

# **Useful Websites for Self-Study**

# **General English and French**

### **Mauril App**

- Ready to take your French or English language skills to the next level? Test your listening comprehension skills with audio and video content from CBC and Radio-Canada. Progress at your own pace and step out of your comfort zone with language challenges. Mauril will help you feel more confident using French or English in any context.
  - Mauril App | Learn French and English for free

### My Canadian English

- Welcome to My Canadian English! Learning English can be fun and easy! Join me as I explore topics in Canada. I share short videos to help language learners practice English.
  - o https://sites.google.com/view/mycanadianenglish/home

# 5 Minute English

- A website offering free grammar, reading, listening, vocabulary and pronunciation activities.
  - http://www.5minuteenglish.com/grammar.htm

### My English teacher

- A website that offers English help online and posts some weekly lessons. TOEFL, corrects homework
  - http://www.myenglishteacher.net/



### **BBC Learning English**

- Welcome to BBC Learning English
  - o <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/">https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/</a>

### **FRENCH**

### **Bonjour de France**

- Venez apprendre le français en ligne gratuitement avec Bonjour de France. Cours et exercice de français pour professeurs et étudiants.
  - <a href="https://bonjourdefrance.com/">https://bonjourdefrance.com/</a>

# **DijiSchool**

- Le Top 10 des meilleurs sites pour apprendre le français
  - <u>https://www.digischool.fr/articles/fle/top-10- meilleurs-sites-pour-apprendre-francais/</u>

# Listening

# Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab

- Boosting Your English Listening Skills
  - o <u>http://www.esl-lab.com/</u>

#### **ELLO**

- The most recent recordings from this website are easier to use. You can follow along with the script at the same time.
  - https://elllo.org/archive/

# ymcaottawa.ca

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- Listen focused on people with Canadian accents talking about common things. Questions are simple. Scripts are short.
  - o http://www.elllo.org/months/canada.htm

#### cbc.ca

• <a href="https://www.cbc.ca/learning-english">https://www.cbc.ca/learning-english</a>

#### bbc.co.uk

• <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/podcasts">https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/podcasts</a>

#### The Internet TESL Journal

- A list of over 400 conversation questions to help you practice your conversation skills.
  - <u>http://iteslj.org/questions/</u>

#### TED.com

- TED Talks that are promoted as a good resource for practicing listening by TED.com
  - o <a href="https://www.ted.com/playlists/655/great-ted-talks-for-language-practice">https://www.ted.com/playlists/655/great-ted-talks-for-language-practice</a>

# **Speaking**

### settlement.org

- A newcomer magazine published quarterly. Have fun learning English with these season-themed activities in the ESL corner. And don't forget to listen to the audio!
  - o <a href="http://www.settlement.org/site/ED/ESL/esl.asp">http://www.settlement.org/site/ED/ESL/esl.asp</a>



#### **ESL Gold**

- From beginner to advanced, this website helps you learn useful phrases in a conversational context
  - https://eslgold.com/speaking/

# Reading

### **ESL Lounge**

- Welcome to our reading exercises page! Here, you will find a variety of reading comprehension activities to help improve your English reading skills.
  - o <a href="https://www.esl-lounge.com/student/reading.php">https://www.esl-lounge.com/student/reading.php</a>

## One Stop English

- Many different resources. Choose from the tabs on the left.
  - o <u>http://www.onestopenglish.com/</u>

# **English as a Second Language by Rong-Chang Li**

- English as a Second Language by Rong-Chang Li is a starting point for ESL learners who want to learn English through the Web. Look at the reading section for easy to intermediate reading.
  - o www.rong-chang.com/

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# Writing

#### **ELLII**

- Our comprehensive writing lessons provide instruction and practice for academic and business purposes. Each lesson focuses on a specific writing skill or type of writing. These lessons include writing models to follow and written tasks to try. Learners can view SAMPLES
  - o <a href="https://ellii.com/lessons/writing-in-english">https://ellii.com/lessons/writing-in-english</a>

### **BBC Learning English**

https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/basic-grammar

### **ESL Bytes:**

- An interactive site that helps understand comma splices and fused sentences.
  - o www.chompchomp.com

# **Grammar**

#### Dave's ESL Café.

- A list of lessons that explain grammar rules as well as a lot of other resources linked under "Stuff for Students".
  - o <a href="http://www.eslcafe.com/grammar.html">http://www.eslcafe.com/grammar.html</a>

# **Owl English**

- Various pages and worksheets on grammar and writing styles.
  - o <u>http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/</u>

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## **Better English**

- A business English website that offers a lot of different skills such as telephone techniques and business vocabulary.
  - o <a href="http://www.better-english.com">http://www.better-english.com</a>

#### A4ESL

- Grammar quizzes, crosswords and bilingual quizzes in many languages.
  - http://a4esl.org/

### **English Page**

- Lots of good grammar instruction as well as other resources like dictionaries and weekly lessons. Activities can be a little challenging. Click on the links on the left side of the page.
  - o http://www.englishpage.com/

# One Stop English

- Grammar exercises that are good for Level 4/5. Good for use as independent study or lower levels with teacher help.
  - o <u>https://www.onestopenglish.com/adults/grammar</u>

#### **WYZANT**

- This is like a grammar book with lots of topics and exercises.
  - o <a href="https://www.wyzant.com/resources/lessons/english/esl">https://www.wyzant.com/resources/lessons/english/esl</a>



### **Pronunciation**

#### **American Accent and Pronunciation**

- Authentic Pronunciation requires lots of teacher direction to be effective. Listening exercises require free Real Player& Flash Player to be downloaded. Activities are organized by topics and pronunciation sounds. Information on intonation and stress in a sentence.
  - o <a href="http://www.americanaccent.com/intonation.html">http://www.americanaccent.com/intonation.html</a>
  - o http://evaeaston.com/pr/home.html

### Settlement.Org

- The organization has created and shared some clear language vocabulary, glossary and language exercises for English as a Second Language (ESL) learners. This section is also useful for ESL teachers, mentors and volunteers. We have included audio files within many exercises. Listen to them to help improve your pronunciation.
  - o <a href="https://eslcorner.settlement.org/">https://eslcorner.settlement.org/</a>

# **Sites about Canadian Culture**

# Settlement.org

- A very good site to answer just about any questions you may have about living in Ontario. It also has an online Newcomers magazine.
  - o <u>www.settlement.org</u>

# **Canadian Living**

- These are women's magazines online. Two of the most popular are Canadian Living and Chatelaine that include articles about lifestyle issues, health, family, women in Canada and lots of recipes and more
  - o <u>www.canadianliving.com</u>

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#### **Parks Canada**

- Learn so much about Canada's incredible national parks and national historic sites. You will be amazed at the number, the locations and the vastness of these breathtaking places. You can also learn about the United Nations World Heritage sites. Are there any in your country? There are quite a few in Canada! Check them out.
  - o http://www.pc.gc.ca/

### **Canadian Geographic**

- For science and to learn about Canadian geography and wildlife, the best place is Canadian Geographic. It has beautiful pictures and stories about parts of Canada we know little about.
  - o http://www.rcgs.org

### Maclean's Magazine

- Maclean's magazine is a weekly news publication which is Canadian it is the most popular and well read in Canada.
  - o https://macleans.ca/education/

#### **Welcome to Canada: Publications for Newcomers**

• Welcome to Canada: Publications for newcomers - Canada.ca

#### The Government of Canada website

• <a href="http://www.gc.ca/main\_e.html">http://www.gc.ca/main\_e.html</a>