



Learning English with APPS

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Tip sheet 17

Apps are applications (small pieces of software) that run on a mobile phone, computer, or other electronic devices. Most learners have mobile phones, even if they don't have reliable Internet at home or don't have a home computer. Apps help learners control their learning and allow them always to have a language resource with them.

Apps to Try

Skill	CLB	App
L, P, R	5-8	Accent Training by Andie Nguyen Practice American Accent daily through native voice audios by listening and then recording to improve your accent dramatically.
V	1-8	AnkiApp Flashcards by Admimum Corp. Make flashcards with text, sound, and images, and download pre-made ones.
All	All	Busuu by Busuu Limited Learn through interactive lessons, real convos & more.
All	1-6	Duolingo by Duolingo Learn a new language through quick, bite-sized lessons.

V	5-8	English Idioms Illustrated by Aiden Potts
L, R, V	1-6	ESL Fast Read by Ron Lee
L, R, S	1-6	ESL Fast Speak by Ron Lee
G, L, S	All	IELTS Prep by British Council Take practice tests, grammar tips, exercises, and more.
All	All	Mango Languages by Creative Empire Learn real-life conversations with native-speaker audio and cultural context so that you can speak like a local
L, R, V	1-4	Speak & Translate – Translator by Apalon Apps An essential voice and text translator that allows you to communicate effectively anywhere in the world.
All	All	Mauril – Radio Canada This app is meant to help improve oral comprehension and integrate language knowledge in everyday life.
G, P, V	All	Tandem: Conversation exchange by Tripode Technology The language learning app where millions of people teach each other.
L, R, S, V, W	5-8	TED Talks by TED Conference
L, R, S	5-8+	TOEFL Prep & Practice by Magoosh Practice exam questions, watch tutorials, plan your studying.
P, V	1-8	Word Reference Dictionary by Word Reference Dictionary translation.

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