

Serving English Language Learners and Their Families

- **Arizona Department of Education** [developed distance learning resources for families in both English and Spanish](#) (scroll down to Recursos Para Familias section). The Office of English Language Acquisition Services also published guidance for the field to support students learning English.
- **Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (ASDE)** provided a [bilingual list of resources for parents](#) to support at-home learning.
- **Mississippi Department of Education** [compiled at-home learning resources for English learners and their families](#), including links to screen-free activities and digital lessons for various grade levels.
- **New Mexico Public Education Department** published a [toolkit for families to support learning at home](#), including general language development. This toolkit lists general language development resources with links and descriptions by grade level and is available both in Spanish and in English.
- **North Carolina Department of Public Instruction** created a webpage of [remote-learning resources available to educators, students, and families of ELs](#). Visitors can access relevant EL-specific resources related to online teaching and learning, low and no-tech alternatives, professional learning, and more.
- **BBC – [Learning English, Stories for Children](#)** – Activities to help children learn English at home alongside their parents.
- The **Center for Parent Information and Resources (CPIR)** Covid-19 page provides links to [multilingual resources to help families](#) talk to their children about the coronavirus.
- **Colorín Colorado** provides a [broad range of information and resources to support English learners](#), [Reading tips for parents](#), and [Empowering ELL parents/families at home](#) during school closures, including advice for families of English learners and for educators to help schools and communities partner more effectively with multilingual families. The website is available in both English and Spanish. Fact sheets in multiple languages are also available.
- **IES/REL – [Specific practices used to support EL students & their families](#)**
- **Immigrant Refugees and Schools - [Engaging families during school closure](#)**
- **MAEC** curated a list of [information and resources for parents](#) to help children with language learning needs.

ESOL Online Resources

[Unite for Literacy](#)

- No account required
- Available in multiple languages
- Short non-fiction books on a variety of topics
- Students can read on their own or listen to the books being read
- Appropriate for Elementary students or beginning readers
- EL students can work independently

[CommonLit](#)

- No account required
- Available in multiple languages
- Great resources of several literature genre
- Spanish/English

[International Children's Digital Library](#)

No account required – but access is limited without

- Houses a variety of digital books from multiple countries
- Ability to change the language available for those who register
- Multi-lingual resources

[News in Slow English](#)

- Account required to access available resources
- News Reports read to students in slow English

[University of Wisconsin Research Guides](#)

Account required to access available resources

- Catalog of book and other resources available for University of Wisconsin members to check-out
- Multi-lingual resources
- Various grade levels

[Global Oneness Project](#)

- Must create an account to access content
- Beautiful, short videos with information and stories about current issues from around the world. Subtitled in Spanish.

[PBS Learning](#)

- Must create an account, but it's free
- Not EL Specific but aligns to GSE

[SERP Institute Word Gen](#)

- Requires an account
- Grs 4-5 (Elem Gen) and Grs 6-8 (Middle School Science Gen and Social Studies Gen) - a site full of daily and weekly academic vocabulary and skill development exercises focused on increasing overall literacy skills; a primary developer is Catherine Snow, an vocabulary expert in the field of TEFL/TESOL.

[Quill](#)

- Requires an account
- Free writing and grammar activities 3-12

[NY Times ELL](#)

- No account necessary
- ELL articles, content, resources

[The Fable Cottage](#)

- Students do not have to create an account to hear the stories
- Bilingual tales for language learners (offered in multiple languages)

SimplyE – Phone APP

- Must create an account to check out books.
- Phone app that allows people to download any of the 300,000 ebooks in the library collection of the New York Public Library
- Not EL Specific

[Scholastic Learn at Home](#)

- Some parts free but requires a paid subscription for others