

Guidance for Teachers of English Language Learners

VDOE's English Learner Education Website: Includes toolkits, infographics, resources, articles for EL Instruction organized by topic, content-area, or specific groups of ELs

Parent Communication and Translation Tools

- [Microsoft Translator](#): Host a chat room that allows for simultaneous translation of 100 participants into multiple languages at once
- [Online Document Translator](#): Translate a variety documents types
- [Remind](#): Communicate with students and parents in their native language through text and email (some features come with a cost)
- [Skype Translate](#): Host a traditional Skype video conference and then activate the free translate feature
- [Talking Points](#): Communicate with students and parents in their native language through text and email, free for teachers

Multilingual Resources for learning about the Coronavirus and Considerations for Schools with ELs:

- [English Learner Family Engagement During Coronavirus \(blog post\)](#)
- [School Responses to COVID-19: ELL/Immigrant Considerations \(article\)](#)
- [TESOL Blog](#) with links about the Coronavirus, including an information sheet available in 25+ languages.

Resources for language practice and learning:

Language Learning Software and Videos

- [Duo Lingo](#): Free and available as a phone application, students practice language skills in a variety of contexts
- [Learn English with English Class 101](#): Free Youtube videos for secondary level learners
- [Lyrics Training](#): Karaoke-like application for language learning through music lyrics
- [Mango Tango](#): Free through thousands of public libraries, schools, and other community organizations, students practice language skills in a variety of contexts
- [We Speak NYC](#): Short videos and skits with questions, appropriate older ELs

Reference Tools

- [Glossaries for ELL/MLL Accommodations](#): Includes bilingual word-to-word glossaries by content area and in a variety of languages (This resource may be used for *instructional purposes*, but is *not* an allowable accommodation or resource permitted for use on any Virginia statewide content assessments (e.g., SOL, EOC, and VAAP))

- [Language Dictionaries and Translation Links](#): over 300 languages included
- [Learner's Dictionary](#): Definitions provided in accessible language with an image and audio
- [Visuwords](#): Visual Thesaurus - creates semantic maps of words so students can see the connections between related ideas and concepts

Games and Activities (focused mainly on grammar skills or vocabulary practice):

- [ABCYa](#): Free Subscription available for 1 device, activities and videos on a variety of topics and skills
- [Digital Dialects](#): Language Learning games for multiple languages
- [ESL/ELL Education: Interactive Websites for Learning](#): Links to sites with activities to support learning English
- [English 4 kids](#): Links to games, videos, and activities for elementary ELs
- [ESL Cyber Listening Lab](#): Listening practice and quizzes
- [English Media Lab](#): Online exercises
- [ESL Games](#): Vocabulary and grammar games for beginning and intermediate EL
- [Free Rice](#): Vocabulary/definition activities for multiple content areas and languages. The more questions answered, the more money is donated to the World Food Programme
- [Fun English Games](#): Vocabulary and grammar games, videos, activities, quizzes
- [Games to Learn English](#): Vocabulary and grammar games
- [Language Guide](#): Focus on general vocabulary with speaking and listening challenges
- [Learn English Using Online Resources](#): (New York Public Library): List of free websites that offer many types of activities (grammar, listening, pronunciation, vocabulary, reading, etc.) for language learners of all levels
- [Learning Chocolate](#): Focus on general vocabulary and phonics with audio and visuals
- [Turaco](#): Games for Math, Science, and ESL
- [USA Learns](#): Video lessons and courses

Reading Resources (for phonics, leveled passages, audio, and various languages and cultures)

- [Breaking News English](#): Multiple stories and articles scaffolded for easy access
- [Children's Books Online](#): Books at different levels and in multiple languages
- [Commonlit](#): Free web-based resource that includes multiple articles intended to help teachers scaffold literacy instruction.
- [Global Storybooks](#)
- [International Children's Digital Library](#)

- [Mama Lisa](#): Songs and rhymes from around the world
- [Newsela](#) (free basic account for news content)
- [ReadWorks](#): Reading passages with question sets, differentiated by Lexile level
- [Starfall](#): Phonemic awareness, systematic sequential phonics, and common sight words in conjunction with audiovisual interactivity for the beginning grades
- [Storyline Online](#): Videos featuring celebrated actors reading children’s books alongside creatively produced illustration
- [Times in Plain English](#) : Real articles that have been rewritten to reduce Lexile levels
 - [Unite for Literacy](#) : Narrated books on a variety of topics (multiple languages narrated by native speakers)

Resources for Content Courses and Practice:

- [Free Resources to Support Virtual Learning from Virtual Virginia](#): For the remainder of the 2019–2020 academic year, Virtual Virginia will offer **81** online resources in all subject areas at **no cost** for teachers and students to use in online delivery via the Virtual Virginia LMS. The resources contain fully developed lessons aligned to state and national standards, videos, interactive applications, and assignments. Teachers using the resources will have access to free training and ongoing support through a professional learning network of Virginia educators.
- [Khan Academy](#): Free web-based courses for students (also available in Spanish)

Online Tools for Creating Language Lessons and Activities:

- [Google Tour Creator](#): Create a virtual field trip using your own photos of Google Map images from around the world
- [Screencastify](#): Make screencasts for free (5 minutes max) to be able to record yourself giving instruction or explaining topics
- [Screencast-o-matic](#): Create screencasts using a program you download to your computer. No limit on length
- [Toontastic](#): An app that allows students to record and narrate a cartoon video

Lesson Planning Resources (these have not been vetted by the VDOE and may not be aligned to VA Standards Of Learning):

- [ESL Café](#): Resources for idiom lists, phrasal verb lists, and sample lesson plans and suggested activities on a variety of topics
- [#GoOpenVA](#): Virginia’s space to find and share openly-licensed educational resources

- [NY Times, ELL Section](#): Articles and lessons on how to support ELLs
- [Rewordify](#): Simplifies chunks of text by reducing complexity (for independent reading tasks)
- [Seesaw](#): Site for teacher-tested classroom activities and videos on a variety of topics
- [Smore: English Learner Update](#): links, resources, and tools for teachers and families