

Beyond Talk Time: Program and Activity Tool Kit

English Literacy Websites

Spellingcity.com

Free site focusing on spelling and vocabulary. No login required, but registration allows teachers to build specific lists and activities.

Starfall.com

Designed for children but excellent for adults learning to read. Free, registration not required.

USALearns.org

Specifically for adult English language learners. Students can follow self-guided units, teachers can build specific lessons based on existing units. Free, registration required.

eslgamesplus.com

Activities for teaching and practicing English grammar, vocabulary, sentences, listening and pronunciation skills. Free, registration not required.

Computer Basics

<http://www.seniornet.org/howto/mouseexercises/mousepractice.html>

<http://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mousercise.htm>

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

Free, no login required but registration allows students to track progress.

Skill-Building Activities for New Arrivals

Email Basics

- Students emailing each other to practice fundamentals
- Teachers email basic assignments for students to complete during computer class
- Attachments (photos, Word documents)

Microsoft Word

- "My Story"
- Spelling lists/sentences
- Mock cover letters
- Resumés

Google Maps

- Directions
- Street view
- Public transportation
- “Search nearby”

Job Searching

- Identifying Job searching websites
- Reading ads
- Responding to ads

Open Computer lab

- Applying for jobs
- Food handler permits
- DSHS and other benefits registration
- School applications
- Apartment searching
- Facebook
- Email
- Foreign language news and videos

Library Activities

- Scavenger hunt for relevant items (World language and ESL materials, dictionaries, etc)
- Worksheets focused on teaching basic library skills and terminology
- Word searches with library terminology
- ESL book club
 - Prowse, Philip. *Arman’s Journey*. Cambridge ; New York : Cambridge University Press, 2011
 - Applegate, Katherine. *Home of the Brave*. New York: Square Fish. 2007.
- Easy fiction and nonfiction to support classroom curriculum
- Elizabeth Claire’s *Easy English News*
- Atlases and “country books”
- Bananagrams for spelling practice
- Apples to Apples junior edition for vocabulary acquisition
- Invite your children’s librarian to do basic literacy activities

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