

Key Resources

It doesn't matter if you are a new ESL instructor or if you have been in the ESL field for decades, there are a few resources that everyone involved in an ESL program should have on their shelves (as a hardcopy) or in an easy to find location on their computer. **NOTE:** If the links won't open, then copy and paste the link into your web browser.

MUST HAVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB), http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/pdf/pub/language-benchmarks.pdf Description of the national standards of language levels ➤ ESL for Adult Literacy Learners (ALL), https://www.language.ca/product/club-esl-for-adult-literacy-learners-all-pdf-e/ Description of the CLBs for ESL literacy learners
Best practices, principles of adult learning, and strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ATESL Best Practices, https://www.atesl.ca/resources/resource-library/atesl-best-practices-full-document/ List of indicators to demonstrate best practices in action along with suggestions on how to use the document ➤ Best Resources on Teaching Multilevel ESL/EFL Classes, https://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2011/09/05/the-best-resources-on-teaching-multilevel-eslefl-classes/ A list of resources that describe strategies for teaching multilevel classes ➤ ESL and e-Learning: A Guide for Rural Alberta, https://eslruralroutes.norquest.ca/getattachment/Resources/Content/ESL-e-learning-A-guide-for-Rural-Alberta/ESL-e-learning_a-guide-for-rural-alberta_nov121.pdf.aspx Includes orientation to using technology with ESL Literacy learners, ESL literacy pedagogical considerations, and resources ➤ Making Large Classes Smaller, https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7C7542D1C8EC2731 A set of nine recorded videos of a talk given by Jeremy Harmer in 2009 regarding strategies for teaching multilevel classes ➤ Principles of Adult Learning, https://alabamapathways.org/principles-of-adult-learning/ Includes characteristics of adult learners, ways to motivate adult learners, barriers that adult learners face, and learning tips
Citizenship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Citizenship Practice Test, https://www.yourlibrary.ca/citizenship/ Questions are based on the official study guide, Discover Canada, and are include questions based on the province where the individual resides (ie: What political party is in power in Alberta?) ➤ Discover Canada, https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/corporate/publications-manuals/discover-canada.html The official study guide for the Canadian citizenship test can be downloaded or read online, with audio ➤ Our Country, Our Parliament, https://lop.parl.ca/about/parliament/education/ourcountryourparliament/TeacherGuide/activities-intro-e.asp Lesson plans include teachers' notes, downloadable handouts and assessment tools

<p>Curriculum and ready-made lesson plans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CCLB Sample Lesson Plans, https://www.language.ca/resourceexpertise/for-language-teachers/#1473963763284-5d04bbb1-e65c Lesson plans for CLB 1 to 8 aligned with the CLBs Template for lesson planning also provided ➤ Learn English with CBC, https://www.cbc.ca/learning-english Current affairs and local news Weekly lessons for CLB 4+; monthly lessons for CLB 6+ ➤ Passages to Canada, http://passagestocanada.com/educator-resources/ Videos and materials relating to newcomers' experiences in Canada ➤ Roots and Connections, https://eslruralroutes.norquest.ca/resources/content/roots-connection.aspx Settlement lessons for beginners 	
<p>Employment focused resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Alberta Learning Information System (ALIS), https://alis.alberta.ca/tools-and-resources/order-publications/?letter=E&offset=0 Publications available for adult literacy readers are appropriate for ESL learners as well ➤ Alberta Workplace Essential Skills (AWES), https://awes.ca/what-we-offer/tools-publications/ Publications include workplace safety workbooks and videos Workplace lessons for intermediate learners ➤ Online Self-Study Resources for Newcomer Integration, An Annotated Guide, https://awes.ca/awesca/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/NI-annotated-guide-2018-final.pdf Over 25 resources listed to help newcomers learn about the essential skills and workplace culture, while developing language skills ➤ Workplace Resources for English Language Learners, An Annotated Guide, http://www.awes.ca/awesca/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/BCC-annotated-guide-Feb-2017.pdf List of over 30 resources, including lesson plans, employment and job search, cultural and intercultural, and assessment resources 	
<p>Rural Routes Tip Sheets, https://eslruralroutes.norquest.ca/resources/content/rural-routes-tip-sheets.aspx</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ #1 – Useful Websites for ESL Teachers and Learners ➤ #2 – Starting a Classroom ➤ #3 – Lesson Planning for Small Groups ➤ #4 – Lesson Planning for One-on-One Instructions ➤ #5 – ESL Essentials for the New Teacher or Tutor ➤ #6 – Settlement Services and Language Assessment ➤ #7 – Program and Learner Progress Chart ➤ #8 – Learner Assessment ➤ #9 – The CLBs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ #10 – So You Want to Be an ESL Teacher ➤ #11 – Needs Assessment ➤ #12 – Learning Disabilities ➤ #13 – Key Resources ➤ #14 – EAP/ESP/EWP ➤ #15 – ESL Acronyms for the Uninitiated ➤ #16 – Working with ESL Literacy Learners ➤ #17 – Learning English Apps for Apple ➤ #18 – Learning English Apps for Android