EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

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TWO MAJOR REASONS
Educational Technology is Useful for English Learners

1 **Help students learn English.**
Technology should be supplemental to an appropriate EL program based on best practices. It allows students to practice skills at their own pace.

Help students acquire content knowledge. **2**
Many websites serve to help students meet content standards by building background and providing visual support, bilingual materials and adapted materials.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Education released an Educator Toolkit titled "Ed Tech for English Learners." It contains two toolkits: one for educators and one for developers. The toolkit helps teachers choose appropriate technology for ELs.

SUPPLEMENTAL PRACTICE FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

Starfall I Alphabet and phonics

Duolingo I Many languages, including English

Rosetta Stone I Schools can purchase licenses for students to use this website at school and home $

Raz Kids I Online books at all levels; teachers can assign books to students $

StoryLine Online I Listen to stories read by famous people

Tumblebooks I Thousands of books; some in Spanish and French. $

Pebble Go I Beginner reader materials; read along audio $

Imagine Learning I Personalized reading program with support in other languages $

Brain Pop ELL I Online English Learning program $

Unite For Literacy I Narrated books in English and other languages

RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS

ESL Kids I Flashcards, worksheets, games, songs

ESL Kids Stuff I Access to free lesson plans. Supporting materials available for purchase.

ESL Kids World I Printables, games, songs, worksheets, puzzles

Lantern Fish I Part of Bogglesworld ESL. Flashcards, worksheets, quizzes, word searches

Many Things I Games, quizzes, bilingual sentences, readings, videos

Everything ESL I Information on teaching ELs; lesson ideas and tips

Read Works I Reading passages at all levels, digital and print

Breaking News English I News articles at different levels

Some ELs are proficient users of technology. Others may not be. You will need to assess each student's level of proficiency on technology, then provide them with assistance in navigating on the web and using a website. Familiarity with technology is also important preparation for the OELPA.

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