

# **Resources for an Integrated Four-Skills Approach**

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Note: As the Internet resources are very fluid, you may find over time that some of the links become obsolete. If you plan to use a link in your classroom, make sure it is still working!

### Dictionaries & Encyclopedias

1. <http://www.longman.com/dictionaries/> - Click on Teacher's Resources for worksheets on using Dictionaries.
2. <http://www.m-w.com> - Merriam Webster online. Easy to use as a dictionary, or thesaurus. Also has a neat link called Spell It! that categorizes words by language of origin.
3. <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/activity.htm> - Cambridge Dictionaries Resource Page - online activities and worksheets, grammar
4. <http://dictionary.com/> - dictionary, thesaurus, reference, translation
5. <http://wikipedia.org>
6. <http://www.britannica.com/>

### Pedagogical Resources

1. [www.iteslj.org/t](http://www.iteslj.org/t) - the Internet TESL Journal (Things for Teachers)
2. [www.Teachingenglish.org.uk/languageassistant/teachingtips](http://www.Teachingenglish.org.uk/languageassistant/teachingtips) - ideas on how to direct your language assistant (and good ideas for the teacher too!)
3. Teachers TV- [www.Teachers.TV](http://www.Teachers.TV) - videos covering all stages of learning in all school subjects, as well as the latest news, and advice on various issues such as classroom management, bullying, etc.
4. Edutopia – [www.edutopia.org](http://www.edutopia.org) - practical, hands-on advice, real-world examples, lively contributions from practitioners, and invaluable tips and tools
5. [www.teachertube.com](http://www.teachertube.com) - Teacher Tube – an online community for sharing teacher instructional videos. For an example, see 'Stages of Language Acquisition- ESL', or 'I hate Public Speaking.'
6. <http://www.onestopenglish.com> – Click Young Learners – Teaching teenagers - for lesson plans, tips and suggestions for teaching teenagers.

### Listening

1. <http://www.esl-lab.com/> - Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab - great for listening practice, with scripts, quizzes, vocabulary. Easy – Medium-Difficult.
2. <http://www.eslcafe.com/idea/index.cgi?Listening>: Dave's ESL Café: Idea Cookbook – Listening (See Back & Forth Listening)
3. <http://www.examenlsh.com/> - free practice tests, TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC...
4. <http://international.ouc.bc.ca/takako/index.html> - Takako's great adventure (to Canada), includes downloadable MP3 files for your listening pleasure!
5. <http://www.songsforteaching.com/eslfilesol.htm> - Song Lyrics for Teaching English as a Second Language - this site has lyrics and sound clips to very easy songs – for young learners.
6. <http://www.eslgames.com/teachingsongs/> - English Teaching Songs Music and Lyrics. Good suggestions for teaching with music. There are also cloze activities, but you would have to buy the CD (\$20) if you want the music.
7. <http://lyrics.com/> - find lyrics for many songs.

8. [http://archives.cbc.ca/for\\_teachers/173/](http://archives.cbc.ca/for_teachers/173/) This link is to the Ice Storm of '98. There is a good introductory lesson on this natural disaster, including several video clips. Search CBC archives for many other stories.
9. <http://windowsmedia.com/radiotuner/MyRadio.asp> - you can tune into various radio stations
10. <http://www.eslpartyland.com> – Karin's ESL Partyland –Teaching with Music (Lessons, Lyrics, and an internet scavenger hunt).

### **Reading:**

1. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute/> BBC, 6-minute English
2. <http://marumushi.com/apps/newsmap/index.cfm> - NEWSMAP - (Live) - an application that visually reflects the relationships between data and the unseen patterns in news media. Read headlines by category (or see all headlines for all categories).
3. <http://www.muti.co.za/static/newsmap.html> - *News Map* – a news site combining Google Maps with Yahoo! news.
4. <http://home.earthlink.net/~eslstudent/read/read.html> -Online reading exercises
5. <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/> -EFL / ESL English Lesson Plans & Podcast for studying Current Events and News.
6. <http://www.geocities.com/yamataro670/readinglab.htm> -online reading lab and much more!
7. <http://www.esl-eflworld.com/index.php?cat=16> –ESL/EFL World Directory
8. <http://www.guardian.co.uk/theguardian> (British newspaper)
9. <http://www.rong-chang.com/newspaper.htm> (USA newspapers)

### **Various Other EFL/ESL Resources**

1. <http://www.eslgold.com/index.html> - provides over a thousand pages of free information and resources for both teachers and students. All materials are organized by skill and level for quick and easy access.
2. <http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Houston-TeachingIdeas.html> - 75 quick ESL Teaching Ideas, from Internet TESL Journal (iteslj.org)
3. <http://bogglesworldesl.com/> - See
  - i. Lesson Plans (nicely displayed, ready to print)
  - ii. Work sheets (Word searches, crosswords, clozes, organized by theme)
4. <http://www.teflclips.com/> -lessons made specifically for You Tube videos. See *Recall the clips* handout, (on the website it is Lesson Plan 4). Other good ones too!
5. <http://www.eslcafe.com/> Dave's ESL café (Stuff for Teachers, Stuff for Students)
6. <http://www.qualitytime-esl.com/spip.php?article84> –See
  - i. Useful web sites 1
  - ii. Useful Web sites 2
  - iii. videos for teaching ESL classes
  - iv. "Quality Time-ESL" Podcasts with Scripts
  - v. Songs with subtitled lyrics and cloze exercises
  - vi. 10 Web Assignments for ESL Students
  - vii. Many more...
7. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/> -full of great resources. Try "For Teachers".
8. <http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk> – TRY Resources for the Classroom
9. <http://www.eslpartyland.com> – Karin's ESL Partyland –many resources, including good conversation topics and questions. Click on the **Teachers** button.
10. Using CNN Video in the EFL Classroom by Alan S. Mackenzie  
<http://iteslj.org/Techniques/Mackenzie-CNN.html>

11. Ideas for Using Movie Previews – Karin’s ESL PartyLand  
<http://www.eslpartyland.com/teachers/film/previews.htm>
12. <http://esl-lounge.com> - ESL Lounge – a wealth of resources including lesson plans, materials, song lyrics, ideas, etc. It has an easy Search engine to its 2000+ links. (For example, type “Christmas” in the Keywords search box and a set of Search Results will be provided.)
13. <http://www.oup.com/elt/global/products/practicegrammar/?cc=global> –Oxford U.Press Grammar practice activities.
14. [http://elt-marketing.oup.com/oup\\_elt/teacher\\_link/resourcebank.html](http://elt-marketing.oup.com/oup_elt/teacher_link/resourcebank.html) -English file team Teacher Resources (Oxford) –Resources for teachers for elementary to high-intermediate.
15. <http://www.oxfordenglishtesting.com/> - Oxford site for practising tests such as IELTS.

### **Web quests:**

1. <http://annettelamb.com/tap/topic4.htm> -Locating and Evaluating Web Quests – definition of a web quest and links to web quests
2. <http://webquest.sdsu.edu/webquest.html> - San Diego State University Web quest Portal – very comprehensive and easy to use. Try searching for a web quest on a topic of your choice. For example if you search on ‘Travel’ you will get web quests like “Destination Climate Zone”, grades 3-5, 6-8; or “Machines that Changed the World”, grades 3-5, 6-8.
3. <http://projects.edtech.sandi.net/staffdev/buildingblocks/p-index.htm> The building blocks of web quests. This site takes the web builder through the steps to build a web quest. It also includes good examples which can be used as ready-made web quests instead of building your own. Check out “The Ocean’s in Trouble (Science 4-6) and Save the Whales (Sci 7)
4. <http://hrsbstaff.ednet.ns.ca/nbarkhou/christmaswq/> Christmas Around the World Web quest for younger children to learn about Christmas around the world (Canadian). Although it may be designed for younger children, it is quite sophisticated and very complete.
5. <http://www.ac-nancy-metz.fr/enseigner/anglais/Henry/geo.htm> - Geography 2 - ESL Resources (for French students learning English)
6. <http://www.teachtheteachers.org/projects/MSmithDavis/t-index.htm>: Mission: Possible -A Web Quest for High Intermediate to Advanced ESL Students
7. <http://www.eslgo.com/classes/mi/> - A multiple intelligences web quest for adult learners of English
8. [What's new at our zoo?](#) – a science web quest, intermediate level, grade 5-6
9. <http://www.somers.k12.ct.us/~pclark/Halloweenwebquest.htm> - Halloween Web quest

### **Podcasts**

1. <http://www.qualitytime-esl.com/spip.php?article120> –Small Talk 1 (Podcast available but the scripts and worksheets must be purchased)
2. <http://www.cbc.ca/spark/podcasts/> -Spark is a blog, radio show, podcast and an ongoing conversation about technology and culture. Spark is an online collaboration. Leave your thoughts, stories, and ideas here, and together we'll make a radio show. Suitable for high intermediate level.

### **Wikis**

1. How to Start a Wiki  
<http://www.mrstoponce.com/pdf%20files/technology%20training/How%20to%20Start%20a%20Wiki.pdf>

### **Crossword Puzzles and Crossword Puzzle Makers**

1. <http://www.puzzlemaker.com/CrissCrossSetupForm.html> - from Discovery School - I tried this and it seems to work.

2. <http://www.crosswordpuzzlegames.com/create.html> - from Crossword Puzzle Games – free as well, and it seems to work too.
3. Crossword Puzzle Worksheet Maker  
<http://www.makeworksheets.com/samples/puzzles/index.html>  
<http://www.makeworksheets.com/samples/puzzles/cross.html>
4. Crossword puzzles for Studying English Vocabulary  
<http://www.manythings.org/cs/>
5. Crossword Puzzles for ESL Students – Easy – Ready-made, online  
<http://iteslj.org/cw/>
6. ESL kids Lab  
<http://www.english-4kids.com/puzzlesheets.html>
7. 1-language.com (puzzles, flashcards, hangman, etc.)  
<http://www.1-language.com/>
8. <http://blackdog.net/holiday/halloween/wordsearch.html> - Blackdog's Halloween Word Search Game

#### **Sites recommended in the workshop**

1. <http://elllo.org/> - English Listening Lesson Library Online : Learn English naturally by listening to speakers from all over the world
2. <http://www.howstuffworks.com/> - How Stuff Works – self-explanatory
3. <http://www.franglish.fr/Europe/index.htm> - referred by Isabelle Gavard
4. <http://lve.scola.ac-paris.fr/anglais/> - Welcome aboard the Paris English Website – referred by Sylvie Cabrolhier
5. <http://englandathome.wetpaint.com/> - Welcome to Karine Viellefond's wiki
6. <http://colleges.ac-rouen.fr/philipe/> - le site du college Gerard Philipe (Le Havre) – referred by Nathalie Demiaute – many great links