

# Starting an ELL Classroom

Alberta Routes

Tip Sheet 2

If you have too many learners for a small group session, [Tip Sheet - Lesson Planning for Small Group Instruction](#), it's time to start an ELL class. But don't worry there is a wealth of planning materials available for free. Many resources are available to download, and some are available in hard copy for free. Remember, you are not alone! Alberta Routes Advisors are also available for workshops, mentoring, and ideas. [Alberta Routes Regional Advisors](#)

Note: If you have more than one learner, refer to Tip Sheet #3 – **Lesson Planning for Small Group Instruction**.

<b>Learner Assessment</b>	<p><b><a href="#">Tip Sheet Learner Assessment</a></b></p> <p>Tip sheet to ensure that you understand what CLB your learners are. Start from where they are!</p>
<b>Frontier College: Toolbox for ESL Tutors</b>	<p><a href="https://settlement.org/downloads/linc/toolbox.pdf">https://settlement.org/downloads/linc/toolbox.pdf</a></p>
<b>Alberta Routes Multi-Level Handbook</b>	<p><a href="https://albertaroutes.norquest.ca/resources/content/alberta-routes-multi-level-handbook.aspx">https://albertaroutes.norquest.ca/resources/content/alberta-routes-multi-level-handbook.aspx</a></p>
<b>Online Workplace Language Resources (OWLS)</b>	<p><a href="https://www.norquest.ca/about-us/centres-and-institutes/colbourne-institute-for-inclusive-leadership/completed-projects/online-workplace-integration-language-resources.aspx">https://www.norquest.ca/about-us/centres-and-institutes/colbourne-institute-for-inclusive-leadership/completed-projects/online-workplace-integration-language-resources.aspx</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommended for CLB 5+.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Videos of suggested discussion points and a facilitator guide are available.</li> <li>• Addresses workplace conflicts caused by cultural misunderstandings.</li> </ul>
<b>Pragmatic Patterns for Business</b>	<a href="https://www.norquest.ca/about-us/centres-and-institutes/colbourne-institute-for-inclusive-leadership/completed-projects/pragmatic-patterns-for-business-professional-language-competencies.aspx">https://www.norquest.ca/about-us/centres-and-institutes/colbourne-institute-for-inclusive-leadership/completed-projects/pragmatic-patterns-for-business-professional-language-competencies.aspx</a>

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