



Resources to Support and Supplement Learning for English Learners Through Distance Learning

This is a collection of resources to support remote English Language Development instruction while students are unable to receive face-to-face instruction. Several of these are designed to make content available in Spanish. When using this resource, we recommend that students be encouraged when possible to review materials side-by-side, with translations in both English and Spanish. For parents who only speak and read in Spanish, however, there is value in continuing academic content support in the native language during an extended school break.

- ✓ [BrainPOP ELL](#) is BrainPOP's English language instruction site for English Language Learners of all ages. The curriculum is comprised of short, animated movies as well as games, quizzes and interactive features. Users practice the four principle language domains: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Note: BrainPOP also is available in French and Spanish. This may be helpful to families seeking to support their students in their native language. (Some materials are free, others are subscription only.)
- ✓ [Colorín Colorado](#) offers resources for families that can be used for distance learning with English learners. They also appear to be building a collection of resources in response to the COVID-19 school closures.
- ✓ [CommonLit](#) is a free collection of reading passages in all literary and nonfiction genres for grades 3–12. Reading passages are available in both English and Spanish.
- ✓ [Duolingo](#) is a free language acquisition tool that is similar to Rosetta Stone. It is user friendly for students of all ages. (This also is a great resource for adults who want to learn English or another language during this time.)
- ✓ [Education.com](#) features digital resources, tools, and learning materials are developed by educational experts to incorporate leading pedagogical practices. They are useful in any type of teaching moment. They offer differentiated resources that can meet a wide range of educational needs and raise kids' confidence in learning.
- ✓ [ISL Collective](#) features a daily video lesson, grammar activities and movie clips with comprehension questions. This resource is best suited to Level 1 and Level 2 English learners.
- ✓ [English Media Lab](#) offers free English Exercises Online—English as a Second Language (ESL) Interactive Learning.
- ✓ [International Children's Digital Library](#) offers a library for the world's children.

- ✓ [IXL](#) includes a variety of math and ELA activities available for free. Activities in English include extensive visual supports and Spanish activities also are available for families.
- ✓ [Khan Academy En Español](#) offers Khan Academy's repository of video resources in Spanish.
- ✓ [Learning English](#) is Voice of America's multimedia source of news and information for millions of English learners worldwide.
- ✓ [Listen and Write](#) is a dictation and cloze creator.
- ✓ [Listenwise](#) is a collection of stories, podcasts and other auditory materials. Premium subscriptions are currently being offered at no cost.
- ✓ [My Writing Coach](#) offers writing lessons, including many that align to the state's English Language Proficiency standards. Writing will cover main idea, inference, theme, full write opinion. There are video lessons and "write along lessons" where students write along with the instructor. Materials are being offered free right now because of the COVID-19 crisis.
- ✓ [Nasa Ciencias en Español](#) offers solar system exploration (visuals, videos, graphics, simple text) in Spanish.
- ✓ [National Geographic Kids](#) is a children's magazine that provides reading, games, videos and more. The photo and visual rich nature of the sight makes it helpful to English learners.
- ✓ [Newsela](#) allows teachers to assign articles related to social studies, science, or English language arts. Texts can be customized to fit the student's reading level. A number of articles are being added in Spanish. <https://newsela.com/rules/spanish>
- ✓ [Starfall](#) emphasizes exploration, play, and positive reinforcement—encouraging children to become confident and intrinsically motivated. Starfall is an educational alternative to other entertainment choices for children and is especially effective for special education, homeschooling, and English language development (ELD), English Language Learners, and English as a Second Language. It is widely used in schools that serve children with special needs and learning difficulties. Many resources are free and suites to K-3. Older newcomer English speakers also may benefit.
- ✓ [Storynory](#) offers free audio stories and has a multicultural focus. They are a podcast and a website with audio streaming.
- ✓ [Tween Tribune](#) is a collection of nonfiction articles and current events for kids, grades K–12. This is done in partnership with The Smithsonian.
- ✓ [Tween Tribune Español](#) is a collection of nonfiction articles and current events in Spanish for kids in grades K–12.
- ✓ [USA Learns for Teachers](#) offers video lessons and thousands of activities focusing on English speaking, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, writing and grammar. Teachers can register to save their lessons and scores.