



## Online resources for teachers, parents and students

The following list of websites is intended as a guide to useful online resources for teachers, parents and students who are learning or teaching English. Cambridge ESOL is not responsible for the content of any websites other than the Cambridge ESOL Teacher Support site.

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<b>Cambridge ESOL Teacher Support</b> <a href="http://www.teachers.cambridgeesol.org/ts/">www.teachers.cambridgeesol.org/ts/</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Free teaching resources for English teachers and information about Cambridge ESOL exams, produced by Cambridge ESOL. Resources available include lesson plans, worksheets, and classroom games and activities. Links to Cambridge ESOL's Candidate Support Website and the Cambridge ESOL e-shop. Users who register for a free account can upload and share resources with other English teachers. The site includes a Teacher Support Forum, allowing teachers to communicate with one another.						
<b>CBBC News</b> <a href="http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/default.stm">http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/default.stm</a>	✓	✓		✓		✓
The site has been developed by the BBC, and can be accessed by teachers, learners and parents. There is a specific section for teachers (intended for UK teachers), which EFL teachers can use as a source of authentic material, or for lessons based on CLIL. Parents and learners can access the website as a source of authentic material on the news and online games, as well as quizzes.						
<b>British Council and BBC</b> <a href="http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/">www.teachingenglish.org.uk/</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
This site, jointly developed by the British Council and the BBC, offers a wide range of resources for teachers, including classroom activities, tips, lesson plans and quizzes. Teachers can create a blog account for free and access teaching blogs. The website includes forums and a 'teacher development' section, where teachers can find useful tips for professional development and in-service training.						

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<b>British Council</b> <a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish">www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish</a>		✓		✓		✓
<p>This site has been developed by the British Council, and includes links to the site for teachers described above, and sites devoted to kids (see below). Each section includes activities and class resources including online activities, podcasts, cartoons and games. Activities are organised by themes such as sport and science.</p>						
<b>British Council – Kids</b> <a href="http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/">http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/</a>		✓		✓	✓	✓
<p>This site has also been developed by the British Council and can be accessed from other British Council websites (see above). Both teachers and young learners can access the website and the activities. Tips and notes for teachers can be found on the <a href="http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk">www.teachingenglish.org.uk</a> website described above. The site includes 'read and write' and 'listen and do' sections, where children can practise their language skills, as well as online games and a 'make and explore' section for crafts.</p>						
<b>British Council – Parents</b> <a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/parents.htm">www.britishcouncil.org/parents.htm</a>				✓	✓	✓
<p>Developed by the British Council, this is a resource where parents can find tips on how to help their children learn English and download printables, as well as play online games. There is also a section on making the Internet safe for children. Although it has been designed for parents, teachers can access the site for ideas.</p>						
<b>Macmillan</b> <a href="http://www.onestopenenglish.com/">www.onestopenenglish.com/</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>This subscription website, developed by Macmillan, contains a variety of resources for different ages and levels. Teachers can search the resources they need by using the detailed search engine and sorting them out by level, age and language focus. A wide range of reference material and methodology articles are also accessible and downloadable from the site. Resources range from lesson plans and classroom activities to online games and videos. A certain amount of material is downloadable for free.</p>						
<b>Oxford University Press – Teachers</b> <a href="http://www.oup.com/elt/teachersclub/">www.oup.com/elt/teachersclub/</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓		
<p>This website, developed by Oxford University Press, includes free lesson plans and activities for teachers. Resources are developed to match textbooks, but can be used as separate activities as well. It is necessary to subscribe to gain full access to resources, but subscription is free of charge.</p>						

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<b>Oxford University Press – Students</b> <a href="http://www.oup.com/elt/students/">www.oup.com/elt/students/</a>		✓		✓		
This website for students, developed by Oxford University Press, includes games and practice activities. These are intended to be used in conjunction with textbooks, but may be used as separate activities.						
<b>Cambridge University Press</b> <a href="http://www.cambridge.org/elt/resources/">www.cambridge.org/elt/resources/</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	
By opening a free account on this website developed by Cambridge University Press, teachers can access a comprehensive collection of resources which are organised by area (e.g. <i>adults</i> or <i>teenagers</i> ) and include worksheets and activities for the four skills, grammar, vocabulary and pronunciation. Resources are related to specific books or coursebooks but can be used separately as well. The website has extra materials for teachers, a teacher training blog and downloadable reference materials.						
<b>Scott Thornbury</b> <a href="http://www.thornburyscott.com/tu/resources.htm">www.thornburyscott.com/tu/resources.htm</a>	✓	✓	✓			
This website has been developed by Scott Thornbury. It reflects an approach which is based on minimal resources. Teachers can find ideas for lessons which require few or no materials, and read related methodology articles.						
<b>Teachit</b> <a href="http://www.teachitworld.com/">www.teachitworld.com/</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
This website contains a wealth of resources for language teaching, ranging from topic-based materials to skills-based worksheets, audio resources and materials for interactive whiteboards. A great number of resources can be accessed after registering for a free account. Access to more material can be gained through payment of an annual fee.						
<b>Teachit – Primary</b> <a href="http://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/">www.teachitprimary.co.uk/</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
This website is organised in the same way as teachitworld.com (see above), and contains resources for primary teachers in English speaking countries, and contains downloadable activities and audio files based on different subjects, ranging from literacy and numeracy to history, science, literature and geography, which could be useful for CLIL activities. The site also contains resources for interactive whiteboards, pictures and topic-based activities. The annual subscription policy is the same as teachitworld.com.						

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<b>Teachit – UK</b> <a href="http://www.teachit.co.uk/">www.teachit.co.uk/</a>	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
<p>The layout of this site is similar to the two above. Materials have been designed for UK schools, and could be a useful source of authentic material. The ‘<i>whizzy things</i>’ section is accessible to site members who pay the annual fee, and includes interesting tools to create interactive games such as anagrams and scramble. Some resources are downloadable for free, though the annual subscription allows users to access a wider range of resources, including audio.</p>						
<b>Dream English</b> <a href="http://www.dreamenglish.com/freedownload">www.dreamenglish.com/freedownload</a>		✓			✓	✓
<p>This American English website has got a wide range of downloadable mp3 files with songs, videos, flashcards and activities for young learners. It can be accessed by teachers, learners and parents. The downloadable audio files and worksheets on phonics are particularly interesting and suitable for early readers.</p>						
<b>MES English</b> <a href="http://www.mes-english.com/">www.mes-english.com/</a>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<p>This website contains worksheets, games and activities for young learners. Teachers can download materials for free. Resources include a worksheet maker for skills and vocabulary, and video language presentations. The phonics section includes activities for learners who are starting reading and writing. The site can also be accessed by parents and learners for practice at home.</p>						
<b>Lesson Sense</b> <a href="http://www.lessonsense.com/">www.lessonsense.com/</a>		✓			✓	
<p>This website has been developed by a Dutch pre-school/ kindergarten teacher as a resource site for international teachers. At the time of writing, the site is still under construction, so some resources might not be available yet. However, materials are organised by topic, and the site provides useful suggestions for classroom games, plus comprehensive sets of flashcards.</p>						
<b>Enchanted Learning</b> <a href="http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html">www.enchantedlearning.com/Home.html</a>	✓					✓
<p>This subscription website is designed for teachers and includes a wide range of worksheets for young learners. Resources are organised by topic and include vocabulary worksheets, ideas for arts and crafts, mini-books and picture dictionaries in different languages.</p>						

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<b>Linguascope</b> <a href="http://www.linguascope.com/">www.linguascope.com/</a>		✓		✓		
<p>This subscription website has been developed by a team of expert linguists and educators. It contains online activities based on different topics at different levels for English, German, French, Spanish and Italian. The activities can be done online or used in the class. A particularly interesting feature is the <i>activity builder</i>, which enables users to create interactive activities such as quizzes and wordsearch activities.</p>						
<b>English Zone</b> <a href="http://www.lcfclubs.com/englishzone/">www.lcfclubs.com/englishzone/</a>		✓		✓	✓	✓
<p>This subscription website includes pre-school and primary-level resources. It is possible to request a free seven-day trial. Resources for teachers include audio files, grammar presentations, activities and flashcards (which include pictures of real objects), while students can watch and listen to animated stories and play online games. The section devoted to phonics is particularly useful for teachers.</p>						
<b>FunSongs</b> <a href="http://www.funsongs.co.uk">www.funsongs.co.uk</a>	✓	✓				
<p>This subscription website provides teachers with song packages for young learners. The songs and activities use Total Physical Response (TPR) techniques which help children to learn English in a fun and memorable way. The site has some free sample materials, including <i>Music and Mime</i>, <i>Rhythm and Rhyme</i> tips for teachers, and a free action song module download and PDF book.</p>						