

English as an Additional Language

Suggested EAL Websites

This is a suggested list and is not intended to be comprehensive or directive. There may also be other websites which are useful for teaching EAL learners. The PPDS does not take responsibility for the content of these suggested websites.

Irish Websites

<http://www.education.gov.ie>

This is the Department of Education and Science website. It contains translated documents of interest to parents, who are newcomers to Ireland. These are available in German, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Russian and Spanish. The translated documents are based on the definitive text in the English language. It also contains a list of associated Irish links which may be useful to newcomer parents.

<http://www.ppds.ie>

This is the Primary Professional Development Service website that includes the material related to EAL and material from the former PCSP website and the former SDPS website.

<http://www.ncca.ie>

This is the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment website. The *English as an Additional Language in Irish Schools Guidelines* can be downloaded free. The IILT documents are also available to be downloaded free.

<http://www.action.ncca.ie/en/eal/eal/activities/sample-activity-one>

This site is maintained by the NCCA. Action stands for **A**ssessment, **C**urriculum and **T**eaching **I**nnovation on the **N**et. This site is being developed to support teachers in the 'how to' of teaching and learning through the use of multimedia. ACTION will focus on 'showing' rather than 'telling' the features of effective teaching and learning in different settings including EAL.

<http://www.jrs.ie>

This is the Jesuit Refugee Services and some useful EAL resources can be downloaded for free. These are specific to the Irish context and contain many standard letters translated into many languages.

Primary Professional Development Service

<http://www.mlpsi.ie/>

This is the Modern Languages in Primary Schools Initiative website.

<http://www.anseomraranga.com>

This contains downloadable practical resources for the Irish classroom. "Seomra Ranga" means "classroom" in the Irish language.

www.askaboutireland.ie

This contains photos and information on your local area. Enter the Primary section and click on your own county map to get information and photographs of your local area.

www.imagebank.ie

This is a library of photographs under various headings.

Translation Service Websites

<http://www.babelfish.com/>

This contains a translation service

<http://www.poltran.com/pl.php4>

This contains a translation service and also some word dictionaries.

Action Rhymes and Nursery Rhymes Websites

www.mamalisa.com

This contains nursery rhymes in different languages.

http://www.gameskidsplay.net/jump_rope_rhymes

This has some skipping rhymes which can be useful with EAL learners.

<http://www.esl4kids.net/fingerplays.html>

This contains fingerplays and action rhymes for young learners which can also help EAL learners associate words and phrases with meaning.

Resources Websites

<http://www.mes-english.com/games/files/adayatschool.php>

This contains free downloads for teachers of young EAL learners.

<http://www.onestopeducation.co.uk/icat/44553>

This contains *The British Picture Vocabulary Scale* which can be used as an initial screener to show the extent of a child's English vocabulary acquisition. It offers separate norms for pupils who have English as an additional language.

<http://www.sparklebox.co.uk>

This contains teachers' resources which are free to download.

<http://primaryresources.co.uk>

Teachers share resources, worksheets and their own resources.

<http://www.learninglive.co.uk/teachers/ema/eal/index.asp>

This contains language functions, maths language and links to many useful resources, for example, dual language posters, games, multi-lingual dictionaries and interactive body parts.

<http://www.wayahead-english.com>

This is an English language resource/programme. It is not specifically designed for EAL learners.

http://www.audioenglish.net/dictionary/mother_hubbard.htm

This contains audio clips of native English speakers which can be used to practice pronunciation. It also has some online tests.

<http://aboutenglish.com>

This is a grammar website which is suitable for older children.

<http://www.boglesworld.com>

This contains EAL lessons and activities.

<http://jennyweather.com>

This contains teacher resources and some educational software.

www.primaryideas.co.uk/misc/timetablecards.doc

This contains visual aids for timetables, subjects and activities

www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer

This contains a list of links to graphic organisers. These can help in structuring writing projects, in problem solving, decision making, studying, planning research and brainstorming.

www.blacksheepress.co.uk

This contains worksheets and assessments that assist the development of children's speech and language. The worksheets are on CD-ROM and can be printed directly from your computer.

www.britishcouncil/english.co.uk

This contains flashcards which may be useful with EAL learners.

www.enchantedlearning.com

This contains resources for teachers.

www.literactive.com

This provides reading material for pre-school, kindergarten and grade 1 students. The programme comprises graded readers, phonics activities and supplementary reading material which gradually develop a child's reading skills in a sequential manner. All the material is available for free from this site but you need to register.

<http://www.manythings.org>

A study site for EAL learners which contains word games, puzzles, quizzes, exercises, slang and proverbs.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/photostory/default.msp>

Photostory 3 can be downloaded for free. This is a really useful ICT resource for creating stories which include photos. It is very useful with EAL learners.

World Maps Websites and World Photographs Websites

<http://www.google.com>

This contains detailed maps which you can zoom in and out of.

<http://www.multimap.com>

This contains maps, transport routes and aerial photographs.

<http://www.graphicmaps.com>

This contains maps and physical features of the world.

<http://www.imagesoftheworld.org>

This contains maps and photographs from around the world.