**Websites for ELL Students**

**PBS Kids: Between the Lions**

<http://pbskids.org/lions/>

*Between the Lions* is an excellent website for kindergarten and first grade ELL students. The website includes games, read-along stories, and video clips for young learners. Many of the activities are a great introduction to letter sounds and beginner vocabulary.

**Starfall**

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

*Starfall* offers many different phonics activities to improve reading skills. Some of the readers come with movies, which provide visual support for ELL students.

**ESL Games+**

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

*ESL Games+* is a fun and interactive website with many games that reinforce vocabulary knowledge, spelling, grammar, and phonics skills.

**Kids Learning Ville**

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

*Kids Learning Ville* offers fun literacy lessons, games, and printable activities for elementary-aged learners at different levels.

**Freddie’s Ville**

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

This website provides beginner ESL lessons for elementary students. Each video lesson is based on a particular theme and contains structured conversations so that students can listen and view words simultaneously. *Freddie’s Ville* also contains a variety of theme-based worksheets, games, and songs.

**Carl’s Corner**

[www.carlscorner.us.com](http://www.carlscorner.us.com)

*Carl’s Corner* is an excellent resource with many printable activities and games. A wide variety of language arts content is available, including vocabulary activities by theme, phonics, sight words, and short stories.

**Reading is Fundamental**

<http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet.htm>

*RIF* is a fun website for young readers that includes an *Activity Lab*, *Game Station*, and *Book Zone*. In the *Book Zone* ELLs can practice reading with animated read-along stories and songs: <http://www.rif.org/kids/readingplanet/bookzone/read_aloud_stories.htm>

**Storyline Online**

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

*Storyline Online* shares recorded videos of stories read by well-known actors. Children can watch visually engaging videos while also listening to the storyteller and viewing text on the screen.

**We Give Books**

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

The *We Give Books* website provides access to free e-books. Anyone with an Internet connection can view the books for online reading.

**Time for Kids**

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

*Time for Kids* is a great children’s website with information about current events. Resources include news articles, photos and videos, and a *homework helper*. The *homework helper* provides learning tools such as a flash-card maker, grammar wizard, and writer’s toolbox.

**Language Guide**

<http://www.languageguide.org/english/>

*Language Guide* is a simple and straightforward resource for beginner ELL students. It covers basic English vocabulary including English letters, numbers, and punctuation. Students can view images of vocabulary words while also listening to the correct pronunciation.

**Spelling Bee**

<http://www.learner.org/interactives/spelling/index.html>

Spelling Bee is a great website to practice spelling for students of all ages. ELL students are able to listen to a passage while reading along. Some words are left out, and students must write the correct word in the blank space. Students can play words again to hear correct pronunciation and click to see a definition.

**Interesting Things for ESL Students**

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

This website contains vocabulary, grammar, and spelling games.

**Activities for ESL Students**

<http://a4esl.org/>

*Activities for ESL Students* contains vocabulary building exercises, grammar quizzes, and bilingual quizzes in 50 languages.

**Shepard Software**

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

This website is a good resource for building content-area vocabulary at any grade-level. It contains video tutorials, articles, games, and quizzes. All of the information is supplemented with visuals, making it more accessible for ELL students.

**Easy World of English**

<http://www.easyworldofenglish.com/Grammar/Grammar.aspx?c=86794645427a1b3e>

*Easy World of English* offers a grammar section for ELL students to learn and practice their skills. Students are presented with a written explanation of a grammar concept and can check their understanding with a quiz after each section.

**iPhone and iPad Apps**

**Little Writer – The Tracing App for Kids**

*Little Writer* activities help reinforce young learners’ understanding of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers, shapes, and beginner spelling words. Learners trace and listen simultaneously. The app is beneficial for vocabulary building because words are accompanied with visual support.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/little-writer-tracing-app/id515890480?mt=8>

**ABC Pocket Phonics**

*ABC Pocket Phonics* teaches the foundational skills of reading and writing. It includes activities for learning letter sounds, writing letters, and the first 160 words.

https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/abc-pocketphonics-lite-letter/id302689971?mt=8

**Clifford’s Be Big with Words**

This app is ideal for students in Kindergarten through 1st grade. *Clifford’s Be Big App* enables learners to practice language development skills such as spelling and phonics in addition to building vocabulary.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/id329022340?mt=8>

**Smiley Sight Words App**

This app is a great tool to practice sight words at any grade level. Learners have the opportunity to choose from many different word lists and can create their own customized word list. When the sight word is tapped, the player can hear the correct pronunciation.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/smiley-sight-words/id361006388?mt=8>

**Fry’s Words**

The *Fry 1000 Instant Words* are the most common words used in English. Readers can see and listen to each word presented in the app.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/fry-words/id470926345?mt=8>

**Cimo Spelling**

*Cimo Spelling* teaches a combination of high frequency and sight words. Children can test their knowledge by playing interactive games, further strengthening foundational skills in reading and spelling.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/cimo-spelling-sight-words/id446694946?mt=8>

**Bud’s Rhyming Words**

Learners can play 3 different rhyming games, which cover 40 word families and includes more than 225 words and pictures. The app is also great for building vocabulary and exposes learners to correct pronunciation of new vocabulary words.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/buds-rhyming-words-kids-learn/id866965757?mt=8>

**iSort Words**

This app reinforces phonemic awareness by demonstrating how the beginning and ending parts of words combine to form whole words. The *Explore* part of the app contains both a *Learn* and *Read* section in which a speaker builds and pronounces words as they appear on the screen.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/isort-words/id686815010?mt=8>

**Kid’s Vocab- MindSnacks**

*MindSnacks* is a fun vocabulary-building app for learners in middle and upper elementary grades.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/kids-vocab-mindsnacks/id582128594?mt=8>

**Phonics Vowels**

This app focuses specifically on vowel letters and their sounds. It also provides practice in identifying common word patterns.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/phonics-vowels-short-vowels/id453633094?mt=8>

**ELL Information and Resources for Adults**

**Colorín Colorado**

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/families/>

*Colorín Colorado* is a bilingual resource for parents of ELL students. It provides valuable information about ways to promote reading in the home, including fun reading tips, activities, and more. It also contains newsletters, articles, and research with current information related to the education of ELL students.

Colorín Colorado en Español: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/familias/>

Reading Tips for Parents of children in Preschool through Third grade: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/guides/readingtips/>

(Available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Hmong, Korean, Navajo, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese)

**Institute for Multisensory Education (IMSE)**

<https://www.orton-gillingham.com/products/educational-apps/>

The Institute for Multisensory Education shares a comprehensive list of educational apps for lower elementary, upper elementary, middle school, and English language learners. This is a great place to look for recommended apps with a variety of activities to practice reading, writing, and spelling skills.

**Word Reference**

[www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com)

Word Reference is an online bilingual dictionary with accurate translations of English words and phrases, including a verb conjugation resource.

**iPhone and iPad Apps**

**Scholastic Book Wizard Mobile**

The Scholastic Book Wizard app can be a valuable tool for selecting books that are an appropriate level for a young reader. The app allows one to scan the barcode on the back of a book and find out which guided reading level the book corresponds to.

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/scholastic-book-wizard-mobile/id616137439?mt=8>

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<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wordreference-dictionary/id515127233?mt=8>