

Resources for Teaching Beginning ESL Literacy Students

Professional Resources

[A Practical Guide to Teaching ESL Literacy](#), Bow Valley College in Canada

This is a comprehensive, easy-to-read, and very practical guide for teaching ESL literacy.

Sections that may be of particular interest to ESL teachers:

- Chapter 5: Approaches to Teaching Oral Language Skills
- Chapter 6: Approaches to Teaching Literacy Skills

Video from Part 1 of this training: [CCRS in the ABE Classroom: Literacy Level ESL](#)

The clips used in Part 1 were taken from this video, produced by Literacy Minnesota. It features teacher Barb Murphy with students at the Beginning ESL Literacy level.

Note: In Minnesota, “ABE” refers to both adult education ABE and ESL instruction. Note also that during the teacher interviews that are embedded in the video, the teacher refers to the CCRS (College and Career Readiness Standards). Minnesota uses the CCRS for both ESL and ABE, while the *Illinois ESL Content Standards* align with the CCRS.

Video from Part 2 of this training: [Building Literacy with Adult Emergent Readers](#)

The video used in Part 2 of this training was produced by New American Horizons. It features teacher Andrea Echelberger and students at the Beginning ESL Literacy level.

[iLEARN Courses Related to Teaching Beginning ESL](#)

- Teaching Lower-Level ELLs to Talk About Their Work Skills
- Beginner’s Mind: Adapting Best Practices to Teaching ESL Beginners Remotely
- Tips and Tricks for Teaching Beginning Level ELLs Remotely
- ESL Methods (applies to all ESL levels)
- Assessment in Adult ESL (applies to all ESL levels)

Recommended Instructional Resources

[Bow Valley Readers & Instructor Guide](#)

A set of 40 theme-based readers available in 7 levels in both audio and print. The Level A readers are very low level and appropriate for adult English learners at the Beginning ESL Literacy level. Adult-based content and photos.

[Learning Chocolate](#)

This free, interactive website has sets of vocabulary with illustrations. Students can click, hear, and complete matching, fill in, and dictation exercises. Instructions and headings are available in other languages (Spanish, French, Russian, Chinese, and others).

[Longman ESL Literacy 3rd edition](#). Yvonne Wong Nishio. ©2006 Pearson Longman.

A classic! This is an excellent student textbook for students at the Beginning ESL Literacy level. A Teachers' Resource Book with reproducible masters and teaching suggestions is also available. Available from the publisher and other online sources

[HandwritingPractice.net](#)

Download ready-made worksheets for tracing, with or without directional arrows –or make your own.

[www.eslwritingwizard.com](#)

Download or customize worksheets for developing pre-literacy skills such as tracing and copying.

Sources of Free Images for Vocabulary Instruction

[openclipart](#)

[Clerk](#)

[pixabay](#)

[freeimages](#)

Resources for Learning about Students' Language and Countries

[About World Languages - Mustgo.com](#)

This travel website has an extensive list of languages with detailed descriptions.

[CIA World Fact Book](#)

The World Fact Book provides information about the geography, economy, people and cultures of many countries.