Adult ESL Instruction: Some Suggested Materials

ESL Methodology / Reference


Educators describe the five main approaches: competency-based, Whole Language, Language Experience, Freirean and learner-generated writing.

Cambridge Handbooks for Language Teachers by Cambridge University Press.

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 the teaching of languages for training or self-study. Includes modules on presentation and practice activities, lesson planning, teaching reading, writing, pronunciation, listening, and speaking.


A detailed reference grammar including teaching suggestions for each grammar area.

Hands-on English.

Bi-monthly publication for teachers and tutors. Teaching tips and reproducible activities. To order call 1-800-ESL-HAND or visit www.handsongenglish.com.


A clear guide to the field for new teachers or teachers in training. Includes methods, grammar, how to teach the four skills, ideas on textbooks, and lesson planning.


A practical reference guide that compares features of students’ first languages with English to help teachers understand students’ problems with pronunciation and grammar.

New Ways Series by Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages.

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. Order from www.tesol.org or (888) 891-9941.
A graduate-level coursebook, also appropriate for self-study. Provides an overview of current theory.

A series of twelve teacher training videos covering many classroom techniques including listening, reading, and speaking, as well as planning lessons. Each video includes a demonstration lesson by an experienced teacher, and a set of print materials. Available on loan from the ALRC library.

A wonderful reference for all adult ESL teachers. Covers teaching the skill areas as well as often-neglected topics, such as classroom management, evaluating and selecting materials, and program models.

An excellent overview of the adult ESL learner and a practical collection of topic-based language lessons.

A collection of essays by experienced teachers.

An easy-to-read introduction to eight of the most popular ESL methods.

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

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### 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.

Four levels.
Standards-based, incorporating math skills in addition to language. Also available: an interactive CD-ROM program for computer practice, color transparencies, and Post-Testing Study Guides. **Taking Off**, by the same publisher, is a four-skills text with a
literacy workbook for true beginners and can be used prior to beginning the All-Star series.

- Also available: Teacher’s Kit - teacher book, activity masters, transparencies and assessment program.

- Also available: Student workbooks, annotated Teacher’s Edition, and Conversation cards.

**Crossroads** by Shirley A. Brod and Irene Frankel. Oxford University Press, 1992. Four levels.
- Also available: workbooks, achievement tests, and a special *Multilevel Activity and Resource Package* for each level containing reproducible workbook pages, picture cards, and interactive games for multilevel classes.

- Also available: assessment CD-ROMs, full-color transparencies, teacher’s editions, workbooks, and audio cassettes / CDs.

- Contains options for multi-level classes. Also available: reproducible masters and vocabulary cards, a placement tool, and an online lesson-plan builder.

- A special feature is the *Teacher Resource File* for each level which contains blackline masters for reinforcement and expansion activities.

- Additional materials include lesson planner, grammar workbooks, tests, CD-ROM with reproducibles, and a web site.

- A standards-based series with emphasis on civics, the workplace, the community, and academics.

- A standards-based series. A set of multi-level reproducible worksheets allow teachers to provide more or less challenging supplementary practice depending on learner needs.
Literacy

Note: A number of core series have literacy-level materials. (See the “Core Text” section beginning on page 2). In this section, we present other options for true beginners.


Listening

These materials have accompanying audio components.


Twenty-six soap opera-like video episodes with supplementary print materials, produced through a collaboration of several federal agencies and several states, including Illinois, with Heinle & Heinle and INTELECOM. Can often be obtained via public libraries or from the collections of community colleges. Order from www.intelecom.org.

Conversation/Oral Communication


Jazz Chants Old and New by Carolyn Graham. Oxford University Press, 2001. Also Grammarchants, Small Talk, and Holiday Jazz Chants by the same author. Cassettes or CDs of the chants are also available.


Pronunciation


**Reading and Writing**

*ACTIVE Skills for Reading* series by Neil Anderson. Heinle & Heinle, 2002. A four-level series from high-beginning to high-intermediate. Audio tapes and CDs are also available.


Dictionaries


Many of the materials on this list can be ordered through:

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