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ONLINE TUTOR RESOURCES

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eTextbook

Side by Side by Pearson

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Use the above link to access eBook versions of Pearson's *Side by Side* levels 1-4 as well as other resources.

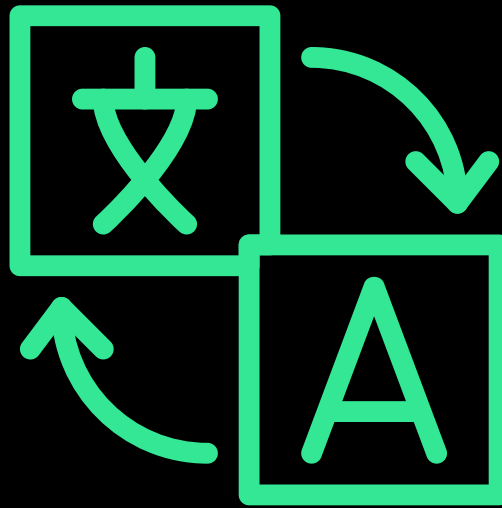


To view certain content offline, you may need to install the appropriate application to your phone or tablet first. The following [link](#) provides more information about this.

Online Resources

Basic Translation

Google Translate



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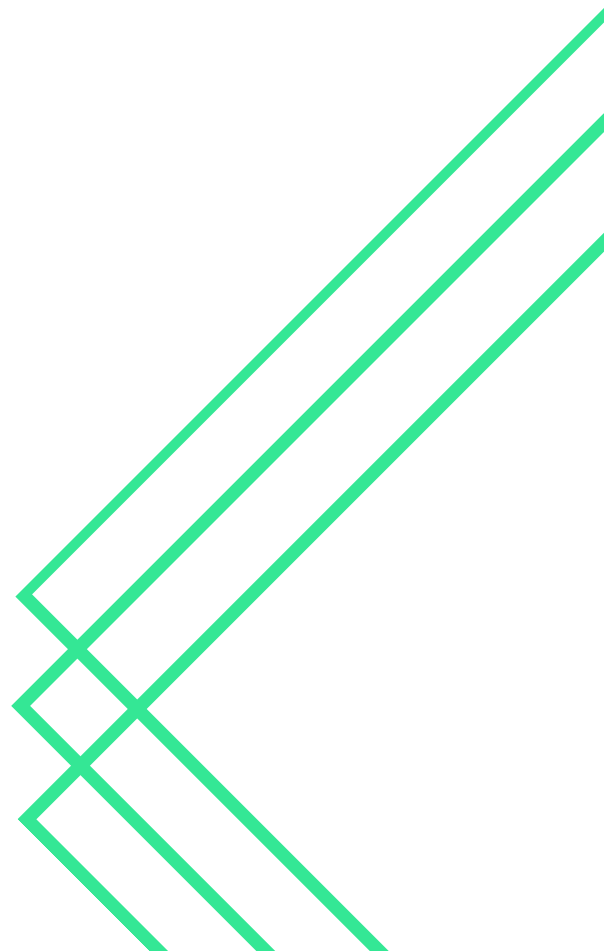
Online Resources

News, Videos, Audio

Voice Of America

Newsela

News in Levels



Online Resources

ESL Websites and Videos

English with Jennifer

Free website and [YouTube channel](#) with an emphasis on conversations, grammar and pronunciation. She provides a [list](#) of other ESL websites and tools she likes.

ESL America

Aggregator website with links to other websites in the following categories: Dictation, Conversation, Grammar, Holidays, EL Civics, Pronunciation, Reading, Vocabulary, and Writing.



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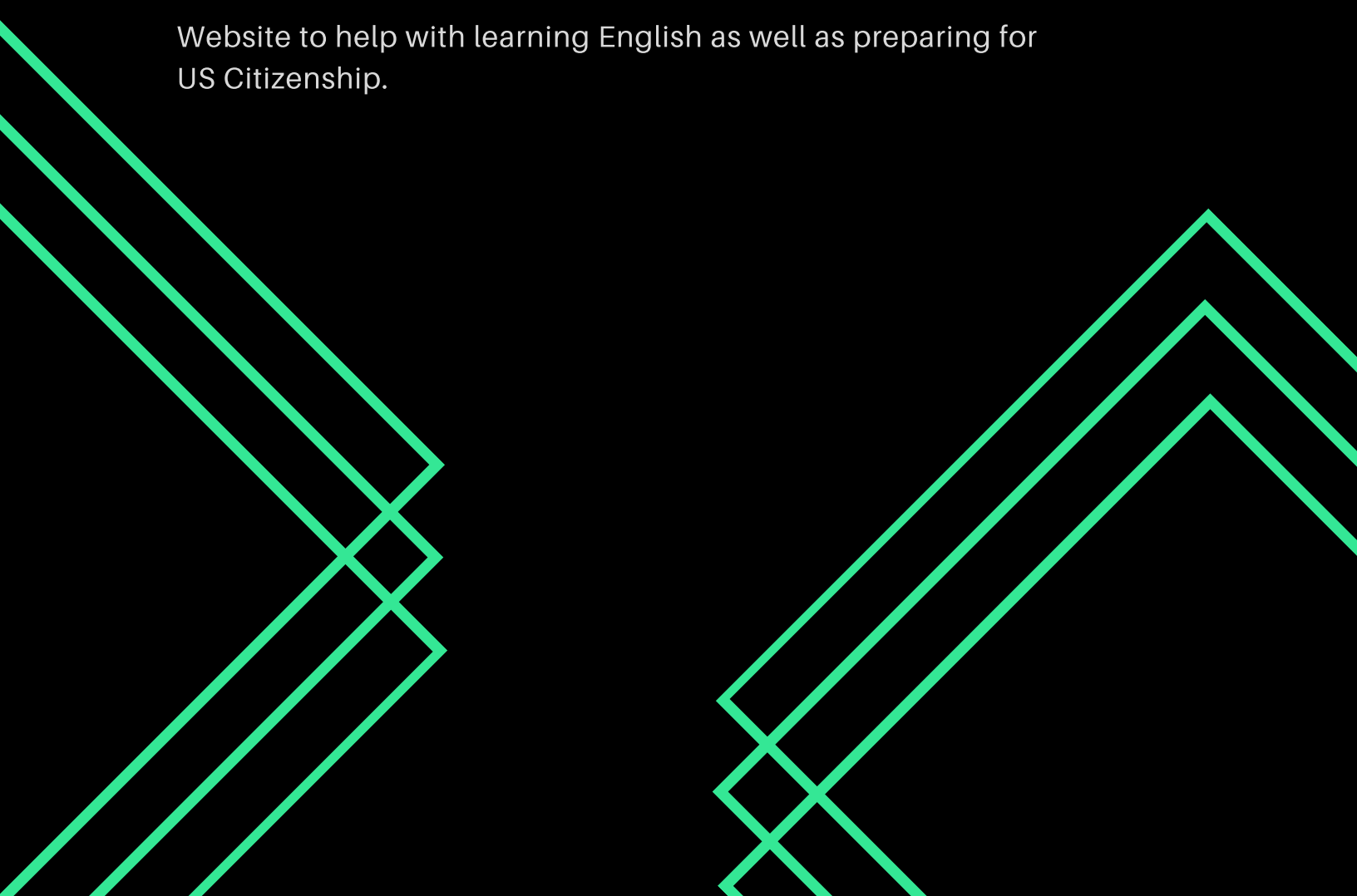
ESL Websites and Videos

Rachel's English

Free website and [YouTube channel](#) with an emphasis on American English pronunciation.

USA Learns

Website to help with learning English as well as preparing for US Citizenship.



Online Resources

Free Language Learning Apps

1. Busuu

2. Duolingo

3. HelloTalk

These apps also have premium account options for an additional fee

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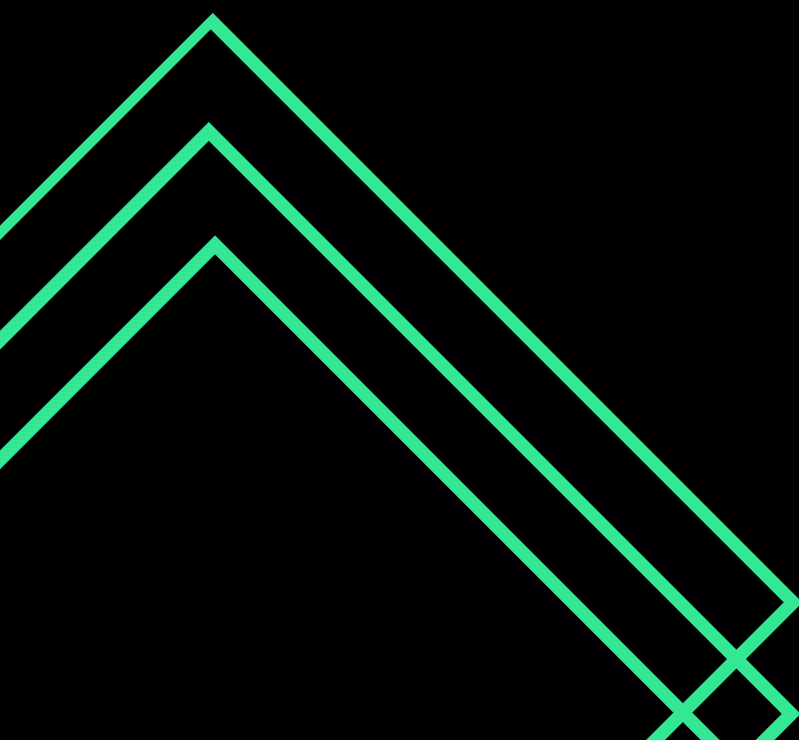
Flashcard Apps

Anki

Go [here](#) for instructions and decks for DOLCH basic words and vowels as well as additional instructions and tips for how to use Anki.

Quizlet

Memrise



Online Resources

YouTube Resources

You can find a variety of stories at several levels by searching for "Learn English Through Story" on YouTube.

- After reading a story, your student can retell the story to you in their own words.
- This is a good way for your student to practice oral language, both listening and speaking, as well as reading.

[#researchenglishwithmemories](#)

[#storybooksinenglish](#)



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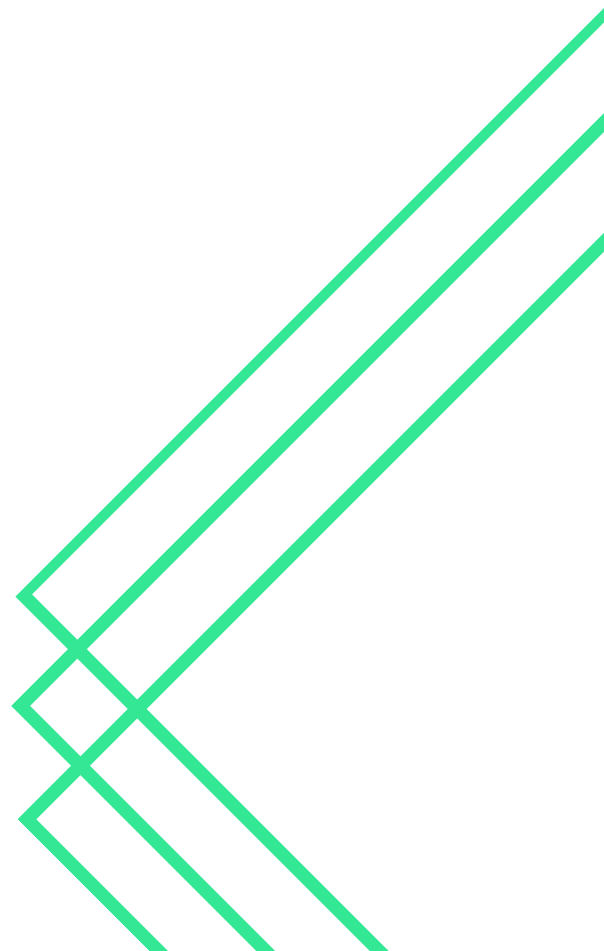
Library Resources

Libby.

Free app that allows you to borrow ebooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines from your local public library. All you need is your library card.

Santa Cruz Public Library.

Your library card provides you access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and music.



How to Use Books in Your Tutoring

Check out [KanopyKids](#) available through the [Santa Cruz Public Library](#).

On KanopyKids, your student can use their computer or smartphone to find a large selection of books that have been converted to narrated, animated and captioned shorts with lively music and sound effects. The reading levels run from kindergarten through grade school and include both fiction and non-fiction. Students can read along while the story is being read.

You can use the KanopyKids resource in many ways:

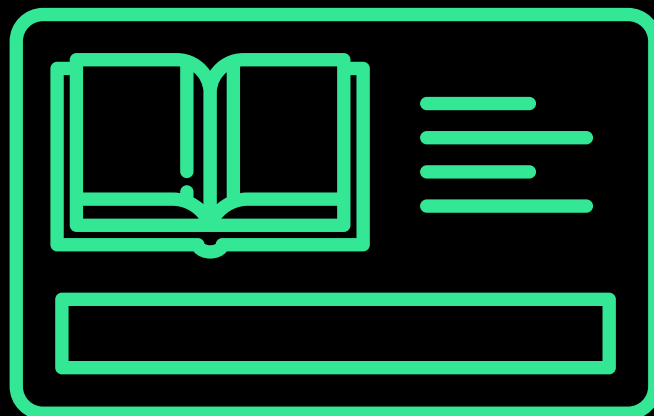
- Choose a book for your student to read for homework and create comprehension questions for them to answer.
- Have them rewrite a story in their own words.
- Have them select a book then write a book report answering questions like, Who are the main characters in the story? What happens in the story? What was your favorite part? If you were in the story, would you act differently than the main character? Did you learn any new words? Did you like the story? Why or why not? etc.
- Watch a story together in class (via screen sharing on Zoom) and talk about it afterward. Most are less than 10 minutes long.
- Or simply let them have fun choosing interesting and funny stories that they can watch and listen to while they read along. Those of you who were/are teachers will no doubt have your own tried and true ideas.

How to Use Books in Your Tutoring (cont.)

Your student will need to have a [library card](#) to access Kanopy

1. There are no fees to apply for a library card.
2. Library staff are happy to help and can be reached at 831-427-7713.
3. A library card allows students access not only to books, but also videos, eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, and much more!

Of interest to tutors: Did you know that with a library card you get access to [The New York Times](#) and [Consumer Reports](#)?!?



Using Anki Flashcards

There are now [flashcards](#) available for the Dolch words as well as all the short and long vowels that we include in the tutors training manual

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This is a shared account so that you can login and get familiar with Anki but it is ***strongly suggested*** you create your own account and import the [deck](#). If you share you will want to make separate profiles for each user so that each person's progress is maintained.

Anki Online Resources

1. [How to Install Anki](#)
2. [How to Install Anki Decks](#)
3. [How to Sync All Your Devices](#)
4. [Anki User Manual](#)

iPhone or iPad Users

The Anki app for iPhone or iPad is ***not free***. Click [here](#) for instructions on getting access to Anki decks on these devices.

Audio File Creation

Creating MP3 files for words or sentences can help your student with pronouncing difficult words/sounds

Text to Speech

Enter the word, phrase or sentence, click on the "Read" button to hear what was entered, click the "Download as MP3" button to obtain the MP3 file.

Oxford Sounds

With this website, you can only create MP3 files for a **single** word. Sometimes it will not have an audio version for the word. To create the MP3 file, replace the word in the website URL. The link included above creates the audio file for the word 'example.' Replace the word example with the word you want a MP3 file for in the website URL in your browser and hit ENTER, the word will be spoken. Click on the three dots to the right of the speaker symbol and select "Download" to obtain the MP3 file.



Pronunciation Using Music

Pronunciation is a big challenge for many of our students. They struggle with a combination of correct vowel sounds, correct word stress and correct sentence stress (rhythm and intonation). Consider using music to practice.

Where to Find Music

1. YouTube
2. Spotify
3. iTunes or Apple Music

How to Incorporate Music

Listen to the song together, then read through the song and discuss new vocabulary, grammar and meaning. Listen again. Sing/chant together. Continue to practice.

Questions?

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