LSB Resources

The Student Support Service website contains a wealth of material which aids students with the studies. https://portal.uea.ac.uk/student-support-service/learning-enhancement There are other websites and universities who host material online which can also aid students with their studies. Below is a list of such resources. **Be careful when using these websites. The 'Sample Exam Questions' below, for instance, is one example where it would be inappropriate to direct a student to this link. Only use this website, or any other, if you feel that it offers generic help.**

Learning Resources – Tasks, Quizzes etc

- http://www.uefap.net/ - UEfAP - Using English for Academic Purposes) is a guide for international students developed by Andy Gillett of the University of Hertfordshire.
- https://epacks.londonmet.ac.uk/english/ - English e-pack - from London Metropolitan University: 36 activities (in 4 units) especially designed to help with the business aspect of Academic English.
- https://epacks.londonmet.ac.uk/studyskills.html - for multimedia learning objects.
- https://www.llas.ac.uk/resources/mb/2575 - - a short orientation and listening course for international students.
    - http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/writing-purpose/writing-purpose - academic writing materials, based on assessed student writing from British universities.
    - https://premierskillsenglish.britishcouncil.org/ - practise your English through football!
- http://iteslj.org/links/ESL/ - Internet TESL Journal student links - more than 12,000 of them
- http://a4esl.org/ - over 1,000 activities for ESL students - a vast collection of quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles.
- http://www.antimoon.com/ - how to learn English effectively. Includes advice from people who learned English successfully. Site written in simple English.
- http://www.manythings.org/ - Interesting Things for ESL Students - a fun study site with word games, puzzles, quizzes, slang, proverbs etc.
- http://www.eslcafe.com/ (Look at the 'Stuff for Students' in the left-hand column) - , a message board where your English questions are answered by a team of teachers from around the world.
- http://www.free-english-games.com/ - animated online games to help you improve your English. Requires Flash.
- http://www.mansioningles.com/ (For Spanish Speakers) - English for Spanish speakers: courses, grammar, vocabulary, exercises, books, downloadable software etc.

Dictionaries

https://www.macmillandictionary.com/ - The Macmillan Dictionary Online is now free online with audio clips for pronunciation, alongside a thesaurus.

https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/ - Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary.

https://dictionary.cambridge.org/ - Cambridge Dictionary.

https://www.collinsdictionary.com/ - Collins Dictionary.

http://www.worldwidewords.org/ & http://www.wordsmith.org/awad/index.html - For advanced vocabulary.

https://www.merriam-webster.com/ - Merriam-Webster Dictionary and Thesaurus of American English includes audio pronunciation. There's also a full hypertext gateway which allows you to click on any words in the definition.

https://www.thesaurus.com/ - Roget's New Millennium Thesaurus of English words and phrases.

http://www.oxfordreference.com/ - Oxford Reference Online - fully searchable access to over 100 key dictionaries and reference works.Resource only accessible on campus.

http://www.oed.com/ - OED - the full Oxford English Dictionary (probably a bit much for learners!).Resource only accessible on campus.

Listening

http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/ - BBC Learning English - audio, exercises, glossaries and other material based on the World Service broadcasts.

https://www.listen-and-write.com/ - Listen and Write helps to improve your listening skills using dictation from audio and video on the web. It repeats sections until you enter the correct transcription, and is particulary useful for detailed listening that involves bottom-up processing skills.

http://elllo.org/ - elllo - English Listening Lesson Library Online is an impressive library of hundreds of audio clips of English speakers from around the world, many as audio slideshows (with pictures) complete with subtitles/audio transcripts and audio notes about the clips (and even transcripts of those!). There are also comprehension questions, some of which are also audio.

https://www.real-english.com/ - Real English - learn (mostly American) English through videos of people speaking "real English": spontaneous, authentic speech instead of "classroom English".

https://sounds.bl.uk/Accents-and-dialects & http://www.bbc.co.uk/voices/- English Accents and Dialects - a virtual exhibition from the British Library (log in with your university username for full access). The BBC Voices website covers more contemporary regional vocabulary.

http://www.fonetiks.org/ - Fonetiks - pronunciation guides to seven world varieties of English, with native speaker sounds and accents.

http://www.literacynet.org/cnnsf/ - Literacy Network run a useful site based on CNN and CBS stories: full/abridged/outline text of the story, listen to the text, video clip, with a variety of exercises.

http://www.esl-lab.com/ - Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab - well-written and structured listening quizzes for autonomous learners, including some Divace-specific material and some video.

http://www.efl.net/ - ComAudio provides audio fragments - regularly updated from a variety of sources - which you can listen to while reading the spoken text on-screen. You can look up the meaning of words by clicking on them and check your understanding by answering questions.

http://www.splendid-speaking.com/ - Splendid Speaking is an advanced-level self-study course and community, from the makers of Flo-Joe.

Pronunciation

https://www.clarityenglish.com/area1/ClearPronunciation/Start.php?prefix=RHUL - Clear pronunciation. This software helps you to practise and improve your pronunciation. It includes clear explanations of how the sounds are formed and many exercises. As it is licensed to RHUL, it can only be used on campus.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/grammar/pron/features/spelling/ - BBC Learning English. A more wide-ranging website containing information and exercises on sound vs. spelling, connected speech, voicing and minimal pairs (e.g. sheep or ship), and some quizzes.

Reading and Writing

http://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/ - Online Books Page at the University of Pennsylvania is a good starting point for browsing the treasure trove of online literature.

http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/virtualbooks/index.html - Turning the Pages is a British Library project to allow realistic access to unique old books such as the original Alice.

Vocabulary

http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/ - Manchester Academic Phrasebank. This is a website managed by the University of Manchester. It contains a range of useful Academic English sections. This one is a list of phrases typically used in particular situations, ranging from signalling transition to referring to sources when writing an academic assignment.

https://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/most-frequent - Academic Word List. This is just a list of the most frequently used words in academic texts. It is useful if you want to increase your academic vocabulary in a systematic way.

http://www.englishvocabularyexercises.com/ - Vocabulary exercises using the AWL. Here you can practise the words listed in the list above to increase your academic vocabulary. It also includes 'clickable' definitions of the words.

Grammar

https://www.clarityenglish.com/Home/Buy/?program=TBv11 (**Not free.**) Tense buster - This software helps you to understand and practise tenses in English. As it is licensed to RHUL, it can only be used on campus.

https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html - Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL). A student favourite! This website is hosted by Purdue University. It is a very comprehensive set of resources on English for Academic purposes. This particular section focuses on grammar explanations.

Variants of English

http://aldertons.com/ - Cockney Rhyming Slang

http://www.peevish.co.uk/slang/ - a dictionary of UK slang

http://www.peevish.co.uk/slang/links.htm - and more slang links.

http://www.effingpot.com/ - The Best of British is a guide to speaking British for Americans.

https://separatedbyacommonlanguage.blogspot.com/ - Separated by a Common Language is a blog on the differences between British and American English (by the head of Linguistics here at Sussex).

Listening to Lectures

https://www.ted.com/ - TED.com. This is a very popular website containing high-quality lectures (Ted Talks) delivered by specialists on a great variety of subjects, mostly academic ones. They also vary greatly in length, but often contain transcripts and biographical information about the speaker. A good way to get exposure to a variety of accents.

http://wwwf.imperial.ac.uk/imedia/itunes_collections/view/special-lectures - Imperial College Lectures. This is a series of recorded scientific lectures given at Imperial College in London. They usually last 50 minutes.

https://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk/listening_to_lectures.php - Preparing for Success: Listening to lectures. This website was designed to prepare international students for academic study in the UK. It contains a variety of user-friendly, short activities designed to help you with different aspects of student life in the UK, but also activities to help you to study more effectively. This section contains two activities: Comparing lectures and Listening for clues to help you understand a lecture.

Monash University Material

https://www.monash.edu - This is a learning support website hosted by Monash University.

- Study Skills for University
  - Learning at University
    - Learning and Note Taking in Lectures
    - Participating in Tutorials
    - Learning in Labs
    - Working in Groups and Teams
    - Collaborating and Communicating Online
  - Studying Effectively
  - Reading and Note Taking
    - Getting Started
    - Approaching and Evaluating a Text
    - Strategies for Effective Reading
    - Developing your Critical Reading Skills
    - Reading Difficult Material
  - Preparing for Exams
    - Studying for Exams
    - Exam Taking Strategies
    - Understanding Exam Questions
    - Sample Exam Questions (**Non-UEA exams – best not to use.**)
    - Preparing an Exam Study Timetable
- Research & Writings for Assignments
  - Understanding the Assignment
    - Analysing the Task Requirements
    - Brainstorming and Mind Mapping
    - Developing Research Questions
    - Assignment Direction Words
  - Finding and Evaluating Information
    - Identifying Types of Information
    - Finding Information
    - Evaluating What you Find
  - Critical Thinking and Planning
  - Writing

- - - Features of Academic Writing
    - Clear Communication
    - Paraphrasing, Summarising and Quoting
    - Editing and Proof-Reading your Work
  - Academic Integrity and Referencing
    - Academic Integrity
    - Citing and Referencing
    - Guide to Referencing Styles
- Assignment Structures & Samples
  - Course:
    - Art, Design and Architecture
    - Arts
    - Business and Economics
    - Education
    - Engineering
    - IT
    - Law
    - Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
    - Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences
    - Science
    - Assignment Types
- Graduate Research and Writing
  - Getting Started
  - Write the Thesis
  - Publish your Research

There are other resources @ - http://www.sussex.ac.uk/languages/resources/english with regards to 'News and Media' and 'Exams and Tests'.