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LIBRARY SYSTEM

By now you are probably tired of hearing about distance learning video conferencing and other forms of online instruction. But in case you are not, this newsletter is for you!

Distance learning is here to stay. While tutoring on a one-on-one basis may continue sooner than classroom instruction, tutors and students are encouraged to continue to meet online while the facilities are closed and for as long as they feel more comfortable socially distancing themselves.

Fortunately, the internet has a wide variety of resources available for instructional purposes. The LVCC office has been sending out some online resources through email these past few

months. This newsletter will compile those resources, and some new ones, into a single file for ease of access and information. This is a list of some of the most popular sites used by our tutors or the those in other programs.

The following resources are split into tutoring subject area for your convenience, but feel free to check out all of them - be creative in using them!

As always, if you have a resource that you have found successful please share it with the office and maybe you'll see it in the next newsletter. As more online resources are submitted a Word document will be updated and sent out regularly - look out for it in your email!

Popular Video Conference Platforms



Zoom

Works on any device
Free 40 minutes for
groups of 3+ or
unlimited with 2



WhatsApp

Works any any device
Popular with
international students



Duo

Google product that
works on any device



Facetime

Apple supported
product preinstalled
on iPhones or iPads



Messenger

Facebook created app





ReadTheory &

ReadWorks.org

Angel Falls

Grade 3, 610L

The highest waterfall in the world is Angel Falls in Venezuela. Angel Falls is 979 meters (3,212 ft) tall. It is hard to get to Angel Falls because it is surrounded by a jungle. The jungle is crowded with trees and bushes. In some places, you have to squat, crawl, or turn your body sideways just to pass through. If you want to see Angel Falls in person, you need to fly there in an airplane or helicopter. The dense jungle makes it too hard to get there on foot.



QUESTIONS

As used in the passage, the word **dense** most nearly means

highlight text

- A. dangerous
- B. prickly
- C. sparse
- D. growing
- E. thick

Submit

These sister sites provide reading comprehension help through short passages that range from kindergarten to grade 12 content. Each passage has associated questions after it to help gauge the comprehension and context of the passage. Tutors will have to create a free log-in to access the material on these websites.

Short Story Passages

Whether looking at a news article or a short passage, online stories can provide great reading materials on topical subjects from current events to familiar subject matter that can help provide context to your student.

Some strategies for using these resources include pre-reading activities with photographs and headlines, pulling out unfamiliar vocabulary terms, and searching for main ideas.

History Channel Stories

The History Channel has an archive of articles based on past events – some little known. It can be fun to discover new things like a potential werewolf in France – is it true? These are great for reading and discussion.



<https://www.history.com/news/beast-gevaudan-france-theories>

Readers Digest

Readers Digest has a host of short inspirational or true story testament if history or the current events doesn't interest your student.

More Reading Help

Newspapers

News for You Online ed.

Access your favorite newspaper online at [New Readers Press](#)

Enter the Passcode: **92434C** to enjoy all the feature stories.

Newsela

[Newsela](#) has various reading levels on the articles to help tutors choose appropriate material. There is also an audio component for students to listen to the article as well.

*May have to create a free account to access materials after August 2020.

Test Prep

Mometrix Academy

[Mometrix](#) offers testing practice for both the HiSET and CASAS tests. Explore the website to see everything that it has to offer!



MATH RESOURCES

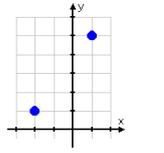
PURPLE MATH

<https://www.purplemath.com/>

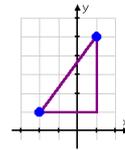
If you are looking for algebra help, Purple Math is great resource. It provides informal lessons that explain a variety of skill sets ranging from pre-algebra (rounding numbers) through advanced algebra (ie trigonometric ratios). Some also have video explanations for students that learn best with audio.

The Distance Formula is a variant of the Pythagorean Theorem that you used back in geometry. Here's how we get from the one to the other.

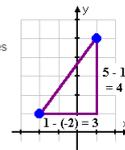
Suppose you're given the two points $(-2, 1)$ and $(1, 5)$, and they want you to find out how far apart they are. The points look like this:



You can draw in the lines that form a right-angled triangle, using these points as two of the corners:



It's easy to find the lengths of the horizontal and vertical sides of the right triangle: just subtract the x-values and the y-values:



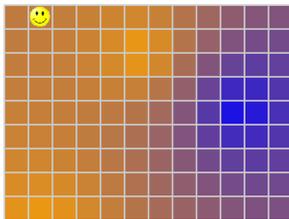
MATHOPOLIS

<https://www.mathopolis.com/>

Directions - 2 Moves

Click on the destination. Be quick! You get points for being close, too.

6 steps south
1 step west



Mathopolis was recommended by a Literacy program director as her number 1 online math resource. It has games, quizzes, and skills practice. The interactive activities provide an alternative to book work and help to make math learning fun.

Tutors need to register to access all the material, but it is free to join.

COOL MATH

<https://www.coolmath.com/>

Cool Math has prepared lessons in pre-algebra, algebra, and pre-calculus topic area. Each topic is further broken down into skill sets. It also provides some math game activities as an alternative to more formal lesson practice.

MATH LESSONS

PRE-ALGEBRA LESSONS ▶
Where basic numbers start to get interesting...
Factors and Primes | Decimals

ALGEBRA LESSONS ▶
What we can do with letters and numbers
Exponents | Lines | Functions

PRE-CALCULUS LESSONS ▶
Heading to Calc? We're here to help
Algebra For Calculus

Visual Math Aids



Math Visuals

Math Visuals is great for a visual learner. It provides graphic and videos to go with math concepts such counting, addition, subtraction, etc.

Check out the fractions video for the also helpful visual demonstration of this math skill!

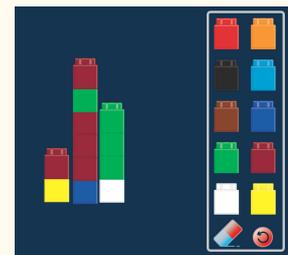
Fractions

Adding Fourths to Make 1

What do you notice? What do you wonder?

$$\frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}$$

Didax



Didax provides virtual manipulative and math visuals for interactive learning.

From cubes to shapes to number boards, all your favorite physical manipulatives can be found here!



ESL RESOURCES

Pronunciation

Sound of Speech

<https://soundsofspeech.uiowa.edu/main/english>

The Sound of Speech is a website run by the University of Iowa. It provides visuals on how to form sounds and accompanying audio. It also provides examples of words and different places within the words these sounds can be found. This is great for students struggle with unfamiliar sound formations in American English, especially as it is hard to demonstrate through a video chat platform.

Conversation Starters

Story Corp

<https://storycorps.org/animation/>



DOUBLE MAJOR

When Wil Smith enrolled as a freshman in college, he brought an unusual roommate with him — his infant daughter. Wil and Olivia look back together on their days as college roommates.

A fellow tutor recommendation is [Animated Story Corps](#). This provides a visual and audio component for the student, as well as information on American culture. These short stories (usually less than 5 minutes) can work as a conversation starter on unfamiliar words, topics, or a discussion on thoughts about the story.

The same instructional strategies can be used for photographs in news stories or for the audio only files from [Story Corp](#).

General Resources

ESL GOLD

<https://eslgold.com/>

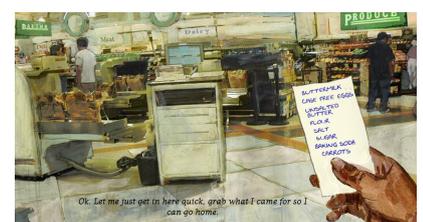


ESL Gold provides aids in a variety of topic areas from grammar, vocabulary, listening skills, and reading. The resources are free, but tutors must enter their email to subscribe and access to the website.

GCF Global

<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/simple-english/simple-english/1/>

<https://edu.gcfglobal.org/en/topics/everydaylife/>



GCF Global provides practice activities for ESL students. Tutors can select a topic-based lesson and explore vocabulary, definitions, and reading passages. Great for beginner learners.

Northumbria University

<https://en.diglin.eu/>

The interactive website has mini-lessons with multiple skill sets. Student can work on it as practice by themselves or with their tutor. **Disclaimer: this website was has British English spellings.*



GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

Kahoot!

<https://kahoot.com/>



Kahoot has virtual flashcards as well as an activity called a "challenge". Tutors can create a challenge or game for the student to perform. This can be live or scheduled with a start and finish time. This is a good tool for classes or small groups.

Content is constantly being updated due to the raise in virtual learning. Tutors should make a free account on Kahoot to access the games.

Jeopardy Labs

<https://jeopardylabs.com/>

This website provides powerpoint games based on Jeopardy that can be played online or downloaded.

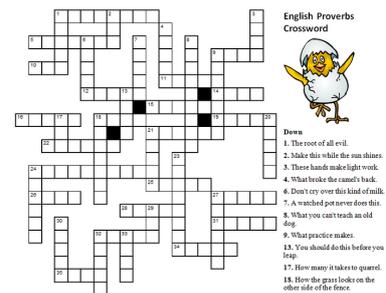
Food for the Holiday	Desserts	Fruits/vegetables	Ethnic Foods	Fast Food Chains
The turkey is the most popular food eaten on Thanksgiving.	Homemade Dessert that is baked in the kitchen and served with whipped cream and berries.	A sweet, tart fruit, usually a tree fruit, with many varieties.	An Asian dish consisting largely of rice, noodles and sauce.	The world's largest fast food restaurant chain, that they sell chicken sandwiches.
Often eaten with turkey, roast beef or on the 4th of July.	Has with a crust and usually made with a lattice crust or lattice sides of a pie.	A widely cultivated plant in the ground having green stems and can be made into juice.	A Mexican dish consisting of rice, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, onions and cheese.	The first drive-through fast food restaurant, which has many units and awards.
White, orange and yellow and the mascot of Halloween.	A baked food that is flat, round, and has a hole in the center.	A vegetable that is long and green with a green stem.	A Japanese dish that is a bowl of rice, fish, vegetables, or egg.	An American fast-food restaurant chain that is the largest in the world.
Someone's ready to go!	A square, baked, chocolate dessert.	Perennial plants with blue or purple flowers.	A type of rice that is sticky and is used in many dishes.	Another fast-food restaurant chain that is the second largest in the world.
One of the most famous foods in the world, often eaten in a sandwich.	A sandwich filled with meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, and bread.	How long does it take a pineapple to grow to be full size?	A central European food that is made with dough, cheese and sausage.	One of the largest coffee and baked goods chains in the world.

Tutors can choose from existing game boards (such as "Weather") or create their own based on current lessons.

LaternFish ESL

<https://bogglesworldesl.com/>

This website host a variety of games and activities to be used with students of all skill sets. From puzzles, riddles, crosswords, and more, these prompts test students' listening & reading skills.



Quizzes & Flashcards

Flashcard Maker

<https://flashcard.online/>

Create Flashcards or use from existing templates!

40 Flashcards of English Verbs



Daily Activities



Quizlet

<https://quizlet.com/>

Quizlet allows students and tutors to create or access existing flashcard sets.

Quizizz

<https://quizizz.com/>



Quizizz allows tutors to create or use archived online quizzes and polls for their classes. Flashcards are also available.

Goosechase Scavenger Hunt

<https://www.goosechase.com/>

This free app allows you to create virtual scavenger hunts for your students. It can be a fun way to test skills and "explore" the area around them.



FROM THE DESK OF...



Words cannot express how thankful we are to all of our tutors. You have adapted lessons on the fly, taken on new students, and learned a completely new system of instruction all while dealing with a global pandemic. Through the past few months you have shown your patience with us while we redesigned the program to fit a socially distant society and contributed to the process by sharing resources with your fellow tutors for the benefit of your students. You have persevered and continued to work with your students during a global pandemic. You volunteer your time and your expertise to help members of your community meet their goals and help to make their lives a little easier. Our program would not exist without you!

So while the world is thanking healthcare workers and other essential workers, we wanted to take a moment and recognize the gift that you give to our students and us. There are so many ways to express gratitude, so many words that can be used to express our gratitude to all of you, and while these may only be two words, but they mean so much. Thank you.

~ The LVCC Office Staff

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