

Five Free Websites for Enhancing Reading Skills

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Enhancing the reading skills of our English language learners often requires students to practice outside of the classroom, and utilizing online resources is a common approach. Unfortunately, finding the most appropriate Websites that are approachable and useful for learners can be challenging for teachers. The five online resources below can be used in all levels of English language learning from elementary and secondary education to IEP contexts to enhance learners' reading skills.

ESL-Bits

<http://esl-bits.net/>

- Online extensive reading
- Wide variety of texts with audio recordings
- Different audio speeds for each reading
- Additional student resources

ELcivics

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

- Worksheets, exercises, & readings
- Power Points & videos
- Lessons & games

Newsela

<https://newsela.com/>

- Authentic articles in five levels of difficulty
- Large variety of genres to fit each learner
- Interactive vocabulary
- Pre-made quizzes
- Writing prompts

Word and Phrase

<https://www.wordandphrase.info/>

- User friendly version of the Corpus of Contemporary American English
- Collocates organized by part of speech
- Definitions & Synonyms
- Frequency of use and genre

Eyercize

http://eyercize.herokuapp.com/practice/paste_read

- Authentic paced reading experience
- Chunking practice (thought groups)
- Customizable to fit the learner
- Cut and paste any digital text