**ELT RESOURCES REVIEW**

**Resources for Online Instruction**

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**General OERs (Open Educational Resources) for ELA Classes**

- **A Digital Workbook for Beginning ESOL**
  - Digital content created for beginning and intermediate students with video grammar lessons gathered from popular YouTube teachers and self-correcting exercises created to extend learning.

- **BC Reads Adult Literacy Fundamental English Course Pack 6**
  - Designed to meet the learning outcomes for Adult Literacy Fundamental English Level 6 (roughly equivalent to grades 7.5 to 9 in the K-12 system), every chapter includes a level-appropriate, high-interest reading of between 500 and 1,000 words.

- **Brehes grammar anatomy**
  - This book provides an in-depth look at beginner grammar terms and concepts, providing clear examples and practice exercises at the end of each chapter, with answers in the back of the book, to help students test and correct their comprehension.

- **College Skills Intermediate English**
  - To help students develop skills in reading, writing, language use, and study skills, this book is divided into ten units, each of which focuses on a specific theme. Within each unit, students encounter two reading passages, followed by questions designed to improve comprehension skills, vocabulary, and critical thinking skills.

- **Communication Beginnings: An Introductory Listening and Speaking**
  - This textbook is designed for advanced beginner-low intermediate English language learners. The target audience for this book is an academic English program in a university setting. It is composed of 7 chapters which include listening and speaking components such as dialogues, interviews, discussions and conversation activities.

- **Home & School**
  - This book contains 10 easy picture stories for beginning students of English along with exercises and discussion prompts.

- **How to Learn Like a Pro**
  - Twenty-three lessons with accompanying exercises focusing on the “big six” effective learning/study skills topics: learning styles and preferences, time and materials management, critical thinking and reading, note-taking, memory principles, and test-taking techniques.

- **Learning to Learn Online**
  - Introduces the online learning environment and to effective learning strategies: time management for online learners, information management, professional communication, and reading strategies.

- **ESL Literacy Readers**
  - There are two versions of each of the Readers. The Audio Book allows you to preview the contents of the book. The Print PDF has the book laid out for printing as a booklet.

- **College Success**
  - Has a student-friendly format arranged to help develop essential skills and provide the information needed to succeed in college. This is a how-to manual for succeeding in college. The book provides realistic, practical guidance ranging from study skills to personal health, from test taking to managing time and money.

- **American English Speech**
  - This course will be beneficial if you wish to learn how to communicate with the sounds and music of American English. The purpose is not to increase your vocabulary, nor to improve your grammar, but to deal with the sounds of the words that you speak.
World News for Students of English (News in Levels)
News stories in three levels of English. New, short news articles appear every day.

Unite for Literacy is a free online picture book resource supporting non-readers of individuals of different cultures. It counteracts book scarcity for non-readers of different languages with this online resource of digital books. A community-based organization supported by business who have partnered to supply online digital books to promote literacy.

Book One This resource is the first of 5 levels of Academic ESL Grammar.

Some OERs on Writing Skills
About Writing: A Guide This writer’s reference condenses and covers everything a beginning writing student should need to successfully compose college-level work. The book covers the basics of composition and revising, including how to build a strong thesis, how to peer review a fellow student’s work, and a handy checklist for revision, before moving on to a broad overview of academic writing.

College ESL Writers: Applied Grammar and Composing Strategies for Success A comprehensive grammar and writing e-text for high intermediate and advanced level non-native speakers of English.

Conventions 101: A Functional Approach to Teaching and Assessing Grammar and Punctuation
This is a collection of cumulative units of study for conventional errors common in student writing. It’s flexible, functional, and zeroes in problems typically seen in writing of all types, from the eternal “there/they’re/their” struggle to correct colon use. Units are organized from most simple to most challenging.

Writing in College is designed for students who have largely mastered high-school level conventions of formal academic writing and are now moving beyond the five-paragraph essay to more advanced engagement with text. It is well suited to composition courses or first-year seminars and valuable as a supplemental or recommended text in other writing-intensive classes.

Writing for Success is a text that provides instruction in steps, builds writing, reading, and critical thinking, and combines comprehensive grammar review with an introduction to paragraph writing and composition. (See also Writing for Success 1st Canadian Edition)

The Word on-College Reading and Writing Book Description: An interactive, multimedia text that introduces students to reading and writing at the college level.

Other resources:
This Creative Commons search tool lets you pick a number of image sources you want to search across including Flickr, Fotopedia, Google Images, Open Clip Art Library, Wikimedia Commons and Pixabay.

education.microsoft.com Free Microsoft Educator training courses including Office 365 tools such as Teams, Pear Deck, and Flipgrid.

ed.ted.com The TED-Ed platform allows users to take any TED Talk, TED-Ed Lesson or educational video and easily create a lesson plan of customized questions and discussions. Users can then distribute these lessons, publicly or privately, and track their impact on the world, a class or an individual student.

stories.audible.com Audible is providing a free collection of audiobooks. This feature requires no sign up; users can just click the link and then select the appropriate K-12 level or Classics. There is an option to sign up for weekly newsletters tailored to students’ levels.

kahoot For some fun with virtual gaming, educators can make, adapt or use existing quizzes, and play online with students using Zoom, Google Hangouts, or Teams Meetings.