

English Language Resources for Families

Resources for New Americans

San Diego Public Library

The San Diego Public Library serves a very diverse population of adults and their children from countries and cultures outside the United States. This page was created in an effort to assist in understanding and accessing resources that can help them adjust to U.S. culture and achieve permanent citizenship.

The library has/Learn about how to:

- Get a free library card
- The international language collection
- Bilingual staff
- English Learning Materials
- Citizenship preparation
- Literary Services
- Computer Training
- Foreign Language Search Engines

<http://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/services/outreach/newamericans/index.shtml>

ESL Directory

We, here at ESL Directory, work with students learning English on a day-to-day basis and know that the process can be confusing! That is why we designed the ESL Information and Resources section. Now, you can find helpful up-to-date information and resources to guide you through your journey studying English

This website has information about:

- Learning English
- English Language Exams
- Choosing your ESL school
- Visa Application
- Finances, Financial Aid, and Scholarships

<http://www.esldirectory.com/blog/esl-info/>

Schools that offer English as a Second Language Programs/Classes

Class at San Diego City College:

ESOL - ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program is designed to prepare students to read, write, speak, and listen at a level that enables them to succeed in college courses. This is an academic English program and not an intensive English program (language school).

<http://www.sdcity.edu/ESOL>

San Diego Continuing Education:

English as a Second Language (ESL)

The ESL Program includes **free** General Classes, offered at 8 campuses and many other locations in the community. There are morning, afternoon, and evening classes at 7 different levels, from beginning to advanced. The ESL program also has free Computer Labs, Special Classes, Transition to College, Vocational ESL (VESL), and Citizenship classes.

<http://www.sdce.edu/classes/esl>

San Diego County Library

LEARN is a volunteer-based tutoring program that helps adults improve their literacy skills and empowers them to achieve their full potential.

LEARN Mission

- To help adults improve reading and writing skills to achieve their full potential as community members, family members, workers, and life-long learners;
- To teach non-English speakers ESL (English as a Second Language) skills;
- To tailor services to individual needs, with confidentiality;
- To foster understanding and use of public libraries;
- To educate communities on the importance of literacy.

<http://www.sdcl.org/learn-index.html>

English as a Second Language at Southwestern College

Take classes at Southwestern College to learn English. You can learn Academic English or Everyday English. All of the instructors have Masters degrees and are well educated. They have two locations, one in Chula Vista and the other in San Ysidro.

<http://esantana4.wix.com/eslatswc>

San Diego, California ESL Schools and Programs

Here you will find a listing of all ESL programs in San Diego - click on any program to view more information, or choose a California city other than San Diego.

<http://www.esldirectory.com/esl-program-search/usa/california/san%20diego>

Online English Courses

Learn American English Online!

This website is *free* for students and schools in the U.S. and around the world. There are seven levels of instruction: **blue**, **red**, **yellow**, **green**, **purple**, **orange**, and **violet**.

LearnAmericanEnglishOnline.com has been providing videos, lessons, exercises, quizzes, and advice since 2003.

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

LiveMocha

We believe that language is not just an academic subject but also a performing art – something that must be actively practiced in order to master. A learner can watch people speak a new language, memorize all of the grammar rules, and talk about the language ad nauseam. But to truly *speak* a language, a learner must actually try it out with a partner. Real conversational fluency takes good instruction, a dose of courage, and a lot of real-life practice.

<http://livemocha.com/>

TalkEnglish.com

TalkEnglish.com developed the "Click, Listen, and Repeat" functionality. In most of the lessons, you read the sentence, click on the sentence to listen to the sentence, and then you can practice speaking by repeating after the audio file provided by a native English speaker. This proven method strengthens your reading, speaking, and listening all at the same time and makes learning English easy. You will improve your English speaking using this method.

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

Learn English Online

Enjoy lessons, tests, music, activities, and more at learnEnglish-online.com.

Use the menu at the top of the page to find what you need to learn English. You can find everything you need to read, write, listen, and speak in English.

English as a second language students can find many lessons and exercises to learn and practice skills. Also, don't forget the [tests](#). Easy-to-use online tests help you check your understanding of the language while giving you instant feedback.

<http://www.learnenglish-online.com/>

U.S.A. Learns

USA Learns is a great way to learn English online by watching interesting videos and completing educational activities. Nearly 6,000,000 adults from around the world have improved their English by using USA Learns. If you need a way to learn beginning or intermediate English at home for free, you will love USA Learns.

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

EF Englishtown

To launch yourself into the world of opportunity that proficient English speakers enjoy, you need a solid grounding. Whether it's grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation or any other facet of English, at Englishtown you can learn, listen to, and then, crucially, practice, each one. That's why our Efekta™ learning system works so well: we lead you down the interactive path to full English fluency with results that will blow you away!

<http://www.englishtown.com/online/home.aspx>