Free Websites that Make Teaching English Easier!

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| 1. [Google Translate](https://translate.google.com/) | If you don’t know about this one...now you do! Caution: This translator is getting better every day but it is not perfect. Translations work better if they are short ideas. Things sometimes get a little jumbled if you attempt large portions of text. |
| 1. [Google Images](https://images.google.com/) | This is better than a picture dictionary because you can look up anything.  Caution: Make sure you look at the search before you show it to your students. |
| 1. [Hangman](http://www.hangman.no/) | [hangman.no/](http://www.hangman.no/) Allows you to create your own word lists, save them, and play whenever you want. |
| 1. [Arcademics Skill Builders](http://www.arcademics.com/) | Lots of academic games, mostly math, but there is a good Language Arts section, grade levels 1 to 6. |
| 1. [Online Stop Watch](http://www.online-stopwatch.com) | [online-stopwatch.com](http://www.online-stopwatch.com) Kids LOVE this site and it helps keep your class running smoothly. Caution: there are ads. |
| 1. [Our Little Earth](http://www.ourlittleearth.com/) | Free International Newspaper for kids |
| 1. [Duolinguo](https://www.duolingo.com/) | Similar to Rosetta Stone, BUT the lessons are in native languages and English. Caution: some languages require special keyboards. |
| 1. [Brain POP ESL](https://esl.brainpop.com/) | If Duolinguo isn’t working for you, this one is similar but is specifically for kids. |
| 1. [Games & Activities for the ESL/EFL Classroom](http://iteslj.org/games/) | [iteslj.org/games/](http://iteslj.org/games/) Great website with tons of paper pencil, verbal, and listening games and activities. |
| 1. [Kahoot](https://kahoot.com/) | Students will beg for this one! It is an online quiz/survey creator with instant feedback. |
| 1. [Quizziz](https://quizizz.com/admin) | This one is similar to Kahoot but can be done at individual student pace rather than whole class. Students will love the memes! |
| 1. [Cram.com](http://www.cram.com/) 2. [Quizlet](https://quizlet.com/) 3. [Vocabulary.com](https://www.vocabulary.com/) | Vocabulary flashcard/game creator/study aids |
| 1. [Flachcardstash.com](http://flashcardstash.com/) | Like the vocabulary sites above but this one has a dictionary attached. Students can look up words, hear them pronounced, get antonyms, synonyms and example sentences. Students can save them to their own account and then games and activities can be played with their personalized vocabulary list. |
| 1. [Visual thesaurus](https://www.visualthesaurus.com/vocabgrabber/) | [Visualthesaurus.com/vocabgrabber](https://www.visualthesaurus.com/vocabgrabber/) This one works in two different ways. First, copy and paste the text you want students to be working with into this site. The vocabgrabber will automatically create a list of vocabulary words from your text and then you can filter, sort, and save what you want. Then, select words from your list to see the Visual Thesaurus map (definitions and in context examples). |
| 1. [Wordsmyth.net](https://www.wordsmyth.net/) | This site provides definitions at a beginner, intermediate and advanced levels. |
| 1. [Achieve the Core’s Academic Word Finder](https://achievethecore.org/academic-word-finder/) | [achievethecore.org/academic-word-finder/#](https://achievethecore.org/academic-word-finder/) Take any text and paste it into this site and it will tell you how many of the academic words in it are below, at, or above your target grade level. It also attaches definitions to each of these words. |
| 1. [Flip grid](https://info.flipgrid.com/) | Students get to submit their responses through recording short videos. Tons of possibilities with this one: reading logs, pronunciation practice, math songs, etc. Super secure and safe, students don’t need a log in, just a code that you provide. |
| 1. [Recap](https://letsrecap.com/) | This one is similar to Flipgrid. This is a chat room for class rooms where students and teachers can contribute to conversations through video or written messages. |
| 1. [No Red Ink](https://www.noredink.com/) | This site claims that it creates better writers through editing and grammar activities…and kids actually want to use it! |
| 1. [Edulastic](https://edulastic.com/) 2. [Socrative Student](https://www.socrative.com/) 3. [Formative](https://goformative.com/) | Formative assessment creator that tracks student’s progress in real time. It will break down data for you with great charts and graphs. |
| 1. [Edpuzzle](https://edpuzzle.com/) 2. [Vizia](https://vizia.co/) | Allows you to cut YouTube clips to desired length and add questions throughout the clips you choose. |
| 1. [Canva](https://www.canva.com/) 2. [PiktoChart](https://piktochart.com/) 3. [Easely](https://www.easel.ly/) | Create professional looking posters and graphics for your classroom. Good for student or teacher creations. |
| 1. [Listenwise](https://listenwise.com/) | Listening to improve comprehension over a variety of topics. There is a special section for ELLs. |
| 1. [NewsELA](https://newsela.com/) | This site looks AMAZING! Here is a description from their webpage, “Each Newsela text is adaptive and offered at 5 reading levels, with an entire catalogue of content differentiated for grades 2-6. Your search for content that is both engaging and age-appropriate is over.” Caution: this one is free but certain parts of activities require you to get the Pro version which is not free. |
| 1. [Readworks](https://www.readworks.org/) | This one focuses on comprehension. Students read literary and non-fiction articles at different reading levels and it includes activities to go with them. Lots of formative assessments and teacher tools to keep track of kid’s progress. |
| 1. [MindMeister](https://www.mindmeister.com/) 2. [Mindomo](https://www.mindomo.com/) | Collaborative mind maps, word webs, and brainstorming, oh my!  Caution: these sites only allow three maps for free (per person), you can get more if you pay for it. |
| 1. [Storyboard That](http://www.storyboardthat.com/) | A digital comic book maker; the free account is limited but still very cool to use. |
| 1. [Screen Cast O Matic](https://screencast-o-matic.com/) | Allows you to make videos quickly, directly from your computer screen. It records your voice, mouse movements, typing and even drawing. You can then upload it to YouTube or save it as a file. |
| 1. [Padlet](https://padlet.com/) | On line bulletin board that students can add to in real time. Great for instant feedback on discussion topics. Teachers can vet each post before the rest of the class can see it. |
| 1. [Plickers](https://www.plickers.com/) | Students don’t have any tech? You have a smartphone? This site is for you! Students hold up cards with QR codes on them, the teacher’s phone reads the answers from whole class at once and gives you instant feedback. |
| 1. [Seesaw](https://web.seesaw.me/) | Online digital portfolios |
| 1. [Nearpod](https://nearpod.com/) | PowerPoint on steroids! You can place quizzes, activities, and discussion in between the slides of any PowerPoint with real time feedback and data so you can see right away if you need to reteach. Super interactive and engaging for kids. |
| 1. [Go Noodle](https://www.gonoodle.com/) | This one is great for elementary students! Lots of movement activities, music videos, and games all designed to get kids up and moving while they are learning subject matter. |
| 1. [Lingro.com](http://lingro.com/) | If you enter a website into Lingro.com it will create “clickable” words on that page. When students click on the words they can instantly see the translation of that word in one of eleven different languages. |
| 1. [Bit.ly](https://bitly.com/) 2. [Tinyurl.com](https://tinyurl.com/) | These sites turn long web addresses (URLs) into much shorter more memorable versions. They even allow you to customize them with key words or phrases that will be easy for your students to remember. |
| 1. [Donors Choose](https://www.donorschoose.org/) | Crowd sourcing to help teachers fund classroom projects. |