teaching with content
- Generic Skills
- Learners with low literacy in the AMEP
- Teaching pronunciation

Places

The Languages and Multicultural Education Resources Centre (LMERC)

LMERC is a specialist support centre for Victorian schools in the areas of languages other than English, ESL and multicultural education. Victorian teachers may borrow a wide range of print, audio, video, and CD-ROM resources.

The LMERC lending library has a collection of over 20,000 resources which includes:

- teacher reference materials for LOTE, ESL and multicultural education
- culturally inclusive picture books, fiction and big books, and posters
- selected journals related to language teaching and multicultural education
- pamphlets, clippings and articles
- videos, CD-ROMs, DVDs and audio cassettes (English and multilingual)
- resource materials on human rights education, civics and citizenship,
- prejudice, racism and social justice
- studies of Asia resources
- units of work, teacher's notes and Ideas Bank
- LOTE, ESL and multicultural education policy documents.

The LMERC catalogue is now available on-line at:

<http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/lem/lmerc/index.htm>

Bookery

ESL bookshop now located in Brunswick. Phone number 9347 7857, website: www.bookery.com.au

Reverse Art Truck Inc

Non profit organization based in two locations in Melbourne – Ringwood and Cranbourne. The organization collects off cuts and rubbish from industry to be recycled and reused by education facilities or individuals . Centres may become members for 12 months or you may pay by the bag full @ \$30 per bag Reverse Art Truck Inc also conducts workshops.

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