

Useful Websites

Communication

<p>Google Voice -google.com (the apps, such as google voice, can be accessed by clicking on the 3x3 box at the top of the page)</p>	<p>Google voice allows you to talk to/text your students without them having your cell phone number. You can get a phone number (you can create it if you want so it can be easy to remember, ex: 630-IM-4ESL) and use it to communicate with your students. They can call or text the number and you can respond on your phone or your computer. Google voice will transcribe your voicemails, so you don't have to go in and listen to anything. You can link the phone number just to your WCC email so that you never have to access your student messages from your phone.</p>
<p>TodaysMeet.com</p>	<p>TodaysMeet is a good way to have a quick conversation at the computer lab or on the tablets. It is essentially a message board. The administrator (you) can create a room (call it Heather's ABE20, etc.) and your students can log onto it. You can post things there such as reminders and web addresses or just keep it open during your technology time for any troubleshooting. The students will not get reminders when it's updated. They must log on to see the updated conversation. You can keep the board open as long as you'd like. For example, you can have it open the first day of class, and automatically have it close on the last day of class.</p>
<p>Remind101.com</p>	<p>Remind101 is another way that teachers can text students without giving out their phone numbers. You will need to input your contacts (students' numbers) but all numbers are kept private. Unlike Google voice, Remind101 does not allow the students to contact you. It is just one-way communication. You can also schedule texts to be sent out at a later date (for example, you can write a text reminding students to bring their pencils on TABE/CASAS night and have it automatically send the day before the tests).</p>

Classroom Resources

Khanacademy.org	Khan Academy has lessons and activities in several different subject areas
Voxopop.com	Voxopop is like a message board, but instead of text, it is spoken. It is a good way for non-native speakers to practice.
MathPapa.com	Step-by-step algebra help. Includes an algebra calculator, interactive algebra lessons, video lessons, and math practice.
Procon.org	Procon's purpose is to provide resources for critical thinking and to educate without bias. They research issues that are controversial and important, and present them in a balanced, comprehensive, straightforward, transparent, and primarily pro-con format. The issues/articles can be printed out and be used as reading comprehension, oral debates, the start of a research assignment, or a writing prompt.
A4esl.org	Quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a Second Language. This project of The Internet TESL Journal (iteslj.org) has thousands of contributions by many teachers. It has many interactive quizzes, as well as the VOA special report, where students can learn about current events while both seeing the print and listening to the report.
Learnenglishfeelgood.com	Several different grammar worksheets ranging from fairly easy to much more complex. This is great for warm-ups or extra practice on certain concepts.
Breakingnewsenglish.com	Breakingnewsenglish has several current events. They are offered at different levels of difficulty and have accompanying lessons that can be printed and distributed.
Englishforeveryone.org	Similar to learnenglishfeelgood.com, englishforeveryone has several different grammar worksheets that can be printed and distributed.
Quizlet.com	Quizlet allows you to create material and quiz your students. Once the material is entered, students can access it and study with "flashcards", matching, fill in the blanks, and review games. Teachers must create a login, but it's free. This is a great tool for vocabulary review.
Readworks.org	Readworks provides thousands of leveled reading passages. You can search the passages by grade level, lexile level, or reading strategy (compare and contrast, sequence, etc.). You have to create a username, but it is free.
Readabilityformulas.com	This allows you to determine the reading level for texts or passages you may have. You can enter text by typing it or by copying and pasting and it will tell you what reading level your passage is based on several different scales.
Cdlponline.org	Students can choose from several different categories and read current events from each category. Each article has accompanying interactive quizzes, lessons, and activities. Most of the articles also have accompanying audio, so the students can listen to the text while they read.
Homophonesweakly.blogspot.com	Homophones Weakly provides a fun way for students to learn about homophones. The site contains illustrations depicting homophones in a humorous and memorable way.

Life and Job Resources for Students

<p>MyJobScout.co (this is not a typo, it's ".co", not ".com")</p>	<p>JobScout is a free online learning platform that will teach you the basic internet skills you need to find a job. It has lessons on soft skills, interviewing, how to create a LinkedIn profile, and several other topics. The website is available in English and Spanish. It is free but does require a login</p>
<p>Everyoneon.org</p>	<p>EveryoneOn is a national nonprofit working to eliminate the digital divide by making high-speed, low-cost internet service and computers, and free digital literacy courses accessible to all unconnected Americans. Through partnerships with local internet service providers, EveryoneOn is able to offer free or \$9.95 home internet service in 48 states and DC. They work with device refurbishers so individuals and their families can purchase discounted devices, including \$150 tablets and \$199 laptops. This is a great way to make sure your students and their families can access the internet at home.</p>

Apps

Dictionary.com	Dictionary.com has a free app that's available for iPhone, Android, and Windows phone. It's useful for students so they can always have a dictionary at their fingertips, whether they're at school or at work.
Socrative.com	Socrative is a free app that's available for iPhone, Android, and Windows 8.1. It is a quick and easy way to quiz or poll your students. It is a very quick and convenient way to check students' understanding. You can teach a unit and ask a follow-up question and have them enter A, B, or C on their phones. It may help you see how many students are not understanding a concept but might be too shy to mention it in front of the class. For example, you can ask your students to enter A if they understand a concept and B if they do not. You will then be able to see that some students entered B and, depending on how many, you might choose to review the concept. Those students who entered B might not have felt comfortable raising their hands and asking for clarification, but the anonymity of Socrative allows them to feel more comfortable with it. For students or teachers unable to download the app, they can access the website either from their phones or their computers.