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	<b>READING</b>
<a href="#">California Distance Learning Project</a>	<p><a href="http://www.cdllponline.org/">http://www.cdllponline.org/</a></p> <p>Texts from different areas as for instance law, housing, money, health and safety usually with an audio-file, sometimes even with a video. There are also activities available – for advanced beginners.</p>
<a href="#">English To Go</a>	<p><a href="http://www.english-to-go.com/english/free_lesson.cfm">http://www.english-to-go.com/english/free_lesson.cfm</a></p> <p>Every week there is a new newspaper story from Reuters News Service with language exercises to complete. When you visit English-To-Go, first check the top of the page to see the level of the reading. At the end of the sheet you will find the solutions.</p>
<a href="#">Culture Lab</a>	<p><a href="http://www.culturelab.co.uk/site/templates/issue1/home.asp">http://www.culturelab.co.uk/site/templates/issue1/home.asp</a></p> <p>This British Council site has interesting articles on design, digital, fashion, film, life, and music. Double click any word in the articles for definitions. There are interactive "fact files" and links to learning activities for many of the articles.</p>
<a href="#">English Test</a>	<p><a href="http://www.english-test.net/esl-book/index.html">http://www.english-test.net/esl-book/index.html</a></p> <p>Texts with vocabulary, expressions and exercises to check on yourself.</p>
<a href="#">Cast away</a>	<p><a href="http://web.uvic.ca/hrd/quandary/examples/castaway.htm">http://web.uvic.ca/hrd/quandary/examples/castaway.htm</a></p> <p>You are shipwrecked on a desert island – try to find a way to escape again.</p>
<a href="#">Culture Shock</a>	<p><a href="http://international.ouc.bc.ca/cultureshock/">http://international.ouc.bc.ca/cultureshock/</a></p> <p>A reading exercise about culture shock with vocabulary and exercises.</p>
<a href="#">Literacynet</a>	<p><a href="http://www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html">http://www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html</a></p> <p>Shortened versions of CNN news stories with vocabulary study, quizzes</p>
<a href="#">Learners Online</a>	<p><a href="http://www.learneronline.com/weekly/index.htm">http://www.learneronline.com/weekly/index.htm</a></p> <p>Weekly English Learner Online Lessons on different subjects to improve your reading skills.</p>
<a href="#">ESL Gold: Reading</a>	<p><a href="http://www.eslgold.com/reading.html">http://www.eslgold.com/reading.html</a></p> <p>Very good explanations with respective exercises.</p>
<a href="#">Surfin' England</a>	<p><a href="http://www.wdr.de/tv/surfin-england/dyn/91529.phtml">http://www.wdr.de/tv/surfin-england/dyn/91529.phtml</a></p> <p>English learning section provided by the WDR. Lots of things to read with interactive vocabulary. You have to register (no fees) for the learning area.</p>

<b>LISTENING</b>	
<a href="#">California Distance Learning Project</a>	<p><a href="http://www.cdllonline.org/">http://www.cdllonline.org/</a></p> <p>Texts from different areas as for instance law, housing, money, health and safety usually with an audio-file, sometimes even with a video. There are also activities available – for advanced beginners.</p>
<a href="#">Ello.org</a>	<p><a href="http://www.ello.org/index.htm">http://www.ello.org/index.htm</a></p> <p>Listening activities come with transcripts, quizzes, pictures, and audio.</p>
<a href="#">English Soap Opera (Audio) der BBC</a>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/flatmates/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/flatmates/</a></p> <p>An online soap opera for English language learners. Each episode is accompanied by interactive language exercises. Focus on spoken English.</p>
<a href="#">CINEUROPA</a>	<p><a href="http://www.cineuropa.org/">http://www.cineuropa.org/</a></p> <p>A very interesting website for those who are interested in European cinema (English, French, Italian and Spanish). With video material, making-off, Interviews and Trailers and a lot of information about the movie.</p>
<a href="#">Literacynet</a>	<p><a href="http://www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html">http://www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html</a></p> <p>Shortened versions of CNN news stories with vocabulary study and interactive quizzes.</p>
<a href="#">American Rhetoric</a>	<p><a href="http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speechbanka-f.htm">http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speechbanka-f.htm</a></p> <p>Popular speeches. Some are available with an audio file.</p>
<a href="#">A4ESL</a>	<p><a href="http://a4esl.org/podcasts/">http://a4esl.org/podcasts/</a></p> <p>Listen and read.</p>
<a href="#">BBC Four - Audio Interviews</a>	<p><a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/audiointerviews/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcfour/audiointerviews/</a></p> <p>Listen to some of the greatest artists and thinkers of the 20th Century talking about their work in these classic BBC archive recordings (no transcripts available).</p>
<a href="#">Sound Portraits</a>	<p><a href="http://www.soundportraits.org/">http://www.soundportraits.org/</a></p> <p>Radio Documentaries to listen to. A script is also available on the page.</p>
<a href="#">ESL Gold: Listening</a>	<p><a href="http://www.eslgold.net/listening.html">http://www.eslgold.net/listening.html</a></p> <p>Very good explanations with respective exercises.</p>
<a href="#">ESL-Lab</a>	<p><a href="http://esl-lab.com">http://esl-lab.com</a></p> <p>For online Listening activities. Three Levels: Easy – Medium – Difficult.</p>
<b>SPEAKING</b>	
<a href="#">English Club (Pronunciation)</a>	<p><a href="http://www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/index.htm">http://www.englishclub.com/pronunciation/index.htm</a></p> <p>Work on your English pronunciation</p>
<a href="#">English Club (Presentation)</a>	<p><a href="http://www.englishclub.com/speaking/presentations.htm">http://www.englishclub.com/speaking/presentations.htm</a></p> <p>How to give and prepare a presentation.</p>

<a href="#">ESL Gold: Speaking</a>	<a href="http://www.eslgold.net/speaking.html">http://www.eslgold.net/speaking.html</a> Explanations with some exercises.
<a href="#">ESL Gold: Pronunciation</a>	<a href="http://www.eslgold.com/pronunciation.html">http://www.eslgold.com/pronunciation.html</a> Explanations with some exercises.
<a href="#">10 Worst Things You Can Say to an English Speaker</a>	<a href="http://www.t-english.de/langtips/10worst.htm">http://www.t-english.de/langtips/10worst.htm</a> Most useful and also amusing advice how to avoid the pitfalls of first encounters with English speaking people; advice for colloquial and formal speech.
	<b>WRITING</b>
<a href="#">Style guide</a>	<a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/writing/styleguide/">http://dictionary.reference.com/writing/styleguide/</a> Style guide for your writing skills.
<a href="#">Online Writing</a>	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/zimzamjamz/index.html">http://www.geocities.com/zimzamjamz/index.html</a> Register for an Online Writing Class with Cynthia Eagleton of the San Mateo Adult School.
<a href="#">MLA Reference</a>	<a href="http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/mla/">http://www.ccc.commnet.edu/mla/</a> MLA Style Guide.
<a href="#">Online Writing lab</a>	<a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/index2.html">http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/index2.html</a> Everything about writing – how to write in style, do research and so on. There are exercises to practice.
<a href="#">How to write emails</a>	<a href="http://www.t-english.de/langtips/emails.htm">http://www.t-english.de/langtips/emails.htm</a> a very useful step-by-step guide to help you write clear messages and to avoid typical mistakes made by learners of English. There is also differentiated between colloquial and formal language.
<a href="#">Collegegrad.com - Resumes</a>	<a href="http://www.collegegrad.com/resumes/">http://www.collegegrad.com/resumes/</a> Models for and advice on how to write an American-style resume.
<a href="#">Jobsearch</a>	<a href="http://jobsearch.about.com/od/sampleresumes/a/sampleresumes.htm">http://jobsearch.about.com/od/sampleresumes/a/sampleresumes.htm</a> Samples of resumes, CVs, cover letters and job applications.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Grammar</b></li> <li>- <b>Vocabulary</b></li> </ul>
	<b>GRAMMAR</b>
<a href="#">Virtual Learning Center</a>	<a href="http://www.edict.com.hk/vlc/">http://www.edict.com.hk/vlc/</a> Lots of grammar activities, but also reading comprehension, vocabulary, pronunciation, games, and puzzles.
<a href="#">ESL Gold: Grammar</a>	<a href="http://www.eslgold.com/grammar.html">http://www.eslgold.com/grammar.html</a> Very good explanations with respective exercises.

<a href="#">British Council: Central Grammar Test</a>	<a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-grammar-test-landing-page.htm">http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-grammar-test-landing-page.htm</a> Grammar site from the British Council with references and grammar game.
<a href="#">Internet Grammar of English</a>	<a href="http://www.ucl.ac.uk/internet-grammar/home.htm">http://www.ucl.ac.uk/internet-grammar/home.htm</a> English Grammar in the Internet – you can follow the guide step by step, or find your own way for example using the Index. There are also a variety of exercises available.
<a href="#">Activities for ESL students</a>	<a href="http://a4esl.org/">http://a4esl.org/</a> 1000 possibilities to practice your vocabulary and your grammar.
<a href="#">a4esl.org</a>	<a href="http://a4esl.org/q/h/grammar.html">http://a4esl.org/q/h/grammar.html</a> Self-study grammar quizzes.
<a href="#">Online Writing lab: Grammar</a>	<a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/index.html">http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/index.html</a> Well structured list of all kinds of grammar topics – with exercises!
<a href="#">Online Writing lab: Grammar</a>	<a href="http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/index.html">http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/grammar/index.html</a> Well structured list of all kinds of grammar topics – with exercises.
<a href="#">ESL Gold: Vocabulary</a>	<a href="http://www.eslgold.com/vocabulary.html">http://www.eslgold.com/vocabulary.html</a> Very good explanations with respective exercises.
<a href="#">ESL Gold: Idioms</a>	<a href="http://www.eslgold.com/idioms.html">http://www.eslgold.com/idioms.html</a> Idioms, Phrasal Verbs, Slang, and Proverbs - with respective exercises.
<a href="#">British Council Word Games</a>	<a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-word-games-archive.htm">http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-word-games-archive.htm</a> Word Games.
<a href="#">World Wide Words</a>	<a href="http://www.worldwidewords.org/index.htm">http://www.worldwidewords.org/index.htm</a> Site for advanced learners; covers also recent words.
<a href="#">Visual Thesaurus</a>	<a href="http://www.visualthesaurus.com/">http://www.visualthesaurus.com/</a> with Think-maps (Trial-Version).
<b>VOCABULARY</b>	
<a href="#">Biz/ed - Learning Materials</a>	<a href="http://www.bized.ac.uk/learn/learn.htm">http://www.bized.ac.uk/learn/learn.htm</a> Worksheets, resource databases, presentations, glossaries for English speaking students.
<a href="#">BBC: Business</a>	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/business/index.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/business/index.shtml</a> A very good and regularly updated page for learners of English from the BBC, featuring a short video and audio based course in Business English.
<a href="#">Business English Exercises</a>	<a href="http://www.better-english.com/exerciselist.html">http://www.better-english.com/exerciselist.html</a> Vocabulary and grammar exercises for Business English. You have to register though for most of the lessons.

<a href="http://www.eslgold.com/business.html">ESL Gold: Business</a>	<a href="http://www.eslgold.com/business.html">http://www.eslgold.com/business.html</a> Useful Expressions, Learning Strategies, and Quick Links.
<b>DICTIONARIES</b>	
<a href="http://dictionary.cambridge.org/">Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary</a>	<a href="http://dictionary.cambridge.org/">http://dictionary.cambridge.org/</a> English-English Online Dictionary.
<a href="http://dictionary.oed.com/entrance.dtl">Oxford English Dictionary (OED)</a>	<a href="http://dictionary.oed.com/entrance.dtl">http://dictionary.oed.com/entrance.dtl</a> Authoritative English-English Dictionary online.
<a href="http://www.ldoceonline.com/">Longman Online Dictionary</a>	<a href="http://www.ldoceonline.com/">http://www.ldoceonline.com/</a> English-English.
<a href="http://www.m-w.com/">Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary</a>	<a href="http://www.m-w.com/">http://www.m-w.com/</a> English-English.
<b>CULTURAL INSTITUTES</b>	
<a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/home">British Council</a>	<a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/home">http://www.britishcouncil.org/home</a> The British Council - the Cultural Institution of English Language.
Culture	<a href="http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/">http://www.learnenglish.org.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/</a> <a href="http://www.englishpage.com/">http://www.englishpage.com/</a> <a href="http://www.eslcafe.com/">http://www.eslcafe.com/</a> Other interesting places to learn about English language and culture.
<b>EXAMS AND TESTS</b>	
<a href="http://www.cambridgeesol.org/index.htm">University of Cambridge - ESOL Examinations</a>	<a href="http://www.cambridgeesol.org/index.htm">http://www.cambridgeesol.org/index.htm</a> Information about the Cambridge exams in English as a foreign language, including sample papers of the Cambridge Business (BEC), First Certificate, Advanced and Proficiency examinations.
<a href="http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/">Cambridge Exam Preparation</a>	<a href="http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/">http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/</a> Another one to get Cambridge exam preparation
<a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-test-your-level.htm">British Council: Learn English - Test Your Level</a>	<a href="http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-test-your-level.htm">http://www.britishcouncil.org/learnenglish-central-test-your-level.htm</a> Test your level between Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced.
<a href="http://www.english-test.net/">English Test.net</a>	<a href="http://www.english-test.net/">http://www.english-test.net/</a> Free interactive English tests divided in different levels concerning grammar and sentence structure but also tests on TOEIC, TOEFL, GMAT etc.
<a href="http://www.testmagic.com/toefl/">The Toefl-Test</a>	<a href="http://www.testmagic.com/toefl/">http://www.testmagic.com/toefl/</a> Online help for TOEFL candidates
<a href="http://www.free-english.com/thai/Home.aspx">Free TOEFL preparation</a>	<a href="http://www.free-english.com/thai/Home.aspx">http://www.free-english.com/thai/Home.aspx</a> Register for free and get original TOEFL practice

<a href="#">TOEIC Test (Edulang)</a>	<a href="http://english.edulang.com/tests_demos/toeic/index.php">http://english.edulang.com/tests_demos/toeic/index.php</a> Practice for the TOEIC Test.
<b>NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES</b>	
UK	<a href="http://news.bbc.co.uk/">http://news.bbc.co.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.guardian.co.uk/">http://www.guardian.co.uk/</a> <a href="http://observer.guardian.co.uk/">http://observer.guardian.co.uk/</a> <a href="http://www.timesonline.co.uk">http://www.timesonline.co.uk</a>
USA	<a href="http://www.nytimes.com/">http://www.nytimes.com/</a> <a href="http://www.nypost.com/">http://www.nypost.com/</a>
Australia	<a href="http://www.nypost.com/">http://www.nypost.com/</a> <a href="http://www.smh.com.au/">http://www.smh.com.au/</a>
Canada	<a href="http://www.theglobeandmail.com/">http://www.theglobeandmail.com/</a> <a href="http://www.smh.com.au/">http://www.smh.com.au/</a>
New Zealand	<a href="http://www.nzherald.co.nz/">http://www.nzherald.co.nz/</a> <a href="http://www.odt.co.nz/">http://www.odt.co.nz/</a>
Overview	<a href="http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/">http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/</a> <a href="http://www.thebigproject.co.uk/news/">http://www.thebigproject.co.uk/news/</a> getting an overview about national newspapers published in English around the world.

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