Adult ESL Instruction: Suggested Student Books

Core Texts (Integrated Skills)

All the following texts include student books, teacher guides, and audio components. Additional materials are indicated below. Note: Many Core Texts have different authors for each level. Only some of the authors are listed here.


*All-Star* is a four-level standards-based series for adult English learners. 'Big Picture' scenes in each unit provide springboards to activities that develop all language skills. The Second Edition features a new Target Grammar section, CASAS-style listening, student Work-Out CD-ROM and Online Teacher Resource Center.


*Downtown* is a five-level, integrated skills series offering a standards-based, contextualized approach that emphasizes the language skills needed in daily life as well as the workplace. Other components: teacher editions with Art Bank CD-ROMs, workbooks, audio CDs, and assessment CD-ROMs.

http://www.newreaderspress.com/english-no-problem#productDetail_overview

*English – No Problem* is a theme-based, performance-based series from literacy to high intermediate that focuses on developing critical thinking skills, cultural awareness, and language and life skills. Other components: teacher’s editions, workbooks, reproducible masters, CD and cassette audio recordings, vocabulary cards, a placement tool, and an online lesson plan builder.

http://www.longmanhomeusa.com/catalog/products/product-details/?sid=Adult&pid=F-0JD

*Future: English for Results* is a six–level series addressing the academic, workplace, and media literacy skills students need to learn English and achieve their personal, career, and educational goals. Student Book includes interactive Practice Plus CD-ROM. Other components: workbooks with audio CD; Teacher Training DVD with demo lessons; companion website; teacher editions and lesson planners (with notes, expansion activities, multilevel options, and cross-references to extra practice); and comprehensive assessment package including tests and test prep book.
[http://www.newreaderspress.com/lifeprints](http://www.newreaderspress.com/lifeprints)

*LifePrints* is a series for literacy to low-intermediate students focusing on life experiences, language skills, and cultural understanding that adults need to participate at home, school, and in the community. Other components: workbooks and teacher guides with detailed lesson plans. Free teacher resource files with photocopy masters, assessments, and audio files are available at the website.


*Longman ESL Literacy* offers a basic introduction to English for students who are not ready for a Level 1 course. Its integration of the four basic language skills helps students acquire communication and literacy skills necessary to function in real-life situations. Other components: a teacher resource book with reproducible visuals, audio CD, and transparencies.

[http://longmanhomeusa.com/projectsuccess/learn-more](http://longmanhomeusa.com/projectsuccess/learn-more)

*Project Success* is a six-level series focusing on workplace skills and 21st-century challenges. This video-based program teaches English by involving students in real-life professional situations and provides video, audio, digital, and print materials to guide teacher-student interaction in the classroom. Each level is set in a different workplace context: food service, hospitality, healthcare, higher education, business, or retail. This emphasis enables students to learn life skills and critical thinking skills for the workplace and for further education. Other resources: online placement test and author articles.


Built on standards necessary for adult English learners, *Stand Out* has six levels from low beginning to advanced. Additional components: lesson planner including Activity Bank CD-ROM and audio CD, Placement Test with CD-ROM, Technology Tool Kit, classroom presentation tool (digital “transparencies”), online lesson planners, and assessment CD-ROM.


*Step Forward* is a five-level standards-based series from pre-beginning to high intermediate for single-level and multilevel classrooms with emphasis on workplace, civics, and academics. Additional components: online student site, online teacher resource site; audio program, workbook, lesson plans, multilevel activity book, and test generator CD-ROM.

Ventures is a six-level, standards-based series including multilevel support with an emphasis on academic and career goals. The series includes a transitions level to develop skills students need for careers and post-secondary education. Additional components: books and workbooks with audio CDs, online workbooks, teacher edition, class audio CDs, assessment audio CD/CD-ROM, Presentation Plus Basic CD-ROM for digital projection, a free online teacher resource room with reproducible worksheets and activities, and a professional development DVD.

Suggested Teacher References


A series of handbooks providing theory and techniques for immediate use. Titles include lesson planning, discussions, grammar, games, writing, and more.


A comprehensive introduction to English language teaching for teacher training and for use as a reference guide for practicing teachers. The book combines theory and practice with units containing reflection and discussion tasks plus action tasks such as classroom observation and practice.


The Grammar Book, with its pedagogical focus, is a grammar reference guide suitable for all teachers of English.


A series of handbooks on a variety of topics with contributions from teachers in the field. Titles include Grammar, Speaking, Reading, Listening, Writing, Classroom Assessment and more.
http://www.longmanhomeusa.com/product/product-details/?sid=Methodology&pid=F-0AN-26e
This graduate-level coursebook, also appropriate for self-study, provides an overview of current theory based on the latest research.

Teaching Adult ESL provides an overview of adult ESL teaching methodology and includes guidance in lesson planning, classroom management, selecting materials, and assessment.

http://www.cambridge.org/us/cambridgeenglish/professional-development/teaching-adult-second-language-learners/teaching-adult-second-language-learners-paperback
A reference for all adult ESL teachers, this book covers principles involved in teaching adults, assessment/placement, course/lesson organization, techniques for building community, and topic-based activities for students at various levels.

A practical guide to planning instruction in a multilevel classroom, including many simple and useful activities.