

EAP, ESP, and EWP

EAP, ESP, and EWP - Not a galactic language

EAP

English for Academic Purposes

What does the learner need to progress academically?

ESP

English for Specific Purposes

What does the learner need for a specific context (e.g., nursing, business, technology, or pharmacy)?

EWP

English in the Workplace

What does the learner need in their workplace?

English for Academic Purposes (EAP)

	Speaking		Writing		
What learners want (in order of priority) ¹	Α Α	Speaking accurately (grammar) Communicating ideas fluently	>	Using grammar correctly and linking sentences smoothly	
	>	Speaking clearly (pronunciation)	>	Using appropriate style	

How learners want to study grammar ²	 Card games or quizzes Examples that are contextualized in articles 	
	 Language used authentically Language that is contextualized in academic texts 	

¹An interview-based longitudinal study of undergraduates at Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Information about both studies retrieved from: https://www.cambridge.org/elt/blog/2017/12/14/eap-language-learners-want/

Resources:

- Benedictine University Library offers a comprehensive list of free resources for EAP https://researchguides.ben.edu/english-language
- Simon Fraser University has a section titled "Self-help Resources" which includes all four skills (reading, writing, listening, and speaking) https://www.uts.edu.au/current-students/support/helps/self-help-resources

²An action study at the University of Sydney Information

English for Specific Purposes (ESP) or in the Workplace (EWP)

Strategies for working with ESP and EWP learners:

- Search the Essential Skills Profiles to identify workplace tasks related to the occupation of your learner. https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/essentialskills
- Collect printed materials from the workplace (site plans, brochures, safety manuals, payroll slips, forms, procedures, instructions, emails, etc.).
- Use job-specific vocabulary and communication tasks in your lesson plans.

Valuable Resources for ESP and EWP NOTE: If the links won't open when you click on them, copy and paste the link into your web browser.	Common Ground: English in the Workplace https://www.norquest.ca/NorquestCollege/media/pdf/centres/intercultural/NQ_CommonGround_TrainingManual.pdf	Here to Help: Language Skills for Food Service Workers https://globalaccess.bowvalleycollege.ca/products-services/here-help-workplace-communication-skills-food-services	In the Workplace: An Intermediate Integrated Skills Textbook (OER) https://globalaccess.bowvalleycollege.ca /products-services/workplace- intermediate-integrated-skills-textbook	Language for Work https://www.atesl.ca/resource	Online Workplace Integration Language Resources (OWLS) https://www.norquest.ca/research- innovation/colbourne-institute-for- inclusive-leadership/projects/completed- projects/online-workplace-integration- language-resources-(owls).aspx
Essential Skills			•		
Idioms / Small Talk	•				•
Intercultural Communication	•	•		•	•
Safety	•			•	
Soft Skills			•	•	
Workplace Culture		•	•		
Bottle Depot				•	
Construction				•	
Food Services / Processing	•	•			
Hospitality / Customer Service	•				
Kitchen Helper				•	
Manufacturing	•				
(In the) Office					•
Stock Clerk				•	
Trades					•
Warehouse Worker					

Alberta Workforce Essential Skills (AWES)

https://awes.ca/what-we-offer/tools-publications/

Many resources are available on this website that cover a variety of topics related to the workplace, eg: a series of videos titled "Working Faster, Working Safer" and "Newcomers and the Workplace."