

# Fall 2019-Spring 2020

## Additional Resources

### for English as a Second Language Study outside the CTE-ELP

The Center for Teaching Excellence's English Language Proficiency Program serves Texas A&M University **instructors** of all ranks (teaching assistant to professor) by providing instruction in **oral** English proficiency. (Priority goes to current TAs with Level 2 English proficiency, then to other groups, such as graduate students with upcoming teaching assignments and professors. As space permits, other graduate students may receive services.)

For other language skills, or if you are not an instructor (or soon-to-be instructor) at Texas A&M, the following resources are also available:

- [face-to-face resources available on campus](#)
- [face-to-face resources available off campus in the Bryan/College Station community](#)
- [self-study resources available online](#).

### On-campus face-to-face resources

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
<b>University Writing Center</b>	Individual consultations about compositions and speeches; for Texas A&M undergraduate and graduate students	free*	<a href="http://writingcenter.tamu.edu">http://writingcenter.tamu.edu</a> <a href="http://cleopatra.tamu.edu/default.aspx?ReturnUri=%2f">http://cleopatra.tamu.edu/default.aspx?ReturnUri=%2f</a> (979) 458-1455  <a href="http://writingcenter.tamu.edu/Students/Graduate-Students">http://writingcenter.tamu.edu/Students/Graduate-Students</a> uwc@tamu.edu (979) 458-1455
<b>ELPE Practice Session</b>	Workshop preparing students to succeed on Texas A&M's English Language Placement Exam, offered in August and January	free	<a href="https://iss.tamu.edu/Events/ELPE-Practice-Session">https://iss.tamu.edu/Events/ELPE-Practice-Session</a>
<b>Byrne Student Success Center</b>	Tutoring for international undergraduate students in	free	<a href="http://education.tamu.edu/byrne-student-success-center">http://education.tamu.edu/byrne-student-success-center</a>

	reading, writing, speaking, and listening		(979) 862-8489
<b>Mays Business School Communication Lab</b>	Writing and speaking consultations for Mays Business School students	free	<a href="http://mays.tamu.edu/communication-lab/">mays.tamu.edu/communication-lab/</a>
<b>International Student Mentor Association (ISMA)</b>	Social events; mentoring of international students by American students	\$10 membership fee	<a href="https://www.ismatamu.com/">https://www.ismatamu.com/</a>
<b>Aggie Toastmasters</b>	Registered student organization that encourages public speaking; open to undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and staff	\$	<a href="https://aggietoastmasters.wixsite.com/aggietoastmasters">https://aggietoastmasters.wixsite.com/aggietoastmasters</a> <a href="https://maroonlink.tamu.edu/organization/aggietoastmasters">https://maroonlink.tamu.edu/organization/aggietoastmasters</a> <a href="https://tamu.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/aggietoastmasters/contact">https://tamu.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/aggietoastmasters/contact</a> aggietoastmasters@gmail.com
<b>POWER Writing</b>	Academic writing support for graduate students and faculty, with the goal of more productivity and publishing	free	<a href="http://power.tamu.edu/">http://power.tamu.edu/</a>
<b>3 Minute Thesis</b>	An international research communication competition; oral presentation	free	<a href="http://ogaps.tamu.edu/Buttons/Professional-Development-Opportunities/3-Minute-Thesis-Competition.aspx">http://ogaps.tamu.edu/Buttons/Professional-Development-Opportunities/3-Minute-Thesis-Competition.aspx</a>

\* Funded by a mandatory student fee; no additional cost per service / visit

## Off-campus face-to-face resources

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<b>EnglishBCS</b>	Academic ESL for scholars and professionals, taught by former Texas A&M University ELI faculty members (English Language Institute); short-term classes and tutoring	\$	<a href="http://www.englishbcs.com">www.englishbcs.com</a> info@englishbcs.com 979-574-8934 404 Jane Street, Suite 100 College Station, TX 77840
<b>B/CS Adult Learning Center</b>	Anyone who would like ESL and/or high school equivalency classes - Adult Basic Education classes	small fee	<a href="http://www.bcscommunityeducationcenter.com/">www.bcscommunityeducationcenter.com/</a> <a href="mailto:bcscomedcen@gmail.com">bcscomedcen@gmail.com</a> Facebook: B/CS Community Education Center 979.703.7740 1201 Ridgedale Street Bryan, TX 77803
<b>Baptist Student Ministry Conversational English Classes</b>	Speaking practice, vocabulary, and idioms	free	<a href="http://www.aggiebsm.org/international/">www.aggiebsm.org/international/</a> contact@aggiebsm.org 979-846-7722 203 College Main College Station, TX 77840
<b>English Conversation Classes by the International Student Ministry</b>	Conversation and discussion practice introducing vocabulary and culture	small fee	<a href="http://www.ulctamu.org/schedule">http://www.ulctamu.org/schedule</a> ulc.ism@gmail.com (979) 846-6687 315 College Main College Station, TX 77840
<b>Larry Ringer Public Library</b>	Conversation practice "English Conversation Circle"	free	<a href="http://www.bcslibrary.org/events">www.bcslibrary.org/events</a> (979) 764-3416 1818 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy. S. College Station, TX 77845
<b>Oasis</b>	Conversations, games, and snacks for TAMU international students on Friday nights	free	<a href="mailto:TamuOasis@gmail.com">TamuOasis@gmail.com</a>
<b>Discovery</b>	Conversation practice for international spouses and	free	<a href="http://www.discoveryprogram.us/">http://www.discoveryprogram.us/</a> directorofdiscovery@gmail.com

	their preschool children; some transportation provided		(979) 828-3721 First Baptist Church, 2300 Welsh College Station, TX 77845
<b>Friendship Connection for Women</b>	Conversational English classes for international women and their preschool children	small fee	<a href="http://www.grace-bible.org/connect/international/all-international">http://www.grace-bible.org/connect/international/all-international</a> beckyburch@grace-bible.org (979) 690-0537 700 Anderson Street College Station, TX 77840
<b>Toastmasters</b>	International organization that encourages public speaking; two off-campus locations in College Station and two in Bryan	\$	<a href="http://www.toastmasters.org">www.toastmasters.org</a> <a href="http://www.toastmasters.org/find-a-club">www.toastmasters.org/find-a-club</a>
<b>Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network</b>	Conversation practice, preparation for US citizenship exam	free	<a href="http://brazosimmigration.com/contact/">brazosimmigration.com/contact/</a> biininfo@gmail.com 979-393-8228 107 Williamson Drive Bryan, TX 77801
<b>Clara Mounce Library ESL Program</b>	Saturday morning classes for beginning and intermediate users of English. Taught by volunteers	free	<a href="https://www.bcslibrary.org/esl-program/">https://www.bcslibrary.org/esl-program/</a> <a href="mailto:bpennington@bryantx.gov">bpennington@bryantx.gov</a> (979)-209-5600 At Clara B. Mounce Public Library, 201 E. 26th. St., Bryan, TX 77803
<b>Dynamic Speech Solutions</b>	Speech language pathologist providing therapy for disorders such as stuttering	\$	<a href="http://www.dynamicspeechLLC.com">www.dynamicspeechLLC.com</a> slp@dynamicspeechLLC.com 903-480-0130

## Self-study resources online

### Speaking

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<b>Pronunciation Doctor</b>	Marsha Chan's videos about English accent modification	free	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/PronunciationDoctor">www.youtube.com/user/PronunciationDoctor</a>
<b>Juna Accent Coach</b>	App for English accent modification	free	<a href="http://www.junaaccentcoach.com">www.junaaccentcoach.com</a>
<b>Sounds of Speech</b>	Explanation of how to form each speech sound of American English. Includes animations, videos, and audio samples for consonants and vowels.	free	<a href="http://soundsofspeech.uiowa.edu">soundsofspeech.uiowa.edu</a>
<b>Rachel's English</b>	Youtube channel for pronunciation advice	free	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsenglish">https://www.youtube.com/user/rachelsenglish</a>
<b>Spoken Skills</b>	Speaking and listening activities. Record yourself and compare to the original	free	<a href="http://www.spokenskills.com/student-activities.cfm">http://www.spokenskills.com/student-activities.cfm</a>
<b>Business English Pod</b>	Youtube channel offering practical advice on oral communication in business settings	free	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/bizpod/videos">https://www.youtube.com/user/bizpod/videos</a>
<b>Well Said</b>	ESL pronunciation textbook by Linda Grant, with accompanying website	\$	ISBN 1305641361 Available at online bookstores
<b>American English Pronunciation Card</b>	Laminated tri-fold card with downloadable audio	\$	<a href="https://www.languageartspress.com/product/the-american-english-pronunciation-card">https://www.languageartspress.com/product/the-american-english-pronunciation-card</a> downloadable audio: <a href="https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/languageartspress">https://store.cdbaby.com/cd/languageartspress</a>
<b>Color Vowel Minute</b>	One-minute videos about pronunciation and spelling	free	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL40At9EEsnI_zOZqOvkQhppjHTtFCDwd">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL40At9EEsnI_zOZqOvkQhppjHTtFCDwd</a>
<b>Pronuncian</b>	Information about suprasegmental aspects of English phonology	free	<a href="https://pronuncian.com/content-and-function-words/">https://pronuncian.com/content-and-function-words/</a>
<b>Easy Pronunciation.</b>	International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) chart for	free	<a href="https://easypronunciation.com/en/american-english-pronunciation/">https://easypronunciation.com/en/american-english-pronunciation/</a>

com	American English. Audio and video of a native speaker reading each word		<a href="#">on-ipa-chart</a>
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## Writing

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<b>Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL)</b>	A respected website offering writing advice for international students (and others); style guides	free	<a href="https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/english_as_a_second_language/esl_students/tips_for_writing_in_north_american_colleges/index.html">https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/english_as_a_second_language/esl_students/tips_for_writing_in_north_american_colleges/index.html</a>  <a href="https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html">https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html</a>
<b>ESLflow</b>	Advice for writing paragraphs and essays	free	<a href="http://www.eslflow.com/AcademicWriting.html">www.eslflow.com/AcademicWriting.html</a>
<b>Writefix</b>	Preparation for writing tasks on the TOEFL and IELTS exams	free	<a href="http://writefix.com">writefix.com</a>
<b>English Solutions for Engineering and Sciences Research Writing</b>	“A guide for English learners to publish in international journals”	free	<a href="http://www.hanyangowl.org/media/textbook/engsciresearchwritingbook.pdf">www.hanyangowl.org/media/textbook/engsciresearchwritingbook.pdf</a>
<b>Using English for Academic Purposes</b>	Advice on academic writing “For Students in Higher Education”	free	<a href="http://www.uefap.com/writing/writfram.htm">www.uefap.com/writing/writfram.htm</a>
<b>Michigan Corpus of Upper-Level Student Papers</b>	Database of real papers that earned the grade “A” in many fields, from undergrad seniors and grad students. Models	free	<a href="http://micusp.elicorpora.info">micusp.elicorpora.info</a>
<b>Paradigm Online Writing Assistant</b>	A website offering advice, activities, and examples related to all aspects of the writing process (from pre-writing to editing)	free	<a href="https://www.powa.org/">https://www.powa.org/</a>

## Listening

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
<b>Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab</b>	Listening activities and quizzes for everyday language and academic language	free	<a href="http://www.esl-lab.com/index.htm">www.esl-lab.com/index.htm</a>
<b>TED Talks</b>	"influential videos from expert speakers on education, business, science, tech and creativity, with subtitles" and transcripts	free	<a href="http://www.ted.com/talks">www.ted.com/talks</a>
<b>English Accent Coach</b>	Exercises and games to hear the difference between similar sounds (English vowels and consonants)	free	<a href="http://englishaccentcoach.com">englishaccentcoach.com</a>
<b>English Listening Lesson Library Online (ELLLO)</b>	Conversations about language and culture with audio and transcripts	free	<a href="http://www.ello.org/">http://www.ello.org/</a>
<b>Voice of America News: Learning English</b>	News and current events, audio with transcript, and short videos teaching English	free	<a href="http://learningenglish.voanews.com">learningenglish.voanews.com</a>
<b>BBC Learning English: Dramas</b>	British English	free	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/drama">http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/drama</a>
<b>National Public Radio "This I Believe" series</b>	Audio with transcripts by a variety of voices	free	<a href="https://www.npr.org/series/4538138/this-i-believe">https://www.npr.org/series/4538138/this-i-believe</a>

## Reading

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<b>Breaking News English</b>	Current events, texts at different levels, speed-reading and dictation practice	free	<a href="http://breakingnewsenglish.com">http://breakingnewsenglish.com</a>
<b>NewsELA</b>	Current events, texts at	free	<a href="https://newsela.com/articles/#/rul">https://newsela.com/articles/#/rul</a>

	different levels, quizzes		<a href="#">e/latest</a>
<b>Using English for Academic Purposes</b>	Academic ESL. Reading advice and exercises for university-level work	free	<a href="http://www.uefap.com/reading/readfram.htm">www.uefap.com/reading/readfram.htm</a>

## Grammar

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
<b>Grammarly</b>	Corrects grammar, punctuation, and spelling mistakes	free or \$	<a href="http://www.grammarly.com">www.grammarly.com</a> <a href="http://www.grammarly.com/premium">www.grammarly.com/premium</a>
<b>Ginger</b>	Checks grammar and spelling, translates, and suggests alternate wording	free or \$	<a href="https://www.gingersoftware.com/">https://www.gingersoftware.com/</a> <a href="https://www.gingersoftware.com/online_store/ginger_upgrade">https://www.gingersoftware.com/online_store/ginger_upgrade</a>
<b>Perfect English Grammar</b>	Instruction in English grammar for adult learners of English	free	<a href="http://www.perfect-english-grammar.com">www.perfect-english-grammar.com</a>
<b>Dave's ESL Cafe</b>	Grammar lessons (explanation) and quizzes	free	<a href="http://www.eslcafe.com/grammar.html">www.eslcafe.com/grammar.html</a> <a href="http://www.eslcafe.com/quiz">www.eslcafe.com/quiz</a>
<b>Elements of Success 3 online practice</b>	Online exercises with feedback, corresponding to a high-intermediate grammar textbook	\$	<a href="https://elt.oup.com/catalogue/items/global/grammar_vocabulary/elements_of_success/elements_of_success_3/9780194706810?cc=us&amp;sellLanguage=en">https://elt.oup.com/catalogue/items/global/grammar_vocabulary/elements_of_success/elements_of_success_3/9780194706810?cc=us&amp;sellLanguage=en</a>
<b>English Grammar Revolution</b>	Clear explanations with visuals (sentence diagrams)	free or \$	<a href="https://www.english-grammar-revolution.com/">https://www.english-grammar-revolution.com/</a>
<b>Guide to Grammar and Writing</b>	Grammar explanations, sentence/paragraph/essay writing tips, and interactive quizzes	free	<a href="http://guidetogrammar.org/grammar/index.htm">http://guidetogrammar.org/grammar/index.htm</a>
<b>Game Show Grammar</b>	Humorous short videos about ESL grammar using British English	free	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/course/tgg">http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/course/tgg</a>



## Vocabulary

<i>Name</i>	<i>Service / Audience</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Contact</i>
<b>Oxford Advanced American Dictionary for Learners of English</b>	Meaning, usage, frequency, grammar, common errors, and pronunciation. For non-native speakers of English Online dictionary  Available as an app for iPhones and iPads	free  \$	<a href="http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/american_english">www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/definition/american_english</a>  <a href="https://apps.apple.com/us/app/oxford-advanced-learners-dict/id442911228">https://apps.apple.com/us/app/oxford-advanced-learners-dict/id442911228</a>
<b>Word and Phrase Info</b>	See frequency, meaning, part of speech, usage, and nearby words	free	<a href="http://www.wordandphrase.info/frequencyList.asp">www.wordandphrase.info/frequencyList.asp</a>
<b>Using English for Academic Purposes</b>	Lists of academic vocabulary and subject-specific vocabulary, plus exercises	free	<a href="http://www.uefap.com/vocab/vocfram.htm">www.uefap.com/vocab/vocfram.htm</a>
<b>Reverso</b>	Context-sensitive translation, vocabulary suggestions, spelling and grammar checker, and grammar explanations	free	<a href="http://www.reverso.net/text_translation.aspx?lang=EN">http://www.reverso.net/text_translation.aspx?lang=EN</a>
<b>Duolingo</b>	Gives practice for vocabulary and some grammar concepts	free	<a href="http://www.duolingo.com">www.duolingo.com</a>
<b>De-Jargonizer</b>	Highlights jargon (specialized vocabulary), which you should minimize when communicating to the general public	free	<a href="http://scienceandpublic.com/">http://scienceandpublic.com/</a>

## Combined skills

<b>Mango Languages</b>	Online language learning resource that teaches vocabulary, grammar, and listening skills for many different languages,	free if logging on through TAMU	<a href="http://library.tamu.edu">library.tamu.edu</a>  Select "Databases" Select "Mango Languages"
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	including ESL	library	
<b>Rosetta Stone</b>	Especially appropriate for beginning and intermediate learners of English	\$	<a href="https://www.rosettastone.com/learn-english/">https://www.rosettastone.com/learn-english/</a>
<b>English with Jennifer</b>	Especially appropriate for beginning and intermediate learners of English	free	<a href="http://englishwithjennifer.co0m/">http://englishwithjennifer.co0m/</a>
<b>Elemental English</b>	Short videos teaching "practical English pronunciation and grammar lessons"	free	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/eLeMentalEnglish">https://www.youtube.com/user/eLeMentalEnglish</a>
<b>Ed TED lessons</b>	Educational animated films with captions, short quizzes, and opportunity to discuss by writing	free	<a href="https://ed.ted.com/lessons">https://ed.ted.com/lessons</a>

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