

Some Suggested Resources for Online English Language Teaching

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There is so much available, this is just a short annotated list to accompany some of the topics in my talk. You can find the list and my PPT at <https://www.deborahhealey.com>

For parents/families and school outreach to families

[Colorin Colorado](#) (a bilingual site for educators & families)

ISBE Remote Learning Recommendation, Multilingual Learners section:

<https://www.isbe.net/Documents/RL-Recommendations-3-27-20.pdf>

Reading Rockets – reading tips for parents in various languages:

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-multiple-languages#languages>

Ideas and Resources for Parents: <https://www.teachersfirst.com/par-esl.cfm>

Suggested activities for families to do at home; especially useful if teachers recommend specific resources from this for individual students

Thinkport Education’s Parent and Family Toolkit:

<https://www.thinkport.org/athomelearning/athome-families.html>

Links to PBS Kids shows; most useful if teachers recommend specific resources from this for individual students

OELA English Learner Toolkit: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oela/english-learner-toolkit/chap10.pdf>

Suggestions for ways that SEAs and LEAs can enhance communication with families of ELLs. Page 9 offers some resources for schools in working with parents.

The Switchboard site at <https://switchboardta.org/blog/resource-round-up-multilingual-tutorials-on-zoom-and-other-online-platforms/> offers links to videos and tutorials about how to use different tech tools, such as Zoom and Google Classroom, in different languages. You can also do a Google search for <tool> tutorial in <language> and find a wealth of information. The school can also create videos using Screencast-o-Matic or other screen recording software to demonstrate how to use school-specific tools, upload to YouTube, then add captions using YouTube Studio.

Online learning theory and practice

There is a wealth of information about this. Here are a few relevant items.

WIDA. (2020). *Teaching multilingual learners online*. Retrieved from

<https://wida.wisc.edu/memberships/isc/newsletter/teaching-multilingual-learners-online> - good tech tips and specific suggestions for how to use a variety of tools.

Garrison, D.R., Anderson, T., & Archer, W. (2000). Critical inquiry in a text-based environment: Computer conferencing in higher education. *The Internet and Higher Education*, 2 (2-3), 87-105. – explanation of social, teacher, and cognitive presence model

Hampel, R., & Stickler, U. (2015). *Developing online language teaching: Research-based pedagogies and reflective practices*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. – A variety of examples of online English language teaching, mostly in Europe.

Kessler, G. (Ed.). (2018). *Online and hybrid classroom education*. Alexandria, VA: TESOL. – this gives examples of using a variety of tools and techniques in ESL/EFL classrooms.

Kukulska-Hulme, A., Norris, L, & Donohue, J. (2015). *Mobile pedagogy for English language teaching: A guide for teachers*. London: British Council. Retrieved from http://oro.open.ac.uk/43605/1/userdata_documents3_lemn3_Desktop_E485%20Mobile%20pedagogy%20for%20ELT_FINAL_v2.pdf – a variety of suggestions for using mobile phones and tablets

Reich, J., Buttimer, C., Coleman, D., Colwell, R., Faruqi, F., & Larke, L. (2020). *What's lost, what's left, what's next: Lessons learned from the lived experiences of teachers during the 2020 novel coronavirus pandemic*. Retrieved from <https://edarxiv.org/8exp9> - Pre-print of a study by MIT researchers, who interviewed 40 teachers across the US about lessons learned.

Dual language tips and resources

Navigating the New World: Dual Language Teachers at

<https://duallanguageschools.org/teachers-lounge/ask-the-experts-advice-for-teachers-on-back-to-school-1/> - suggestions for teachers from different experts

Moving a DL/Biliteracy Program to a Distance Learning Platform: Suggestions and Examples at

<https://www.teachingforbiliteracy.com/sample-pd/> (video from a webinar)

Sharable Virtual Classroom at

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1TqxiWE0neXTmuCaAHY3FeWeDumxvb011ENBSIepyAdk/edit?ts=5f2484fd#slide=id.p> - sample slide deck for teachers, including a variety of classroom-style visual spaces

Virtual, Online, Distance, and Hybrid Models of Dual Language Instruction at

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/moq2gzhjososr8p/Virtual%2C%20Online%2C%20Distance%20%26%20Hybrid%20Models%20of%20Dual%20Language%20Instruction.pdf?dl=0> – some useful guidelines for designing online DL instruction

Language Lizard has a list of recommended culturally-appropriate bilingual books at

<https://blog.language lizard.com/2013/10/01/choosing-culturally-appropriate-childrens-books/> - these are available in multiple languages

Center for Applied Linguistics has tools for two-way immersion programs at

<https://www.cal.org/twi/tools.htm> - including reports, FAQs, and Spanish-language resources

Also see the Two Way Immersion Toolkit at

<https://www.cal.org/twi/toolkit/introduction.htm> - resources in English and Spanish for parents, lesson plans, and more

Spanish Playground at <https://www.spanishplayground.net/> - a website with online resources for Spanish language instruction, including picture books and videos.

Online icebreakers

21 Free Fun Icebreakers for Online Teaching, Students, & Virtual Teams at

<https://symondsresearch.com/icebreakers-for-online-teaching/> - this includes suggested tech tools to use for each of these

Virtual Icebreakers at <https://www.whatihavelearnedteaching.com/virtual-icebreakers-for-back-to-school-with-distance-learning/> - eight options, with suggested tools to use

Tech tools and suggested uses

Google Classroom – widely used. Allows collaborative creation and sharing. Teachers can have classes hosted there, giving students a single starting point for their daily work. This includes tools that can be used individually or collaboratively: Google Docs (writing), Google Slides (slide deck), Google Drawing, Google Meet (online meeting), Google Forms (survey tool).

Class Dojo at <https://classdojo.com> – gamification tool; create a class with students (they each get an avatar), then add points on the fly for academic or behavior-related achievements that can be shared with students and parents.

EdPuzzle at <https://edpuzzle.com> – add interactive elements to video, such as interspersed questions to focus learner attention

Flipgrid at <https://info.flipgrid.com/> – widely used for students to share video-based presentations with their teacher, small group, or class. The site has a manual on remote learning with Flipgrid at <https://help.flipgrid.com/hc/en-us/articles/360053569714-Remote-Learning-with-Flipgrid>

Google Translate at <https://translate.google.com> – translation tool. Type in text or add a URL. You can also download an app that will read character-based languages and translate them, as well as reading a translation out loud. Use this with parents (and tell them that you are using it); let students use it to build background knowledge about a reading before discussing it (for example)

Kahoot! at <https://kahoot.com> (download) – create games from questions to go with content; learners can play individually or as a team synchronously on computers or mobile devices.

Microsoft Immersive Reader – included in Word, PowerPoint, Flipgrid, and Minecraft; see information about it at <https://education.microsoft.com/en-us/resource/9b010288>. This reads text out loud, and offers translations and a picture dictionary. A good tool to help learners hear what they are writing and reading, if a document is opened in Word.

MindMeister at <https://www.mindmeister.com> – software to create mind maps. A simple version is free, but there are a variety of education plans

Mystery Science at <https://mysteryscience.com/distance-learning> - a variety of short videos about science topics, such as how hand sanitizer kills germs, whether animals can laugh, and the like. Free trial, then paid access.

Padlet at <https://padlet.com> – virtual sticky notes; add group comments to an image, such as a blank wall, or have learners annotate an image with ideas

PollEverywhere at <https://polleverywhere.com> (download) – real-time polling tool that learners can access on a computer or mobile device

WebQuest information at <http://webquest.org/>, including examples; an annotated webquest template is available on Google Sites at <https://sites.google.com/site/studentwebquesttemplate/>

WhatsApp at <https://whatsapp.com> (download) – messaging, video, voice tool, with an option to create groups

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Creating media – teacher and students

Microsoft Live Movie Maker (Windows); download from <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/p/movie-maker-10-free/9mvfq4lmz6c9?activetab=pivot:overviewtab> – free video editor
iMovie for Mac; download from <https://www.apple.com/imovie/> – free video editor
Screencast-o-Matic at <https://screencast-o-matic.com/> – free (or pay for more functions) screen recorder for showing how to do something on the computer. Start the recording, then the program records the screen and what you are doing as well as your voice, if you're giving an explanation. This is a great way to explain how to do things online.
Screencastify at <https://www.screencastify.com/> is similar to Screencast-o-Matic, though the free version offers only 5 minutes per recording. At \$30 per year for a teacher, it's not very expensive.

Free media to download

Images:

Pixabay at <https://www.pixabay.com> – search for images in a variety of formats. All except those labeled as Shutterstock are free to download and use. Payment to the author is optional.

<https://thenounproject.com/> - a wide variety of icons and images free to download and use
CCSearch at <https://ccsearch-dev.creativecommons.org/> - freely usable images, some requiring that you acknowledge the author (CC-BY label)

Music: <https://freemusicarchive.org> – creative commons-labeled music. Not the most popular, but free to download and use

Videos: <https://creativecommons.org/tag/video-library/> - creative commons-labeled videos.

Video help for teachers

There is a lot more available, especially related to individual tools.

New EdTech Classroom has a video series showing how to use a variety of educational technology tools. See it at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd6vizTYISgpR6zJ8j5KiyA>, or focus in on the remote teaching tools with the playlist at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLw4T3j8n31cGyjEO1iFOIsI7yPSiaGtvd>

How Tan is Structuring Virtual School at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIA9f_Pi0UM - a nice video explanation for teachers about how to set up a virtual classroom, with five suggested structures