



DEVON SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

ADVICE & RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

SPEAKING	
1	Set speaking targets and record yourself regularly. Use apps like Quick Voice or Hokusai to label and date your recordings. Make recordings for others to enjoy: http://www.grapevinetalk.com/index.html
2	Find student speaking partners on Skype: http://education.skype.com/projects
3	Join English discussion groups on Skype, Twitter and Voxopop: http://www.myenglishclub.com/group/skypers and https://twitter.com/ and http://www.voxopop.com/#
4	Talk with fellow students in the English Club chat room: https://www.englishclub.com/
5	Make an audio / video diary or write personal blog entries with Blogger, Wordpress or Quick Tumbler
6	Make your own podcast radio programmes: http://www.podomatic.com/featured
PRONUNCIATION	
7	Use dictation apps and software to improve your pronunciation: iSpeech dictation and Windows Speech Recognition
8	Use a pronunciation book or online sites for pronunciation practice and advice: http://cambridgeenglishonline.com/Phonetics_Focus/ and http://www.shiporsheep.com/
9	Use online pronunciation dictionaries to check the sound of new words: http://www.howjsay.com and http://www.soundspronapp.com/
WRITING	
10	Write reviews in English (e.g. of films, music, books, games, websites, restaurants etc) to share on sites like Amazon and Trip Advisor
11	Work with other students on creative projects using padlet : https://padlet.com/
12	Use text to speech apps to help you test and improve your writing: iSpeech text-to-speech: http://www.ispeech.org/text.to.speech
13	Find interesting news story from your home country and rewrite them in English. You can send these to English News' Agencies such as the BBC and Sky News: http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/talking_point/2780295.stm and http://news.sky.com/info/contact-us
14	Keep a learning journal to record your progress and your feelings about learning
15	Use a writing skills website: http://www.paragraphpunch.com/



DEVON SCHOOL OF ENGLISH

ADVICE & RESOURCES

FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY

READING	
16	Read English newspapers or graded newspapers: http://www.theguardian.com/uk and http://www.simpleenglishnews.com/
17	Read websites, books and magazines for fun. Use iBook, Pocket and Read Later apps: http://reading.ecb.org/student/index.html and http://www.gutenberg.org/wiki/Main_Page
18	Use BBC and British Council study sites to help your listening and reading: http://www.go4english.com/eia/archive.php?cid=10011008 and http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/reading/
19	Use graded readers with accompanying audio on MP3 or CD (all levels from beginner to advanced): http://www.penguinreaders.com/
LISTENING	
20	Listen to Podcasts for fun and study: http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts and http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/tae
21	Listen and sing along to English songs : http://www.tuneintoenglish.com/?page_id=118
22	Watch English programmes and films (with English subtitles if you need them)
GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY	
23	Use grammar reference books and websites to check and practise: http://www.roadtogrammar.com/
24	Use online dictionaries to help you read English sites and articles: http://www.macmillaneducationapps.com/
25	Use an online thesaurus: http://www.thesaurus.com/ and https://www.visualthesaurus.com/
26	Use an online corpus: http://www.just-the-word.com/ and http://www.collins.co.uk/page/Wordbanks+Online and http://www.natcorp.ox.ac.uk/
27	Organise new vocabulary in Excel or spreadsheet software so you can find and organise words easily
28	Play English word game apps or online: Scrabble, Word Solitaire, Hangman Classic, Wordsearch Unlimited: http://vocabsushi.com/ and http://www.wordplays.com/p/index and http://www.20q.net/ and http://wordmania.cjb.net/
REGULAR HABITS	
30	Find uses and examples of words and phrases you have studied
31	Draw pictures and diagrams to illustrate new words or phrases
32	Set a weekly target of new words and phrases to learn
33	Collect five interesting words or phrases each week



USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS I SPEAKING

Grapevine – Make your own recordings for others to enjoy. Listen to other people’s recordings on a variety of topics.
<http://www.grapevinetalk.com/index.html>

Voxopop – Join talking groups and discussions online. Record your responses and listen to others.
<http://www.voxopop.com/#>

Live Mocha – The biggest language learning network in the world. Speak to other students online.
<http://www.livemocha.com/>

Vaestro – Talk to friends and fellow students. Record messages and listen to others.
<http://www.vaestro.com/index.php>

Wikispaces – Make a class web page. You can add photos, video and comments.
<http://tvo.wikispaces.com/listening>

Screentoaster – Capture online or uploaded video and add your own voice or subtitles to it.
<http://www.screentoaster.com/>

The Art of Storytelling – Write and record a story to go with the online pictures.
<http://www.artofstorytelling.org/>

Utterli – A live online blog where you can record your own messages and listen to other people’s messages.
<http://www.utterli.com/all>

PodOmatic – Make your own podcast radio programmes.
<http://www.podomatic.com/featured>

Voices – Record your opinions about a place you have visited and share them with others.
<http://voices.com/>

Chirbit – Record messages and share them with friends on Facebook or Twitter.
<http://chirbit.com/home>

Audiopal – Record a message then post it onto your Facebook page, MySpace page, blog or website.
<http://www.audiopal.com/index.html>

Soundcloud – Upload your own or your class recordings on these easy to share platform.
<http://soundcloud.com/>

Podcast - Put your own or your classes podcasts on iTunes.
<http://www.apple.com/itunes/affiliates/download/>

Voice Thread – Join other students online to talk about videos and articles.
<http://voicethread.com/#home>

Audio & Audio Recording Apps - Hokusai (simple recorder and editor); Quick Voice (reasonable recorder); Move Making; iMovie (£2.99); Motion Pictures (time lapse app).

2

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS PRONUNCIATION

WASP – Speech analysis software. Great for working on English intonation and rhythm. Free to download.

<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/resource/sfs/wasp.htm>

PRAAT – Specialist speech analysis software for detailed information about your pronunciation. Free to download.

<http://www.fon.hum.uva.nl/praat/>

Real Time Pitch – Live speech meter that helps you see the highs and lows of your intonation. Free to download.

<http://www.phon.ucl.ac.uk/resource/sfs/rtpitch/>

Ship or Sheep – A website with lots of pronunciation and listening activities.

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

I Know That – Practise phonics (English sounds) and spelling.

<http://www.iknowthat.com>

Cambridge English Online – Lots of games and puzzles to practise English phonology (the 44 sounds of English).

http://cambridgeenglishonline.com/Phonetics_Focus/

BBC Pronunciation – Advice and practice to help you improve your pronunciation.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/>

Dragon & Windows Speech Recognition – Speech recognition software that is a great way to practise your pronunciation as well as being a convenient tool to help your writing. There is free Speech Recognition in Windows Vista and 7 which can be found in ACCESSORIES > EASE OF ACCESS > SPEECH RECOGNITION – set to British English.

<http://appfinder.lissoft.com/app/dragon-dictation.html>

Many Things – Practise saying and listening to words with similar sounds.

<http://www.manythings.org/pp/>

The Phonetic Chart – A fun way to learn the 44 English sounds and their symbols.

http://www.stuff.co.uk/calcul_nd.htm

Phonetic Calculator – Combine single English sounds to make new sounds.

<http://www.stuff.co.uk/media/calcul.html>

Word Builder – A good website for listening, spelling and pronunciation practice.

<http://www.eduplace.com/kids/sv/books/content/wordbuilder/>

Hints – Activities that uses poems to help you with your pronunciation.

<http://www.stuff.co.uk/animation/gbshawrm.htm>

Sounds Pron App – Listen to the sound of any word in a text.

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

HowjSay – A site where you can listen to the pronunciation of any English word.

<http://www.howjsay.com>

3

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS LISTENING

Simple English News – Listen to simple versions of the news and other stories.

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

Listen & Write – Practise English by listening to short news stories.

<http://www.listen-and-write.com/audio>

TED – There are lots of great lessons and lectures on this well known educational site.

<http://www.ted.com/talks>

ESL Cyber Listening Lab – Listening activities for all levels from beginner to advanced.

<http://www.esl-lab.com/>

Parapal Online Listening – Listening activities for higher level students.

<http://www.parapal-online.co.uk/listening.html>

Learning English – A weekly radio programme for English students from BBC World Service.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/tae>

British Council – Practical listening and video activities to help you improve.

<http://www.go4english.com/eia/archive.php?cid=10011008>

Real English – Lots of entertaining video lessons for beginners to advanced students.

<http://www.real-english.com/new-lessons.asp#>

English For All – A big selection of video lessons and activities for all levels.

<http://www.myefa.org/login.cfm>

Ello – Lots of listening practice for all levels on a wide range of topics.

<http://www.ello.org/>

ESL Video Lab – Short videos with quiz questions on a range of everyday topics.

<http://www.esl-lab.com/videoclips.htm>

English Online – Lots of listening activities for all levels.

<http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/>

English Club – Challenging listening activities for dictation practice.

<http://www.englishclub.com/listening/dictation.htm#>

City College Songs – Listen to the songs and fill in the missing words.

<http://www.citycol.com/esol/success/skills/karaoke/k-index.html>

4

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS READING

Into the Book – How can you become a better reader? This entertaining website will show you how.
<http://reading.ecb.org/student/index.html>

Penguin Readers – Lots of activities related to Penguin graded readers.
<http://www.penguinreaders.com/students-main.html>

Story By Story – Reading and phonics practice for beginner and elementary students.
<http://www.mcdservices.com/phonics/phonics.html>

Four Stories – Good practice for reading and listening to stories. Ideal for elementary students.
<http://www.digischool.nl/oefenen/hennyjellega/engels/talk/index.htm>

ESL Bits – A wide range of reading activities for elementary and pre-intermediate students.
<http://esl-bits.net/main2.htm>

BBC Skillswise – reading activities for all levels.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/reading/>

Awesome Stories – Lots of interesting, true stories for elementary to intermediate students. All of the key words are linked to dictionary pages.
<http://www.awesomestories.com/>

Life or Death: In the Jungle – You have crashed in the jungle. Can you survive?
<http://dsc.discovery.com/survival/games/life-death-jungle/life-death-jungle.html>

Life or Death: Lost At Sea – Your ship is sinking in the sea. How will you survive?
<http://dsc.discovery.com/survival/games/life-death-sea/life-death-sea.html>

Medieval London – Become a character in medieval London and see what adventures you can have.
<http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/English/EventsExhibitions/Permanent/medieval/Games/Apprentice.htm>

World English – Lots of reading activities for all levels.
<http://www.world-english.org/>

Reading Apps for iPad – iBooks; Pages (£5.99 page creator); Storyteller HD (£1.99 – plot lines, twists, story templates).

5

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS WRITING

Listen & Write – Lots of writing activities based on short news stories.
<http://www.listen-and-write.com/audio>

My Pop Studio – Create your own pop star and write lyrics for a song.
<http://www.mypopstudio.com/music/popstar/index.php>

Parapal Letter Writing – Lots of activities to help you writing letters and e-mails.
<http://www.parapal-online.co.uk/letters.html>

Paragraph Punch – Demo version of software which helps you improve your writing skills.
<http://www.paragraphpunch.com/>

Wordpress App and Quick Tumbler – Easy way to update your blog on the go for the iPad and iPhone..
<http://www.macworld.com/appguide/app.html?id=877985>

Twitter – Join in global conversations on the microblogging site. Online: <https://twitter.com/>
For iPad: <http://blog.twitter.com/2010/09/twitter-for-ipad-sharing-content-in.html>

Comic Life - Make your own comic books comic book in this app for iPad (£5.99) or in Strip Designer (£1.99).

Page Creator App – Make great looking pages for presentation and magazines and books (£5.99 for iPad). Book Creator (£4.99 – creates eBooks)

Storyteller – Helps you write your own stories. Storyteller HD (£1.99 – plot lines, twists, story templates).

iPrompt Pro – App for the iPad in which you can make teleprompter scripts for presentations and even film dialogues.

6

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS GRAMMAR

BBC Skillswise – Useful spelling and grammar games and activities for all levels.
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/words/grammar/>

Headway Online – Lots of interactive puzzles, activities and listenings for all levels.
<http://www.oup.com/elt/global/products/headway/>

Road To Grammar – Grammar quizzes and puzzles for all levels.
<http://www.roadtogrammar.com/>

Real English – Lots of entertaining video lessons for all beginners to advanced students.

<http://www.real-english.com/new-lessons.asp#>

English For All – A big selection of video lessons and activities for all levels.

<http://www.myefa.org/login.cfm>

Education Apps – Search the English and English grammar sections for lots of entertaining and useful apps for the iPad.

<http://www.apple.com/education/itunes-u/>

English Online – Lots of grammar activities for all levels.

<http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/>

English Corner – Lots of grammar activities and summaries.

<http://www.angelfire.com/wi3/englishcorner/grammar/grammar.html>

English Grammar Practice – Grammar worksheets for all levels.

<http://members.cox.net/lenco1/grammarpractice/>

Grammar Games Online – Grammar games for elementary students.

<http://www.ellwood.goleta.k12.ca.us/GrammarGames/grammargames.html>

Everything English – Lots of grammar activities and advice.

<http://www.everythingenglish.net/#>

Mrs Crites' Grammar Page – A large selection of grammar and writing games for all levels.

<http://www.ecarter.k12.mo.us/dept/elementary/fourthgrade/ccrites/englishpage.html>

Internet TESL Journal – Lots of grammar puzzles and activities. Also includes some bilingual activities (e.g. Arabic & English, German & English, Japanese & English, Korean & English, etc).

<http://a4esl.org/>

English Grammar Secrets – Lots of useful grammar practice activities for all levels.

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

Games Zone – Some entertaining grammar adventure games including 'The Grammar Of Doom' for elementary students and above.

<http://www.english-online.org.uk/games/gamezone2.htm>

Okey-Dokey – Lots of grammar and vocabulary activities for all levels.

<http://www.okey-dokey.co.uk/index.php>

Many Things – lots of grammar games, quizzes and puzzles for all levels.

<http://www.manythings.org/e/grammar.html>

Grammar App – Endless quizzes and practice for the iPad.

7

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS VOCABULARY

Vocabsushi – A never-ending vocabulary game that you can play every day.
<http://vocabsushi.com/>

Vocabulary Quiz – Timed vocabulary quizzes for higher level learners.
<http://www.vocabularyquiz.net/default.aspx>

Word Ahead – A great website for higher level students to test their knowledge of vocabulary and learn new words through videos and activities.
<http://www.wordahead.com/#>

Word Mania – Online hangman, crosswords and word quizzes for English students.
<http://wordmania.cjb.net/>

Word Games – Play Scrabble, Boggle and other word games online.
<http://www.wordplays.com/p/index>

Expand Your Vocabulary – Vocabulary practice activities organised in topics such as ‘food’ and ‘family’.
<http://www.expandyourvocabulary.com/>

Phrasal Verb Dictionary – A quick and easy way to find examples of phrasal verbs in use.
<http://www.usingenglish.com/reference/phrasal-verbs/>

Phrasal Verb Game – Test your knowledge of phrasal verbs.
<http://www.stuff.co.uk/phrasal2.htm>

Artist’s Toolkit – Activities and puzzles that will help you learn words and phrases about art and pictures.
<http://www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/explore.cfm>

Museum of Modern Art – Study English by looking at famous paintings from the Museum’s collection.
<http://www.moma.org/interactives/destination/#>

English Forum – Vocabulary quizzes and exercises for pre-intermediate students and above.
<http://www.englishforum.com/00/interactive/>

Real English – Lots of entertaining video lessons for everyone from beginners to advanced students.
<http://www.real-english.com/new-lessons.asp#>

Collins Wordbank – This huge collection of words can help you see how words are used in modern English.
<http://www.collins.co.uk/Corpus/CorpusSearch.aspx>

The Great Walk – Practise idioms and proverbs in this game for intermediate and advanced students.
<http://www.english-portal.com/games/walk/walk.htm>

The Slang-O-Lator – A game that tests your knowledge of English slang and casual expressions.
<http://grafx.dli.com/games/slangolator/slangolator.swf>

The Biz Idiom Game – A game that tests your knowledge of English idioms.
<http://grafx.dli.com/games/bizidiom/theBizidiom.swf>

MacMillan Dictionary Apps – Hover over words in any text to see a definition. Other dictionary apps are also available here.
<http://www.macmillaneducationapps.com/> **Idioms App** – Quiz for the iPad

8

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS EXAMS

TRINITY GESE

Trinity GESE – The official Trinity GESE website. Full of practice questions and practical tips.

<http://www.trinitycollege.com/site/?id=368>

Trinity GESE Videos – See examples of speaking tests at different levels

<http://www.trinitycollege.com/site/?id=2046>

IELTS

Coxhead's Academic Word List – a corpus based list of the most frequent non-technical academic lexis used in undergraduate and postgraduate texts.

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/>

Listen & Write – Lots of writing activities based on short news stories. A good website for IELTS & TOEFL students.

<http://www.listen-and-write.com/audio>

Test Prep Practice – Free IELTS practice test and activity downloads.

<http://www.testpreppractice.net/IELTS/ielts-practice-1.aspx>

Longman IELTS Practice – Interactive activities to test your reading and knowledge of the exam.

<http://www.pearsonlongman.com/exams/ielts/students-activities.html>

Cambridge Exams – Information about all of the Cambridge exams.

<http://cambridgeesol.org/resources/learner/index.html>

Cambridge Vocabulary For IELTS – Some useful spelling practice worksheets.

<http://www.cambridge.org/elt/vocabularyforielts/spelling.htm>

English Online – Lots of academic reading and writing activities for higher level students. Ideal for IELTS and TOEFL students.

<http://eolf.univ-fcomte.fr/>

IELTS Exams – Practice tests, activities and tips for IELTS candidates.

http://www.ielts-exam.net/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

IELTS Listening – Free IELTS listening questions.

<http://www.stuff.co.uk/ielts/ielts.htm>

Parapal – Writing activities ideal for IELTS preparation.

<http://www.parapal-online.co.uk/eap.htm>

Parapal Graphs – Activities to help you when writing about graphs and charts for IELTS writing part 1.

<http://www.parapal-online.co.uk/graphs.htm>

Exam English – Practice tests and activities for the IELTS academic paper.

<http://www.examenglish.com/IELTS/index.php>

Study Skills Success – Tips and advice for all parts of the IELTS test.
<http://www.ieltspractice.com/default.html>

Breaking News English – Topical news stories and connected activities.
<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/>

Wikipedia – The largest encyclopaedia in the world.
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

One Stop ESL – Download free test questions, activities and advice.
http://www.1stopesl.com/mz_index.php#

CAMBRIDGE FIRST

First Certificate – Information and practice papers for the First Certificate exam.
<http://cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/fcetips.html>

Cambridge Exams – Information about all of the Cambridge exams.
<http://cambridgeesol.org/resources/learner/index.html>

Exam English – Free practice tests to complete against the clock.
<http://www.examenglish.com/FCE/index.php>

Floe Joe – Preparation materials for the First Certificate exam.
<http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/fce/students/index.htm>

Parapal Online – Free FCE style activities online.
<http://www.parapal-online.co.uk/cambridge.html>

Pro Profs Quiz School – Free online reading quiz to help you prepare for the FCE.
<http://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/story.php?title=fce-examination-first-certificate>

Using English – Free online practice for the FCE reading paper.
<http://www.usingenglish.com/comprehension/first+certificate+in+english.html>

Sentence Transformation Exercises – Practice sentence transformations online.
http://esl.about.com/od/advancedgrammar/a/senttrans_one.htm

CAMBRIDGE ADVANCED

Cambridge Advanced – The official CAE website. Full of practice questions and practical tips.
<http://cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/caetips.html>

Exam English – Selected parts of the test for you to complete online against the clock.
<http://www.examenglish.com/CAE/index.php>

Cambridge Exams – Information about all of the Cambridge exams.
<http://cambridgeesol.org/resources/learner/index.html>

Collins Wordbank – Use the online corpus (a vast collection of words) to research words and how they are really used in modern English. This is a very useful tool for checking on common collocations and verb patterns.
<http://www.collins.co.uk/Corpus/CorpusSearch.aspx>

Collocation Use – Multi-choice quizzes that help you practise common collocations.
http://esl.about.com/library/vocabulary/blcollocation_4.htm

Floe Joe – Preparation materials for the Cambridge Advanced exam.
<http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/cae/students/index.htm>

CAMBRIDGE PROFICIENCY

Exam English – Online quizzes against the clock.

<http://www.examenglish.com/cpe/index.php>

English Biz – Learn how to analyse written and spoken English at a deeper level.

<http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/grammar/index.htm>

Cambridge Exams – Information about all of the Cambridge exams.

<http://cambridgeesol.org/resources/learner/index.html>

Longman CPE – Interactive activities to practise listening, vocabulary, use of English and your knowledge of the test.

<http://www.pearsonlongman.com/exams/cae-cpe/cae/students-activities.html>

Floe Joe – Preparation materials for the Cambridge Proficiency exam.

<http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/cae/students/index.htm>

Collins Wordbank – Use the online corpus (a vast collection of words) to research words and how they are really used in modern English. This is a very useful tool for checking on common collocations and verb patterns.

<http://www.collins.co.uk/Corpus/CorpusSearch.aspx>

Non-Fiction Writing – How to write and read non-fiction.

<http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/mainguides/nonfiction.htm>

BBC Online – A huge resource for articles and features in text, on radio and on video.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/>

Channel 4 – Watch Channel 4 programmes online. Includes news, current affairs, documentaries, drama & comedy.

<http://www.channel4.com/>

Wikipedia – The largest encyclopaedia in the world.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

TOEFL

TOEFL Practice – Timed quizzes and questions for TOEFL students.

<http://www.stuff.co.uk/toefl.htm>

Vocabulary Quiz – timed vocabulary quizzes for higher level learners and students preparing for TOEFL.

<http://www.vocabularyquiz.net/default.aspx>

TOEFL Information – Information and advice about the paper test and TOEFL iBT.

<http://www.ets.org/>

Listen & Write – Lots of writing activities based on short news stories.

<http://www.listen-and-write.com/audio>

Test Magic – Information, links, advice and practice tests for TOEFL students.

<http://www.testmagic.com/toefl/>

9

USEFUL LINKS FOR STUDENTS GAMES

Twenty Questions – Discover the mystery objects to win.

<http://www.20q.net/>

Break In The Road – Walk around a town and collect sounds then mix them together to make some music.

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

Jay Is Games – Website with lots of free games to download. Many of the games, such as ‘Virtual Family’ and ‘Drawn’, can help you practise reading and listening while you are playing.

<http://jayisgames.com/>

I-Spy Bingo – Play this picture bingo game to improve your vocabulary and reading speed.

<http://scholastic.com/ispy/play/bingo/bingo.htm>

I Spy City – Find a list of objects in a city.

<http://www.scholastic.com/ispy/play/ispycity/play.htm>

Escape Games 24 – There are lots of free adventure and puzzle games to play on this website.

<http://www.escapegames24.com/>

Games Zone – Some entertaining grammar adventure games including ‘The Grammar Of Doom’ for elementary students and above.

<http://www.english-online.org.uk/games/gamezone2.htm>

Can You See What I See? – Find the hidden objects from a list of words. The quickest time wins.

<http://www.scholastic.com/canyouseewhatisee/games.htm>

Mystery Case Files – Try to solve the crime by following the clues.

http://www.learn4good.com/games/adventure/mysterycasefilesprimesuspects/play_mystery_case_files.htm

Hidden Expedition: Titanic – Find the objects and solve the mystery.

<http://www.learn4good.com/games/adventure/hiddenexpeditiontitanic/hiddenexpeditiontitanic.htm>

E4 Games – Use your logic and English skills to play these adventure and puzzle games

<http://www.e4.com/select/genre-strategy/game/latest/list.e4>

USEFUL LINKS FOR TEACHERS

- [IATEFL](#) is a great organisation for English teachers to join and make use of. They have regular conferences and presentations. Lots of these presentations and workshops are available as [videos online](#). There are lots of great videos interviews here with EFL experts and authors too. Next year's conference will be in sunny Birmingham!
- The [Teacher Training Videos](#) site has some really good ideas on using new and familiar **technology in and out of class** (the author is a big proponent of the flipped classroom) and the accompanying videos are very easy to follow even for technophobes. I found the uses and features of Google Forms and [Padlet](#) particularly good.
- **Speech Recognition** software is likely to have the most profound effect on language tuition in the future. At the moment, its limitations mean that it is a very exacting way for you to practise your pronunciation from phoneme-level to discourse-level. [Microsoft](#) have the edge now, but there are some valid alternatives for all devices: [Dragon](#) (you have to pay for the full version of this), [Apple Dictation](#), [TalkTyper](#), [IBM](#), [Dictation](#) (web), [Speech-To-Text](#) (Android) and [VoiceNote](#) (for Google)
- [Just The Word](#) is a **corpus search** resource with a simple, uncluttered interface – something of a rarity in this area.
- [Collins Cobuild Corpus and Wordbank](#) – a vast resource. You can have a free trial for a month if you register here.
- The [Phrases In English](#) site draws on the [British National Corpus](#) and is also relatively easy to use. The [Wikipedia Corpus](#) is an excellent resource for writers.
- Some revealing [Frequency Lists](#) compiled from a spoken and written corpus.
- This [Ngram Viewer](#) tracks and displays changes in the frequency of any selected word or phrase since 1800.
- [MyEtymology](#) is a great way to learn something about the derivations of words and phrases (where known). [Etymonline](#) is a slightly smaller, but more authoritative alternative.
- Speech analysis software: [PRAAT](#), [Wasp](#) and [RT Pitch](#).
- [HowjSay](#) is an online audio dictionary ideal for models of unfamiliar words.
- The [Speech Accent Archive](#) is a good way to appreciate and begin to tune into accents from around the British Isles and beyond.
- If you really want to hear why intonation is so important to meaning, listen to what happens when the instinct to separate and intone clauses/phrases is lacking: [AT & Labs Research Text To Speech](#)
- I'm sure you're aware of [Project Gutenberg](#) already – if not, then it really is a fantastic resource that has been scanning and archiving books for 30 years. It's like visiting a vast antiquarian bookshop. Be warned you can lose hours browsing here!