

## Online Resources and Apps for Multilingual Learners/English Learners

### Free or Almost Free

The best online learning option is to continue with your own, standards-based units of instruction. Look for read alouds of your unit's core/key texts on *YouTube* and *Vimeo*. Also check to see if your core/key text(s) might be available at any of the read aloud story sites below. Perhaps your book is not available but another one on your topic/theme is. Find ways students can receive comprehensible input online.

Consider recording your unit texts yourself. Do this chapter-by-chapter or section-by-section if you are using a longer text.

#### How to make Recordings for Your Students:

Apps for making MP3 files:

<https://smallbiztrends.com/2018/05/best-voice-recorder-app.html>

<https://www.pcmag.com/how-to/9-voice-recorder-apps-that-wont-miss-a-second>

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.media.bestrecorder.audiorecorder&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.media.bestrecorder.audiorecorder&hl=en_US)

#### If the text exists as a text file, use Text to Speech Readers:

Immersive Reader in Microsoft Word:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ts9takznE5o>

Natural Reader

<https://www.naturalreaders.com/>

TTS Reader

<https://ttsreader.com/>

#### Making Instructional Videos/Student Recordings:

Students can make recordings

Teachers can make instructional videos with Flipgrid

Flipgrid (<https://info.flipgrid.com>) or

Screencastify (<https://www.screencastify.com/>)

#### READ ALOUDS—STORIES/BOOKS:

Introduce key vocabulary through preview activities and build background as necessary using introductory video segments or recording your own short video on your phone and uploading

for students to view before they go to a given URL. Following the online reading of the book, offer vocabulary practice activities, follow up reading comprehension and writing activities.

**Teacher Resource Article:** How to do an Interactive Read Aloud (you will need to implement this using Google Classroom resources)  
<https://elementaryenglishlanguagelearners.weebly.com/blog/category/interactive-read-aloud>

Free Story Sites (some have games and other activities)—make sure you create rich learning experiences around these materials:

Unite for Literacy  
<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

CBeebies (BBC)  
<https://us.cbeebies.com/>  
<https://espanol.cbeebies.com/>

Storyline Online  
<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

One More Story  
<http://www.onemorestory.com/>

Epic!  
<https://www.getepic.com/>

Audio Stories:  
StoryNory  
<https://www.storynory.com/>

THROUGH YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY:

<https://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/Home.aspx?categoryID=77>

SAMPLE OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE ON HOOPLA Digital(read aloud)  
[https://www.hoopladigital.com/search?scope=everything&q=Shark%20Lady%20\(Read%20Along\)](https://www.hoopladigital.com/search?scope=everything&q=Shark%20Lady%20(Read%20Along))

Scholastic Magazines (right now they are offering free log in information)  
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>  
[https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/content/dam/classroom-magazines/magazines/support/scholastic-at-home/LAH-letter-educators\\_rev.pdf](https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/content/dam/classroom-magazines/magazines/support/scholastic-at-home/LAH-letter-educators_rev.pdf)

Planning Strong Units/Lessons for Multilingual Learners/English Learners (ELA/Math):  
<https://www.elsuccessforum.org/guidelines>

ELSF Offers Resources for Teachers—Comprehension and Other Activities for ELLs  
(These could be used around Read Alouds)  
<https://www.elsuccessforum.org/resources>

e.g. <https://www.elsuccessforum.org/resources/sentence-fluency-activities-for-newcomer-els>

e.g. <https://www.elsuccessforum.org/resources/heart-to-heart>

### **Academic Vocabulary Practice Activities:**

Be sure to select your target terms carefully by proficiency level and tied to follow up academic learning activities.

Promote Vocabulary learning with:

<https://www.wordhippo.com/>

Notice all the features—kids can hear the word spoken, find a translation in their native language, find synonyms, antonyms, definitions, rhymes, etc.

Academic Word List App

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/academic-word-list-quiz-flashcard/id1168912442>

Academic Word List Builder App

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/awl-builder/id501624983>

Academic Words Website:

<https://www.spellingcity.com/academic-vocabulary.html>

Quizlet (To make practice activities and quizzes; students can create their own cards and you can make cards more complicated by asking questions or having sentence parts to complete rather than just vocabulary)

<https://quizlet.com/>

## Comic Strip Story Writing Sites

Powtoon

<https://www.powtoon.com>

Pixton

<https://www.pixton.com/>

## Story Writing Sites

MyStoryBook

<https://www.mystorybook.com/>

StoryJumper

<https://www.storyjumper.com/>

ImagineForest

<https://www.imagineforest.com/>

PBS Kids News Writing

<https://pbskids.org/newsflashfive/scoop/>

NCTE Read Write Think Writing Cube Creator

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/cube-creator-30850.html>

NCTE Read Write Think Letter Generator

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/letter-generator-30005.html>

NCTE Read Write Think Persuasion Map

<http://www.readwritethink.org/classroom-resources/student-interactives/persuasion-30034.html>

NCTE Read Write Think Poetry Writing

[http://www.readwritethink.org/search/?resource\\_type=16&type=28](http://www.readwritethink.org/search/?resource_type=16&type=28)

App/Chrome Book Extension for Student Annotation of text; any text format (ex: doc, pdf, etc).

<https://www.kamiapp.com/google/>

### **Free Content-Based (or Current Events) Sites**

National Geographic Kids

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>

Smithsonian Tween Tribune

<https://www.tweentribune.com/>

History.com

<https://www.history.com/news>

News In Levels

<https://www.newsinlevels.com/>

Breaking News English

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/>

CONTENT AREA WEBSITES FOR KIDS -- from the American Library Association(ALA):

For the Social Sciences

<http://gws.ala.org/category/social-sciences>

for Science

<http://gws.ala.org/category/sciences>

for the Arts

<http://gws.ala.org/category/arts>

for History and Biography

<http://gws.ala.org/category/history-biography>

for Math and Computers

<http://gws.ala.org/category/mathematics-computers>

for Languages and Literature

<http://gws.ala.org/category/literature-languages>

### **Free Multicultural Literature Lessons to Go With Books You May Own**

Lee and Low (Teacher Guides Available for All Books with Lesson Plan Ideas)

<https://www.leeandlow.com/educators/teacher-s-guides>

**From TESOL:**

**Best Sites/Apps for English Learners:** *(Please Use Judiciously; Tie to Your Upcoming Units)*

<http://blog.tesol.org/11-apps-to-build-literacy-for-elementary-els>

**Lesson Planning Tools**

Twinkl

<https://www.twinkl.com/>

<https://www.twinkl.com/create>

### **Subscription-Based Sites for Online Lesson/Unit Planning\***

(Most offer free trials; or perhaps your district has purchased subscriptions)

Always select videos/activities that are at an appropriate rate of speech for your students' proficiency level so that they can capture the information and also at an appropriate length so they can capture all the information (or break the viewing into 1-3 minute segments). Make sure the segments you select have excellent visual support that makes the language clear.

Flocabulary

<https://www.flocabulary.com/>

Kids Discover

<https://online.kidsdiscover.com/how-it-works>

Time for Kids

<https://www.timeforkids.com/>

Reading Rainbow (on Prime Video, itunes, YouTube Channel, Google Play, etc.)

See <https://decider.com/show/reading-rainbow/>

Reading Rainbow is also an app

<https://www.levurburtonkids.com/skybrary>

MyOn

<https://www.myon.com/index.html>

Capstone Interactive

<https://www.capstonepub.com/library/digital/capstone-interactive/>

Scholastic Book Flix

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/bookflix/#/>

Turning Videos into Lessons

EdPuzzle

<https://edpuzzle.com/>

Content Learning Platforms (skills-based)

MobyMax (may offer some free subscriptions)

<https://www.mobymax.com/curriculum/overview>

IXL

<https://www.ixl.com/>

### **Sites that Provide Leveled (by Lexile) Reading Material**

*Be selective! Make sure readings are of high interest and tied to learning units at your school.*

Newsela

<https://newsela.com/>

ReadWorks

<https://www.readworks.org/>

Books that Grow

<http://www.booksthatgrow.com/how-books-that-grow-works>

Common Lit

<https://www.commonlit.org/>

Raz Kids <https://www.raz-kids.com/main/RazQuizRoom>

Choose books wisely—make sure they are good models of authentic literature!

Reading A-Z

<https://www.readinga-z.com/books/leveled-books/>

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