

## THE ENGLISH WEBSITES AS THE MEANS OF LEARNING AND TEACHING ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

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### Abstract

This article informs the learners and teachers of English as a foreign language about the useful official websites of language learning. It recommends free and successful language learning tips via internet websites.

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Learning English can be achieved by different ways, such as reading a lot of books, watching videos, listening English songs or just living in an English speaking country and talk to English speaking people every day. And doing all these is not an easy job. But there is one great tool to do all of these easily and it is called the internet.

You can do nearly anything on the internet. So how can we learn English by using the internet? And how can we combine all the ways together to learn English? It's really simple. Just use any kind of browser on your computer and type on the search box "English learning websites". There you will see different sites which will help you learn English, but choosing the one you need is an important task.

There are several websites for improving your grammar, vocabulary, listening, reading, writing and even you're speaking. And on those websites you can choose your level like beginner, elementary, intermediate or advanced or even if you are a teacher there are so many websites for teachers which can be really useful to get some ideas, exercises and use them in your classes. Choosing the website which fits for you and easy to use can be a little complicated task if you have less practice on using the internet and you may need to find free ones. So finding free websites which are highly recommended by many internet users and teachers is the first task you need to do. Before starting your search knowing some tips of learning English online can be useful for you.

Here are some tips for Learning English with Interactive Websites:

- Know your level. If the lesson is too easy, you will be bored. If it's too hard, you won't learn. So know your level and be honest!
- Know how you learn best. Find a website that will help you learn through your favorite learning style.

- Use a computer or phone with a microphone. Many of these websites and apps have activities where you can practice speaking. You will need a microphone for that.
- Find topics that interest you. When you use topics that you like, you'll want to learn and listen or read!
- Schedule your time each day to study. You need to practice often and regularly to get better. Schedule a set time each day to study English, like while you have breakfast or take the train to work.
- Don't forget to go offline as well! Even if you learn a lot with these websites, don't forget to practice with real people as well!

Now let's analyze some top English learning websites which are highly recommend by many users and professional teachers:



### **BBC Learning English**

[www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish)

Website or app: Website

Price: Free

The BBC always has high standards, so it's no surprise that they have held these high standards with their "BBC Learning English" website. Unfortunately, this also means that their lessons are better for people with some previous experience in English, not beginners. This website is designed for intermediate and advanced English learners to study English by learning BBC style videos and radio broadcasts. These focus on topics like stories in the news, the latest English words and phrases, and even a series of videos that focus on English pronunciation in incredible detail. Although there is no interactive speaking feature, each of their podcasts and videos include post-listening activities for you to check understanding. Overall, this is a great resource for practicing listening skills.



### **British Council**

[www.earnenglish.britishcouncil.org](http://www.earnenglish.britishcouncil.org)

Website or app: Website and mobile app

Price: Free

Although we're including this on a list of resources for adult learners, the British Council actually has three separate sections on their website for different ages: kids, adults and teens. Each section features a huge variety of interactive lessons, videos, games and podcasts to learn just about any skill. This means that no matter what level you are at or what topic interests you, you will always find something on British Council. After you are finished listening or watching, each video and podcast has an exercise for you to complete so you can make sure you understood everything. Also, there are discussion boards under many of their activities so you can talk about what you learned with other students. The mobile app version of their lessons lets you learn on the go!



### **Duolingo**

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

Website or app: Website and mobile app

Price: Free

Duolingo helps you learn new vocabulary and grammar through interactive games and quizzes both online and on their easy-to-use mobile app. Duolingo separates each lesson by category (food vocabulary, family vocabulary, the verb “to be,” etc.) and—on the desktop version at least—includes helpful tips and notes in case you need more explanation. There is a strong emphasis on pronunciation since you will listen to new vocabulary and then right away practice saying those words. Duolingo also lets you set goals and shows your progress as you use the program. You also have to complete lessons to “unlock” new lessons. All of this is great for lazy language learners who need a little extra motivation!



### **Livemocha**

www.livemocha.com

Website or app: Website

Price: Free

One of the most difficult things to practice online when you learn a new language is speaking and reading. However, with Livemocha not only do you have access to English lessons, but you can practice reading and speaking with real English speakers

Afterwards. Livemocha focuses on learning English with real people through their online community, which is exactly what makes this site unique. To get a language partner, you have to help someone else learn your native language. So you get to learn English, and you get to help someone else as well!



### **Learn English online**

Website or app: Website

www.learn-english-online.org

Price: Free

Learn English online is a site that takes a person from the basics through more advanced learning. The courses are done one at a time and at the pace of the learner. In this site there are 12 units each one has 5 lessons. Starting from the beginning until you finish the course you will master different skills such as listening, reading, writing and speaking in English.



### **English Communication School**

Website or app: Website

www.ecschool.com.mt

Price: Free

Learn English Phrases, talk like a native English speaker, free email course with phrases, explanations and detailed applications.

Although you already have some basic English vocabulary, and you know enough grammar to communicate, you would like to take your English a step further - you would like to talk like a native English speaker. This free email course in English will help you achieve your goal. In this free course, you will be receiving a number of complete phrases (not just words). Each phrase will come with a detailed explanation and practical examples of how you can use it in everyday life.

For example:

“Hit the ground running”.

This expression is a very powerful statement when used in a job interview or business meeting. To find out what it means to “hit the ground running”, and to learn how to use it effectively, you need to sign up for free email course.

You need to fill in your name and email address in a form, then click “Start learning now!” Then you will receive an email to confirm your subscription.



### Five minute English

[www.5minuteenglish.com](http://www.5minuteenglish.com)

Website or app: Website

Price: Free

Five minute English is a website which teaches English to children and adults with its free online service. The service provided by the site is for both amateurs and professionals. You can improve your grammar, reading, vocabulary, listening and pronunciation on this site. The greatest advantage of this site is you do not need to sign up or subscribe on the site. You just go, select a skill you want to improve and start learning.

The resources on the website can be used by professionals to practice their skills and explore deeper oceans of the English language. The website imparts ESL classes to students through a classroom system in various countries around the world. Classroom and centers have spread across Australia, U.S.A, Asia and Africa. The website provides links to ESL books which can be downloaded in audio version. These resources are helpful in improving the diction of people engaged in the process of learning English. Using these top 7 free websites you can learn English faster and improve your skills easily. All you need to do is having a will and a lot of practice.

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