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## Online Learning for Students and Instructors

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<b>Learning Resources</b> <a href="http://literacyworks.org/learningresources">literacyworks.org/learningresources</a>	Read and listen to news stories, view video clips of the story, and then test your understanding with activities.	Each story includes an <a href="#">Instructor Page</a> .
<b>PBS Literacy Link</b> <a href="http://www.pbs.org/literacy">www.pbs.org/literacy</a>	An online classroom with lessons and practice tests. Register for free and then sign in each time you return. Has a message center with a dictionary and calculator and a portfolio where you can save your work.	Includes staff development courses, tutor resources, and live events.
<b>TV 411 Online</b> <a href="http://www.tv411.org">www.tv411.org</a>	Lessons in reading, writing, and math. Has an online calculator, dictionary, and other tools.	Offers curriculum support, including sample lesson plans, guidelines for correlating TV411 with educational standards, and an interactive index.

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<b>The California Distance Learning Project</b> <a href="http://www.cdaponline.org/">www.cdaponline.org/</a>	Online learning for new adult readers. Topics include civic participation, family, and employment.	Click on <a href="#">For Adult Educators</a> to find links to professional development, information about distance learning, and other resources.
<b>The Key</b> <a href="http://www.keynews.org/">www.keynews.org/</a>	The Key is a monthly newspaper written for new readers. Read articles about current events.	Download teaching materials to go with the news articles.
<b>Everyday Life</b> <a href="http://www.gcflearnfree.org/everydaylife">www.gcflearnfree.org/everydaylife</a>	This is a resource for adult literacy students from GCF Learn Free. Practice using an ATM, writing a check, reading a bus map, and more. Registration is free.	

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<b>The Learning Edge</b> <a href="http://thewclc.ca/edge/">thewclc.ca/edge/</a>	Online newspaper for adult literacy students. Click on a story on the front page to watch a video and answer questions.	
<b>The Beehive</b> <a href="http://thebeehive.org">thebeehive.org</a>	The Beehive is a website with information and resources about the following topics: money, health and fitness, school, jobs and careers, starting and owning a business, family, and insurance.	
<b>LV-Greater Hartford Weblinks</b> <a href="http://www.lvgh.org/weblinks.html">www.lvgh.org/weblinks.html</a>	This site has many learning activities to do online. You can find activities by picking the kind of program you are in, your level, or by the subject.	
<b>Visiting the Doctor</b> <a href="http://www.literacynet.org/vtd/">www.literacynet.org/vtd/</a>	Dialogues, readings, and poems about going to the doctor.	Includes tips for teachers.

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<b>Adult Education Web Quests</b> <a href="http://www.altn.org/webquests/">www.altn.org/webquests/</a>	Try a web quest about finding a good job, eating healthy food, or managing your money. Each web quest has a set of activities for you to do.	
<b>In My Own Words</b> <a href="http://www.literacynet.org/ll/issue9/ownwords.html">www.literacynet.org/ll/issue9/ownwords.html</a>	A collection of stories by adult new readers found on the Literally Literacy Newsletter.	
<b>Penguin Readers</b> <a href="http://www.penguindossiers.com/">www.penguindossiers.com/</a>	This page of Penguin's web site has dossiers (articles) to read. Search the archives to find a topic you are interested in. Many have audio so you can also listen to the article.	Each article has a fact sheet with teachers' notes and exercises.

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<b>Value (Voice for Adult Literacy United for Education)</b> <a href="http://www.valueusa.org">www.valueusa.org</a>	VALUE is a national organization of adult literacy students. Find out about their leadership activities and how to become a member.	
<b>Bright Ideas Videos</b> <a href="http://www.clese.org/brightideas.htm">www.clese.org/brightideas.htm</a>	The Coalition of Limited English Speaking Elderly has created two videos of refugee stories, with student guides.	Each story also has a teacher's guide. There is also a training video for teachers.
<b>The Change Agent</b> <a href="http://www.nelrc.org/changeagent">www.nelrc.org/changeagent</a>	An online magazine about social justice. Each issue has a different topic, such as peace, the media, immigration, and more. Includes news articles, opinion pieces, classroom activities and lessons, poems, cartoons, and interviews.	In the <u>classroom</u> section for teachers. Links to more resources for focusing on civic participation.

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<b>Kentucky Virtual Adult Education</b> <a href="http://www.kyvae.org/">www.kyvae.org/</a>	Take online courses to learn English or to get ready for the GED. Courses are free once you sign up.	
<b>Ask Me 3</b> <a href="http://www.askme3.org">www.askme3.org</a>	Information about talking with your doctor. Helps you understand what questions to ask and how to get more information.	
<b>Literacy Online</b> <a href="http://www.elr.com.au/lol/index.htm">www.elr.com.au/lol/index.htm</a>	Has sets of word games to play online. Links to search engines, free email, and other resources on the Internet.	
<b>Project Money</b> <a href="http://www.projectmoney.org">www.projectmoney.org</a>	Learn about Saving Money, Bank Accounts, Credit Cards, and Income Tax. This website was created by adult students and their teachers.	Click on Teaching Tools for tips, worksheets, and other teaching materials.

## Online Learning for ESOL Students and Instructors

	Students	Instructors
<b>Randall's ESL Cyber-Listening lab</b> <a href="http://www.esl-lab.com/index.htm">www.esl-lab.com/index.htm</a>	Dozens of audio and video stories to learn vocabulary and reading. Has comprehension quizzes as well as word definitions.	Includes handouts and tips for teachers using the listening lab with students.
<b>English for All</b> <a href="http://www.myefa.org">www.myefa.org</a>	Program is divided into episodes that have video and a series of listening activities. Register for free and sign in to use the site.	Designed for teachers and students to use together. Episodes have teachers guide and materials to print. Also connected to five videotapes, each containing four 15 minute programs, and 5 CD-ROMs designed to work with the website.
<b>Practice US Citizenship Test</b> <a href="http://www.herald-sun.com/votebook/citizenship/citstart.html">www.herald-sun.com/votebook/citizenship/citstart.html</a>	This ten question practice test is based on the official test. The computer selects a different set of questions every time you take the test. You can get your score as you go along.	

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<b>Dave's ESL Café</b> <a href="http://www.eslcafe.com">www.eslcafe.com</a>	Learn grammar, idioms, take quizzes, and more. A good place to have online conversations with other ESOL students.	Full of teaching ideas, sample lesson plans, games, grammar resources, online conversation groups, and more. Also a good place for tutors to post questions for other educators.
<b>English Language Space Station</b> <a href="http://www.englishlanguagespacestation.com">www.englishlanguagespacestation.com</a>	Look on the right for <u>Student's Side</u> . There are links to fun activities that will help you practice your computer skills. This is a British site so some of the English may be British English, not American.	On the teachers' side, there are lesson plans for teaching the computer, vocabulary, using the Internet and email. Downloadable worksheets.
<b>English Club</b> <a href="http://www.englishclub.com/">www.englishclub.com/</a>	Learn English while playing games, reading cartoons, and talking with other ESOL students. Choose <u>ESL Learners: What do you want to do?</u> to begin.	Teacher's Lounge has lesson plans, job postings, and discussion forums.

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<b>USA Learns</b> <a href="http://www.usalearns.org">www.usalearns.org</a>	The U.S. Department of Education has launched this web site to help immigrants learn English. Click on directions in either English or Spanish and choose which English level you need.	
<b>Activities for ESL Students</b> <a href="http://www.a4esl.org">www.a4esl.org</a>	Grammar and vocabulary quizzes, crossword puzzles, and podcasts.	<a href="#">For Teachers</a> section at the bottom of the page.
<b>Sounds of English</b> <a href="http://www.soundsofenglish.org">www.soundsofenglish.org</a>	Practice English pronunciation on the computer and other language skills.	Tips for teachers and handouts.
<b>English Audio Course</b> <a href="http://www.1-language.com/audiocourse/index.htm">www.1-language.com/audiocourse/index.htm</a>	Listen to audio clips of dialogue and answer questions.	
<b>ESL Games</b> <a href="http://eslgames.com/">eslgames.com/</a>	Links to online dictionaries, international phone directories, and a currency converter.	Great resource for making grammar, spelling, and communication fun for students.

## Computer Skills Resources

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<b>BBC Computer Tutor</b> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/computertutor">www.bbc.co.uk/computertutor</a>	Take this guided tour to practice using a mouse, the keyboard, and the computer screen.	
<b>BBC Webwise</b> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/">www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/</a>	Learn how to use the Internet step by step. Choose which topic you are interested in: email, filling in forms online, using the internet safely, and more.	Click on For Tutors to get suggestions for helping your student with this online course.
<b>Bridging the Gap: Computer Component</b> <a href="http://www.nald.ca/clr/btg/BTGHomePage/HomePage.htm">www.nald.ca/clr/btg/BTGHomePage/HomePage.htm</a>	Choose Computer Component for a series of explanations and practice exercises. Topics include creating documents, formatting, making tables, using bookmarks and links, templates, and more.	Instructors can print pdf versions of the lessons.
<b>First Find</b> <a href="http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/node/56">http://www.westchesterlibraries.org/node/56</a>	Links to online computer instruction including basic computers, Word, viruses, and online resumes. Choose "Computers and Technology".	

## Computer Skills Resources

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<b>TLN Technology Committee New User Tutorial</b> <a href="http://tech.tln.lib.mi.us/tutor/welcome.htm">tech.tln.lib.mi.us/tutor/welcome.htm</a>	This site is made to help new computer users practice the mouse and other basic skills.	
<b>GCF Global Learning</b> <a href="http://www.gcflearnfree.org/tutorials">www.gcflearnfree.org/tutorials</a>	Tutorials on basic computers, the Internet, and more.	
<b>Tek Mom Technology Buzzwords for Students</b> <a href="http://www.tekmom.com/buzzwords/">www.tekmom.com/buzzwords/</a>	Learn computer vocabulary. Print vocabulary puzzles.	
<b>Spanish/English Computer Vocabulary</b> <a href="http://www.lingolex.com/internet.htm">www.lingolex.com/internet.htm</a>	Computer vocabulary with Spanish translations.	
<b>The Help Web</b> <a href="http://www.imagescape.com/helpweb/welcome.html">www.imagescape.com/helpweb/welcome.html</a>	Go to the Table of Contents on the left and choose the topic you would like to find out more about.	

## Math Resources

	Students	Instructors
<b>A Plus Math</b> <a href="http://www.aplusmath.com">www.aplusmath.com</a>	Interactive math web site. Play games, do puzzles, and make flash cards to practice your math skills.	Make worksheets and flashcards.
<b>Ask Dr. Math</b> <a href="http://mathforum.org/dr.math/">mathforum.org/dr.math/</a>	You can type your math question in the search bar, or look at the FAQ (frequently asked questions).	
<b>Math Practice</b> <a href="http://lizardpoint.com/math/mathsheet.html">lizardpoint.com/math/mathsheet.html</a>	Practice your math facts online. Choose how difficult you want the problems to be. The site will make addition, subtraction, multiplication, or division problems.	Make worksheets and answer sheets to print.

## Calculators, Dictionaries, and Free Downloads

<b>Simple English Wikipedia</b> <a href="http://simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page">simple.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page</a>	This is an online encyclopedia that anyone can add to. This page also links to a simple English dictionary, at <a href="http://simple.wiktionary.org/wiki/Main_Page">http://simple.wiktionary.org/wiki/Main_Page</a>
<b>Merriam-Webster's Learners Dictionary</b> <a href="http://www.learnersdictionary.com/">www.learnersdictionary.com/</a>	Type in a word to find the definition. You can also choose Audio to hear how the word is pronounced.
<b>Word Cue</b> <a href="http://www.elr.com.au/wordcue/index.htm">www.elr.com.au/wordcue/index.htm</a>	Free software to download. Pronounces words or gives clues (such as a picture) to help you read.
<b>I Tools Language Tools</b> <a href="http://www.itools.com/lang/">www.itools.com/lang/</a>	Offers an online dictionary, thesaurus, word and phrase translators.
<b>Create Math Worksheets</b> <a href="http://themathworksheetsite.com">themathworksheetsite.com</a> and <a href="http://lizardpoint.com/math/mathsheet.html">lizardpoint.com/math/mathsheet.html</a>	These sites allow you to put in your specifications and will generate worksheets for you.

## Calculators, Dictionaries, and Free Downloads

### Free Online Calculators

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

Choose Standard Calculator for basic math. There are also fractions, percent, loan, and other types of calculators.

### Make Your Own Crossword Puzzles

[www.edhelper.com/crossword.htm](http://www.edhelper.com/crossword.htm)

Create your own customized crossword puzzles to practice vocabulary, sight words, and spelling.

### Free Clip Art Collection for Second Language Instruction

[tell.fll.purdue.edu/JapanProj//FLClipart/](http://tell.fll.purdue.edu/JapanProj//FLClipart/)

A series of hand-drawn pictures illustrating verbs, adjectives, and common nouns that tutors can print out and use in sessions to generate understanding, conversation, stories, writing activities, grammar lessons and much more. This free collection of black and white drawings is easy to download onto your computer and print out.

### Voycabulary

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

Voycabulary makes the words on a web page into links so you can click on them and get the definition. Go to the voycabulary site and type in the address of the site you want to visit. Can do translations on some websites.

## Calculators, Dictionaries, and Free Downloads

<b>Freebyte!</b> <a href="http://www.freebyte.com">www.freebyte.com</a>	Free clip art, programs, icons, and other downloads.
<b>The Free Site</b> <a href="http://www.freesite.com">www.freesite.com</a>	Free internet access providers, email, and more.
<b>Computer Hope</b> <a href="http://computerhope.com">computerhope.com</a>	Free online computer support and computer related information.
<b>WiFi Free Spot</b> <a href="http://www.wififreespot.com">www.wififreespot.com</a>	This site tells you where to find free access to the Internet if you have a laptop.

## Lesson Plans, Curricula, and Teaching Materials

**CESOL- Computers and English for Speakers of Other Languages**  
[tech.worlded.org/docs/cesol/lessons.htm](http://tech.worlded.org/docs/cesol/lessons.htm)

Curriculum and lesson plans for using computers with ESL students.

**Computers in Action!**  
[tech.worlded.org/docs/cia/](http://tech.worlded.org/docs/cia/)

A curriculum for using computers with ESOL students.

**Basic Computer Skills Curriculum**  
[www.spclc.org/curriculum](http://www.spclc.org/curriculum)

St. Paul Community Literacy Consortium has developed these lessons, handouts, teacher guides, vocabulary lists, and activities for teaching basic computer skills.

**Kansas Technology Competencies**  
[www.nwlincs.org/comptech/toc.htm](http://www.nwlincs.org/comptech/toc.htm)

Technology lesson plans on four levels of difficulty. Lesson plans have worksheets and handouts to go with them. Includes a glossary, resources, and assessment.

**OTAN: Computer Basics**  
[www.otan.us/browse/index.cfm?fuseaction=view\\_ft&catid=18102&recno=2465](http://www.otan.us/browse/index.cfm?fuseaction=view_ft&catid=18102&recno=2465)

You can download or print this set of lessons on Computer Basics, Internet Basics, Word Basics, and Excel Basics.

## Lesson Plans, Curricula, and Teaching Materials

### **Staying Healthy: An English Learner's Guide to Health Care and Healthy Living**

[www.floridaliteracy.org/literacy\\_resources\\_teacher\\_tutor\\_health\\_literacy.html](http://www.floridaliteracy.org/literacy_resources_teacher_tutor_health_literacy.html)

The Florida Literacy Coalition has published this student workbook and teacher's guide, which you can download for free. Units include Health Care, Your Doctor, Medicines, Nutrition, Chronic Diseases, and Staying Healthy.

### **Health & Literacy Special Collection**

[www.worlded.org/us/health/lincs/index.htm](http://www.worlded.org/us/health/lincs/index.htm)

A collection of resources for anyone interested in teaching health to adults with limited literacy skills. The site can direct you to information about the link between literacy and health status; guides and curricula for incorporating health into literacy or ESOL classes; and health brochures in plain English, or languages other than English. There are also links to organizations dedicated to health and literacy education.

### **Health Education and Adult Literacy: Breast and Cervical Cancer (HEAL:BCC)**

[www.worlded.org/us/health/heal](http://www.worlded.org/us/health/heal)

HEAL:BCC introduces the topic of breast and cervical cancer early detection and screening in Adult Basic Education (ABE) and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) classrooms. HEAL:BCC is collaboration between World Education and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

## Lesson Plans, Curricula, and Teaching Materials

### EL Civics Health Curriculum

[www.ccs.k12.va.us/programs/esl/docs/health/Health\\_Curriculum.pdf](http://www.ccs.k12.va.us/programs/esl/docs/health/Health_Curriculum.pdf)

A 10 unit multi-level health curriculum for adult BL/ESOL students that is available in PDF form online.

### Citizenship Preparation Materials at The Adult Learning Resource Center

[www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/citizenship-pub.html](http://www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/citizenship-pub.html)

The Adult Learning Resource Center in Des Plaines website has a good selection of citizenship preparation materials: a resource materials list, notices on CIS procedure changes, a sample interview that resulted from a collaboration between area educators and the CIS, and a variety of classroom materials.

### Citizenship and Civic Participation Resource Collection

[www.nelrc.org/publications/index.html](http://www.nelrc.org/publications/index.html)

A set of resources for civic education from the New England Literacy Resource Center.

### English Language, Civics and Citizenship Teacher's Toolbox

[www.caaelii.org/teachers\\_toolbox.htm](http://www.caaelii.org/teachers_toolbox.htm)

Created by the Coalition of African, Asian, European, and Latino Immigrants of Illinois (CAAELII). Integrates components of English language learning with practical plans for student involvement in civic activities.

## Lesson Plans, Curricula, and Teaching Materials

**New Citizen's Vote! Curriculum**  
[pilaweb.org](http://pilaweb.org)

A four-hour voter education curriculum (available in English and Spanish) called "New Citizens Vote! An Educational Curriculum About Voting." The goal of the curriculum is to increase the skills and self-confidence of participants regarding voting and other local decision-making processes. The curriculum emphasizes local issues and opportunities for civic participation.

**Boggles' World**  
[bogglesworldesl.com/](http://bogglesworldesl.com/)

Lots of great communicative and survival English activities for adult ESL students.

**Lesson Plans and Resources for ESL Instructors**  
[www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/eslindex.html](http://www.csun.edu/~hcedu013/eslindex.html)

Links to websites for ESL instructors and teachers-in-training. Lots of good links to lessons, handouts, and resources for teaching grammar, writing, communication, and much more.

## Lesson Plans, Curricula, and Teaching Materials

### **The Literacy List**

[alri.org/literacylist.html](http://alri.org/literacylist.html)

A collection of free Adult Basic Education and ESL/ESOL websites, listservs, and other Internet resources for adult basic skills learners and teachers. The resources have been suggested by adult literacy and ESOL practitioners.

### **Harnessing Technology to Serve Adult Literacy**

[alri.org/harness.html#lesson%20plans](http://alri.org/harness.html#lesson%20plans)

Links to resources to use technology in adult literacy education. Site is organized into problems and solutions, with topics including Lesson Plans, Reading, ESOL, Family Literacy, Financial Literacy, and more.

### **Literacy Suffolk**

[literacysuffolk.org/links.cfm](http://literacysuffolk.org/links.cfm)

This New York literacy organization has a great list of links for online resources.

## Lesson Plans, Curricula, and Teaching Materials

### Financial Resources and Economic Education

[www.lvnj.org](http://www.lvnj.org)

Click on Resources

California Literacy created this curriculum to help meet the needs of immigrants with limited English by helping them gain control over their own finances while improving their English skills. Units include Budgets, Banking, Tips for Saving Money, and Buying a House. A teacher's guide is included.

### Community and Family Economics (CAFÉ)

[www.lacnyc.org/resources/familylit/CAFE.htm](http://www.lacnyc.org/resources/familylit/CAFE.htm)

The Literacy Assistance Center of NY offers the following lesson plans, developed by teachers who participated in the initial CAFÉ Institute: What's in Your Wallet?, Preparation for Opening an Account, Money Traps that Prevent you from Achieving your Financial Goals, and Where Does the \$ Go?

### The Mint

[www.themint.org/index.html](http://www.themint.org/index.html)

This financial literacy website was designed for families, and includes content for parents and children. Instructors can click on "Ideas for Teachers" to get lesson plans and handouts on budgeting, credit, making financial decisions, and the stock market.

## Lesson Plans, Curricula, and Teaching Materials

### **Able Net Expert Trainer Lesson Plans**

[www.lhup.edu/ablenet/profdev/lessons/lessonplans.htm](http://www.lhup.edu/ablenet/profdev/lessons/lessonplans.htm)

Lesson plans for adult literacy, ESL, and GED instructors using computer technology.

### **Under Construction: Building Web Sites as a Project-based Learning Activity for ABE/ESOL Classes**

[literacytech.worlded.org/wei\\_under.pdf](http://literacytech.worlded.org/wei_under.pdf)

A printable guide for building websites with your students.

### **Bridging the Gap between Literacy and Technology**

[www.nald.ca/clr/btg/BTGHomePage/HomePage.htm](http://www.nald.ca/clr/btg/BTGHomePage/HomePage.htm)

This Canadian site offers practitioners the tools to integrate information technology into many of the reading, writing, and computer requirements of today's workplace.

## Professional Development & General Resources

<p><b>Adult Literacy Education Wiki</b> <a href="http://wiki.literacytent.org/index.php/Main_Page">wiki.literacytent.org/index.php/Main_Page</a></p>	<p>Learn about adult literacy education here, including English language learning, numeracy, and adult basic and secondary education. Add knowledge from your experience teaching adult learners, from research or professional wisdom, or from your experience as an adult learner. The ALE Wiki is a community of practitioners with links to research for instructors, researchers, learners and others.</p>
<p><b>The Literacy Assistance Center</b> <a href="http://lacnyc.org/resources/">lacnyc.org/resources/</a></p>	<p>Comprehensive site that includes BL/ESOL curriculum, training materials, and web-based lessons for teachers, tutors, and program staff. LAC also runs ongoing workshops for literacy practitioners in NYC.</p>
<p><b>Surfing for Substance – Lessons for Introducing the Internet to Students</b> <a href="http://hub1.worlded.org/docs/surfing/">hub1.worlded.org/docs/surfing/</a></p>	<p>A professional development guide and lesson plans for introducing the Web into adult literacy instruction. Learn how to help students log on and learn using web-based educational resources. This is a great resource to help students get started.</p>

## Professional Development & General Resources

**Verizon Thinkfinity**  
[thinkfinity.org](http://thinkfinity.org)

Verizon Thinkfinity has two online courses designed for tutors to learn how to integrate computers into adult education teaching environments. Both courses were developed by the National Center for Family Literacy. Click on Literacy Network and type “Connecting Families and Computers” in the keyword bar. There are also two online courses for new computer users.

### **Adult Literacy Technology Standards**

[alri.org/malitt/abecomps.html](http://alri.org/malitt/abecomps.html) (MA)

[ade.state.az.us/adult-ed/adult-edstandards.asp](http://ade.state.az.us/adult-ed/adult-edstandards.asp)  
(AZ)

[www.umbc.edu/alrc/Standards/Texts/  
TechnologyStandards.pdf](http://www.umbc.edu/alrc/Standards/Texts/TechnologyStandards.pdf) (MD)

Massachusetts, Maryland, and Arizona all have statewide Technology Standards for adult literacy learners. View them respectively at these sites.

## Professional Development & General Resources

### Focus On Basics – Practical Newsletter for Adult Educators

[www.ncsall.net/index.php?id=31](http://www.ncsall.net/index.php?id=31)

*Focus on Basics* is the quarterly publication of the National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy. It presents best practices, current research on adult learning and literacy, and how research is used by adult basic education teachers, counselors, program administrators, and policy makers. This is a great resource with lots of practical instructional advice that tutors & teachers can use. You can sign up online and download issues from their website as well.

### The National Institute for Literacy

[www.nifl.gov/lincs](http://www.nifl.gov/lincs)

*LINCS* is a cooperative electronic network of NIFL, national, regional, state, and local literacy providers. The site provides access to a comprehensive collection of family and adult basic education materials, research, events, and policy matters.

### National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy (NCSALL)

[ncsall.net](http://ncsall.net)

NCSALL is a collaborative effort between the Harvard Graduate School of Education and World Education. Its goal is to establish a comprehensive research agenda, pursue basic and applied research under that agenda, build partnerships between researchers and practitioners, and disseminate research and best practices to practitioners, scholars, and policy makers.

## Professional Development & General Resources

<b>Literacy Connections</b> <a href="http://literacyconnections.com">literacyconnections.com</a>	<u>Literacy Connections</u> provides information on reading, teaching and tutoring techniques, ESL literacy, and adult literacy. Recommends resources that are useful for teachers, volunteers, and directors of literacy programs. Topics include the language experience approach, phonics, word study, and literature for beginning readers.
<b>Outreach and Technical Assistance Network for Adult Educators</b> <a href="http://www.otan.us/">www.otan.us/</a>	This site has a great amount of resources for adult educators. Click on <i>Teaching Tools and Resources</i> .
<b>The Math Forum at Drexel</b> <a href="http://mathforum.org/teachers/adult.ed/">mathforum.org/teachers/adult.ed/</a>	Links to resources for math teachers, including research.
<b>NJ GED Information</b> <a href="http://www.nj.gov/njded/students/ged/index.html">www.nj.gov/njded/students/ged/index.html</a>	Frequently Asked Questions, testing sites, how to register, and other information about the GED.
<b>Adult Numeracy Network</b> <a href="http://www.literacynet.org/ann/">www.literacynet.org/ann/</a>	A community of math instructors. Includes publications and resources.

## Professional Development & General Resources

<b>Literacy Volunteers of New Jersey</b> <a href="http://www.lvnj.org">www.lvnj.org</a>	Find out about upcoming events and trainings and link to resources on the web.
<b>Literacy Volunteers Online</b> <a href="https://groups.google.com/group/lvnj-tutors">groups.google.com/group/lvnj-tutors</a>	This online group is a place for LV tutors to post favorite lesson plans, recommend resources, or ask questions of colleagues from programs around New Jersey.
<b>Technology Self-Assessment</b> <a href="http://www.adultedonline.org">www.adultedonline.org</a>	Take the Technology Integration Self-Assessment to assess your skills at using technology in your teaching; create your own professional development plan.
<b>SABES/ACLS Lesson Planning Resource Guide</b> <a href="http://sabes.org/curriculum/lesson-planning-guide-2008.pdf">sabes.org/curriculum/lesson-planning-guide-2008.pdf</a>	SABES (The System for Adult Basic Education Support) has many great resources, including this guide to lesson planning that is free to download.

## Adult Literacy Commercial Software

<p><b>Reading Horizons (HEC) Version 4.1</b>  <a href="http://www.readinghorizons.com/solutions/software/markets/adult.aspx">www.readinghorizons.com/solutions/software/markets/adult.aspx</a></p>	<p>Phonics based reading program, beginning with the alphabet. Contains 30 modules. Adaptable for ESL students.</p>	<p>Can purchase as stand alone, network, or online subscription. Pricing depends on number of stations and users (see web site).</p> <p>Download sample lessons.</p>
<p><b>Rogers Multisensory: Reading, Spelling, and Penmanship</b>  <a href="http://www.rogerscenter.com">www.rogerscenter.com</a></p>	<p>Begins with letter recognition and goes to a sixth grade reading level. Modules consist of: The sound &amp; key word for each letter of the alphabet, Blending letters to form words, Writing skills, Spelling skills, Language skills, and Dictionary skills.</p>	<p>CD-ROM</p> <p>\$200 individual            \$1500 for 15 copies            Each CD-ROM can track 15 students</p> <p>Download sample lessons.</p>

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<p><b>Ultimate Phonics Reading Program</b>  <a href="http://www.spencerlearning.com/ultimate-phonics.htm">www.spencerlearning.com/ultimate-phonics.htm</a></p>	<p>Phonics based reading program. Contains 262 lessons.</p>	<p>CD-ROM            \$69.95</p>
<p><b>Lexia Learning Strategies for Older Students</b>  <a href="http://www.lexialearning.com">www.lexialearning.com</a>            Click on Adult Learners</p>	<p>Reading program designed for ages 9 – adult. Uses sight words, prefix and suffix recognition.</p>	<p>\$159.00 individual            Online demo.</p>
<p><b>Teknimedia</b>  <a href="http://www.teknimedia.com/html/cls.html">www.teknimedia.com/html/cls.html</a></p>	<p>Web-based computer literacy software. Has courses on basic computer skills, internet use, word processing, spreadsheets, and presentations.</p>	<p>Prices for stand alone (unlimited # of students), network, and online (per student). Individuals can subscribe to online courses for between \$7.99 and \$23.99 a month.</p>
<p><b>Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing</b>  <a href="http://www.broderbund.com">www.broderbund.com</a></p>	<p>Typing program.</p>	<p>CD-ROM            \$19.95</p>

## Adult Literacy Commercial Software

<p><b>SkillsTutor</b>  <a href="http://www.skillstutor.com">www.skillstutor.com</a></p>	<p>Reading, writing, math, science, and workforce readiness skill work for adults.</p>	<p>Primarily web-based. Also a CD-Rom version called SkillsBank.</p> <p>\$1200 for single user license and \$5000 for a five user license. Prices are negotiable.</p> <p>Sample lessons available online.</p>
<p><b>PLATO</b>  <a href="http://www.plato.com">www.plato.com</a></p>	<p>Includes courses for communication, workplace skills, reading, vocabulary, and others.</p>	<p>Web-based.</p> <p>Contact company for pricing information.</p>
<p><b>Aztec</b>  <a href="http://aztecsoftware.com">aztecsoftware.com</a></p>	<p>Series for adult education include basic literacy, work readiness, special and alternative education, GED preparation, and ESL.</p>	<p>Web-based instruction at <a href="http://2learnonline.com">2learnonline.com</a></p> <p>Contact company for pricing.</p>

## ESOL Commercial Software

<p><b>Rosetta Stone</b>  <a href="http://www.rosettastone.com/">www.rosettastone.com/</a></p>	<p>Level 1 and Level 2. Students view pictures and listen to associated language to learn vocabulary, and then choose pictures to show comprehension.</p>	<p>CD-ROM            \$300 individual            Prices range for network.</p>
<p><b>ESL Instant Immersion English 2</b>  <a href="http://www.languagequest.com">www.languagequest.com</a></p>	<p>Includes programs called Talk Now, Talk More, and World Talk; comes with a picture dictionary. Students listen to native speakers and do exercises to learn vocabulary.</p>	<p>CD-ROM            \$29.95</p>
<p><b>Pronunciation Power</b>  <a href="http://www.englishlearning.com">www.englishlearning.com</a></p> <p>Also Pronunciation Power 2, 8 in 1 English dictionary, Pronunciation Power Idioms, and Introductory Grammar and Vocabulary with Color Key.</p>	<p>Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced pronunciation exercises. Students can listen and record words.</p>	<p>CD-ROM, download, or online subscription            Prices range from \$30 - \$200.</p>

## ESOL Commercial Software

<p><b>ELLIS: English Training Software</b>  <a href="http://www.edutechinfo.com/ellisENG.htm">www.edutechinfo.com/ellisENG.htm</a></p>	<p>Divided into Intro, Middle Mastery, and Senior Mastery programs. Uses audio, video, and text to teach literacy skills.</p>	<p>See contact info on web site.</p>
<p><b>EASY, the ESL series</b>  <a href="http://easyeld.com">easyeld.com</a></p>	<p>Theme-based ESL curriculum organized by levels, beginning with Level One (numbers, colors, calendar, etc.)</p>	<p>Video, DVD, and CD-Rom.             Units with lesson plans and teaching materials are \$995, or \$295 for a set of 6 videos (or CDs).</p>
<p><b>PLATO: English Discoveries</b>  <a href="http://www.plato.com/">www.plato.com/</a></p>	<p>Includes videos, stories, and games. Students can record themselves and participate in interactive dialogues.</p>	

## ESOL Commercial Software

<p><b>Crossroads Café</b>  <a href="http://www.intelecom.org/course_info.asp?id=10">www.intelecom.org/course_info.asp?id=10</a></p>	<p>A video series with workbooks and online components for English language and literacy learning.</p>	<p>Single site license for use of 26 videos is \$1500, or order half a series for \$795.          Also available as a part of a distance or hybrid course.</p> <p>You can view an episode at the website.</p>
<p><b>The ESL/Civics Link</b>  <a href="http://civicslink.ket.org">civicslink.ket.org</a></p>	<p>Online professional development for adult education ESOL Instructors created by PBS.</p> <p>Web-based.</p>	<p>Individual license \$89.95 (one teacher for six months).          Organization license \$800 (ten teachers at one site for one year).</p> <p>Take a tour online and try a sample activity.</p>

## Software Reviews and Resources

**David Rosen's Software Review Site**  
[home.comcast.net/~djrosen/software.html](http://home.comcast.net/~djrosen/software.html)

A recommended list of commercial and free instructional software. Includes a list of generic software to include in a computer lab and links to software review sites.

**Evaluating and Choosing Software for Your Adult Literacy or ESOL Program**  
[www.lacnyc.org/resources/IT/evalsoftware.htm](http://www.lacnyc.org/resources/IT/evalsoftware.htm)

The Literacy Assistance Center of New York City provides this guide to choosing software. Includes a series of articles on how to choose, as well as a list of recommendations.

**2001-2002 Northwest Regional Literacy Resource Center Software Buyers' Guide**  
[www.nwlincs.org/softreview/listsftware.htm](http://www.nwlincs.org/softreview/listsftware.htm)

This is a useful guide to software for adult basic education programs. The reviews are written by practitioners and cover ESL, ABE, and GED.

**A Place to Start in Selecting Software**  
[oregonstate.edu/~healeyd/cj\\_software\\_selection.html](http://oregonstate.edu/~healeyd/cj_software_selection.html)

This article on selecting software goes through the things you need to think about before selecting software for adult education classes. Includes a table of programs appropriate for adult learning.