

## **Useful Links/Resources for ELL Students**

# **Vocabulary:**

• BBC Learning English:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/ While this site uses British English, it has good resources. "6 Minute English" is a good place to start.

Academic WordList:

http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/information
This site provides the most frequently used college-level vocabulary for self-study.

A4ESL: <a href="http://a4esl.org/">http://a4esl.org/</a>
 Bilingual quizzes in many languages can be found here.

#### **Grammar Review and Practice:**

- UsingEnglish.com: <a href="https://www.usingenglish.com/">https://www.usingenglish.com/</a>
   Clear explanations of grammar structures and an EXCELLENT collection of idioms and phrasal verbs.
- **Grammar Bytes**: <a href="www.chompchomp.com">www.chompchomp.com</a>
  A variety of resources from exercises to MOOCS on English grammar.
- **Parallel Sentence Structure:** http://www.evergreen.edu/writingcenter/handouts/grammar/parallel.pdf\
- Prepositions/Prepositional Phrases:
  - √ https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/974/1/
  - ✓ http://languagetools.info/grammarpedia/prepphrase.htm
- **Pronouns:** <a href="http://www.towson.edu/ows/pronouns.htm">http://www.towson.edu/ows/pronouns.htm</a>
- **Subject-Verb Agreement:** https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/599/01/
- Transitional Devices:
  - √ https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/574/02/
  - √ https://www.msu.edu/~jdowell/135/transw.html
- Verb Tense:

https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/601/1/

#### **Pronunciation:**

• Many Things: <a href="http://www.manythings.org/pp/">http://www.manythings.org/pp/</a>
Includes a variety of activities to improve English pronunciation.

#### Reading:

• **BreakingNews**: <a href="http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/">http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/</a>
Includes multi-level news stories for ELL students.

### **Writing**

- Academic Phrasebank: <a href="http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/">http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/</a>
  This is a wonderful resource that helps familiarize and provide ELL students with common phrasing used in academic papers.
- Tips for Writing in North American Colleges:
   https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/683/1/
   This series of pages will help ELL students begin to understand American academic writing expectations and conventions.

#### **Writing Center Resources**

Oxford Collocations Dictionary – Helps ELL students understand and use common phrasing when writing in English.

Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary- Extensive definitions of English words along with examples of how they are used in sentences.