Use this Handout as a subject-specific supplement to the comprehensive handout: *Getting Started: Finding Teaching Materials and Developing a Comprehensive Search Strategy.*

For further assistance using any of the resources in the Lab, please ask at the Curriculum Lab Information Services Desk. Visit our site through U of L Library's main page [http://www.uleth.ca/lib](http://www.uleth.ca/lib).

**DEFINE YOUR TOPIC AND CHECK BASIC SOURCES**

The primary focus of this handout is to address the challenges of supporting ESL students within the K-12 setting. K-12 Schools offer specific ESL courses for grades 10-12; K-9 ESL learners are taught using differentiated instruction.

According to Alberta Education's Program of Studies (English As A Second Language: Senior High), ESL students are "those students whose level of English language proficiency precludes them from full participation in the learning experiences provided in Alberta schools without additional support in English language content."

- According to the Senior High Program of Studies, the **four general learner outcomes of ESL education** are:
  1. Students will use spoken and written English to gather, interpret and communicate information.
  2. Students will use spoken and written English to establish and maintain relationships.
  3. Students will use spoken and written English to make decisions, solve problems, and plan and carry out projects.
  4. Students will explore, respond to and extend ideas and experiences.

- According to the Elementary Guide to Implementation (p. 63-74), ESL students move through 4 learning levels, incorporating listening, speaking, reading and writing:
  - **Level 1** -- Pre-beginner -- Not ready to begin intensive instruction in English. Students require orientation into the new environment and culture as listeners and observers.
  - **Level 2** -- Beginner -- Ready to receive intensive instruction in speaking, readings and writing English.
  - **Level 3** -- Intermediate -- Gaining competence in English, but the student still requires direct instruction.
  - **Level 4** -- Advanced -- Students have English competence. Their English language skills will continue to develop naturally.

**GET RELEVANT CURRICULUM PUBLICATIONS**

Guides to Implementation:
- *English as a Second Language : Guide to Implementation, Kindergarten to Grade 9* (375 ESL Altu.GR.EC-9) 2007 --Includes who ESL students are, suggestions for the reception and placement of elementary and junior high ESL students, information and strategies for establishing ESL programming, ensuring a successful ESL learning environment, effective instructional strategies, lessons and activities for varying levels of language proficiency, and suggestions on how to assess and evaluate student learning and progress.
English as a Second Language: Senior High Guide to Implementation (375 ESL Alta. Gr. 10-12) 2002 -- It includes sections on ESL Students, Students and the ESL Program at each of the 5 levels, Planning the ESL Program, Planning For Teaching and Learning, and Assessment.

Learning and Teaching Resources Found Online under Program of Study Tab


LearnAlberta.ca: To date, there are little or no resources to support ESL learners. However, as described on the Getting Started Handout, it is always good to double check this innovative source.

3 FIND BASIC AND SUPPORT RESOURCES RECOMMENDED BY ALBERTA EDUCATION

The Authorized Resources Database lists basic and support material for the high school level only. We carry the following basic authorized series in the Curriculum Lab.

- Voices in literature (Bronze) 428.24 McC Gr.10-12
- Making connections 428.24 Mak Gr.10-12
- Transitions 428.24 Mak Gr.10-12
- English Yes! 428.64 Eng Gr.10-12

4 FIND RELATED ASSESSMENT MATERIALS

- The ESL Guides To Implementation each contain a chapter on assessment.
  English as a Second Language: Guide to Implementation, Kindergarten to Grade 9 (375 ESL Alta.GR-EC-9) 2007
  English as a Second Language: Senior High Guide to Implementation (375 ESL Alta. Gr. 10-12) 2002
- Alberta K-12 ESL Proficiency Benchmarks, 2010

5 SEARCH THE LIBRARY CATALOGUE

Some Great Keyword Searches:
- English language foreign speakers study and teaching: You will find a lot of great texts in both the Curriculum Lab and Main Library.
- English language Textbooks: Limit to Curriculum Lab for a K-12 Focus.
- English language foreign speakers literature: will bring up works related to literature and ESL students.

Others Related Search Terms
- high interest-low vocabulary books
○ second language acquisition
○ multicultural education
○ education, bilingual
○ Penguin Readers/ Penguin Young Readers
○ Stories without words
○ Graphic Novels

BROWSE THE SHELVES

Sections to Visit First
428 - Basic/ General ESL Materials
428.6-428.64
372.4 -- Early Literacy
808.8-810.8 -- Contains Remedial Reading Series:
   - Jamestown's Signature Reading Series (808.8 Jam)
   - Critical Reading Series (810.8 Bil Gr.8-12)
   - Critical Reading Series Levels F-H (810.8 Cri Gr.8-12)
   - Steck-Vaughn Great series (810.8 Bil Gr.8-12)

011.62-Bibliographies for Children and Young Adults (not ESL Specific)
423 -- dictionaries

Related Sections:
418 -- How we learn language (linguistics)
421.1 -- alphabet books
422 -- word history
425 -- grammar
• See the Searching for Multicultural Library Materials for Students Handout.
• See the Recommended Books for Promoting Multiculturalism Handout.

• Related Material in the Main Library
  ○ LC 3731 -- Bilingual and multicultural education
  ○ P 53 -- Language learning
  ○ PE 1128-PE1130 -- ESL textbooks
  ○ Search the Library Catalogue for the TESL Canada Journal (PE 1128 A1 T45) and/or the subject, "English Language Study and Teaching Foreign Speakers Periodicals."

SEARCH THE INTERNET

• [http://www.tesl.ca](http://www.tesl.ca): Teachers of English as a Second Language in Canada
• Alberta Teachers of English as A Second Language
• TESL-EJ (Teaching English As A Second Language Electronic Journal)
• ESL Pages Best Sites For Teachers
• Yahoo Directory's English As A Second Language lists ESL sites by popularity.
e.g. In the ERIC database, use the descriptor English (Second Language).
Other Databases to visit include CBCA (Canadian Focus), Proquest Education Journals