

VOWLS COVID-19 Guidance

In this time of uncertainty, it is a relief to be connected with one another to learn and share information. In response to possible impending school closures, the VOWLS board has collected a list of free online resources to support continued world language teaching and learning. This is not an exhaustive list and it is in no particular order. Please check with your textbook publishers and world language resource vendors to see if they have special materials or discounts. If you have links to add to this list, please vet them in advance and email to VOWLSOfficers@gmail.com

ONLINE LEARNING SUPPORTS:

- [This is Language](#) (online subscription provides tiered authentic language videos and aligned activities) is offering a special rate due to worldwide school closures related to COVID-19.
- Article on [Pandemic Prepping in the Language Class](#).
- [Comprehensible Classroom](#) offers free 10 day sub-plans for Spanish.
- [Señor Jordan](#) has videos and lessons available.
- [Fluency Matters](#) offers free e-learning and lesson plans for Spanish.
- [UNESCO](#) article provides a list of online learning solutions.
- [French Teacher Resources](#) offers ideas and lessons.
- [German Teacher Resources](#) offers ideas and lessons.
- Free access via [Google Hangouts](#).
- Guidance from [Mentimeter](#) (polling platform with free and paid versions) “Tools for Online Teaching”
- Article from [ISTE](#) (International Society for Technology in Education) “10 Strategies for online learning during coronavirus outbreak”.
- Guidance from [Wayside Publishing](#) for users to assist with online delivery of instruction.
- Blogpost from [HMH](#) (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) “How to Talk to Your Students About the Coronavirus”.
- Information on test delivery changes pertaining to COVID-19 (coronavirus) from [Pearson Vue](#).
- Distance Learning Readiness Kit from [Schoology](#) (purchased learning management system)
- Distance Learning Toolkit from [Edmodo](#) (free learning management system with basic account; premium accounts available).
- Blogpost “How to use Zoom for Online Learning” from [Zoom](#) (free videoconferencing system for up to 45 minutes and paid version for advanced features).
- Guidance from [FluentKey](#) (free authentic video service, with paid subscription for advanced features) “Taking your class online: Synchronous and Asynchronous Learning”.
- <https://www.lepointdufle.net/> Thousands of activities, including tons of listening activities for all levels of French
- Spanish activities for all levels <http://formespa.rediris.es/actividades.htm>
- Ready-made online and printable activities for Chinese, French, German, Japanese and Spanish <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline/default.htm> (Appropriate for Exploratory and Level I, some of Level II - French and German have 35 mini units developed!)
- <http://coerll.utexas.edu/coerll/materials> (Open source video and audio resources for Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Latin, Spanish, and other languages. Includes video interviews with heritage/native speakers for several languages.)

- https://www.123teachme.com/learn_spanish/exercises_basic_spanish_all (not great, but appropriate for Novice Spanish)
- <https://mycuriousclasses.com/2020/03/11/staying-curious-with-world-languages-at-home/>
- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NUKLZN7hGSu1Hzm70kfzBKs-lsSELaEMggS60Bi2O2l/htmlview?usp=sharing&sle=true> (Education companies offering free subscriptions due to school closings. NOT world language specific)
- <http://youlearnfrench.blogspot.com/> (French video lessons)
- [Matrix](#) of Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings