

LINKS FOR LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING

BBC LEARNING RESOURCE FOR HOME AND SCHOOL

This site from the BBC provides excellent supplementary material for the United Kingdom's National Curriculum. It is full of links, games, ideas, advice and other learning resources, organized into age groups which cover everything from pre-school children to primary and secondary level students. There is also a teachers' and parents' area.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/>

BBC TEENZONE

This site is produced by the BBC for teenagers who are learning English as a foreign language. There are several activity types, most consisting of entertaining interactive flash animations; examples include dialogues, personal descriptions and various games.

<http://www.bbcenglish.com/tv/teenzone/menu.htm>

CBBC – BBC CHILDREN'S AREA

This is a gateway to lot's of games, cartoons and articles on sport, wildlife and music and links to children's television programmes on the BBC.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/>

CBBC NEWSROUND

This is the web version of the BBC children's programme Newsround. There are sections on UK, World, Sport and Music news among others. You can read or listen to the stories. The site is updated daily, and provides news and articles written in a style that is interesting for children and looks at events from a young person's perspective.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/>

FAIRGROUND SPELLS

This site is produced by the UK television's Channel 4 and supports literacy with on-line games that focus on spelling and grammar. Learners choose a game by selecting one of the rides from an animated fairground. Not surprisingly, older primary and younger secondary children find it very enjoyable.

<http://www.channel4.com/learning/microsites/F/fairground/>

GAME GOO

This site has lots of interactive English language games suitable for primary and secondary aged learners. Games include Squanky the Tooth Taker, who deals with synonyms and Fearless Frieda, who skateboards if learners can spell the words that she says. Good reading and vocabulary practice.

<http://www.cogcon.com/gamegoo/gooey.html>

LearnEnglish KIDS

This British Council site helps children aged between 8 - 12 years to practise their English. It has a new theme each month, and each week sees a new word game and a new link of the week added. Each month there is a new story, a new song and a new set of postcards. There are also materials on the site for younger or beginner learners in the section on the home page called "Help your little brother or sister". This is changed every week, and there are also links to materials suitable for younger/beginner learners. There are also worksheets to print out - two each week: one on the theme, and one about a basic topic for younger children. All materials are archived onto theme pages so that learners and teachers can access them at any time.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/kidsenglish/>

SHAMBLES – SAFE SEARCHING FOR KIDS

This site contains 23 different search engines which are designed for use by children. Sites include the BBC, NASA, Encarta and Ask Jeeves Kids. There is also 'headbonezone' in which the students have to follow a story, answer questions using search engines, and finally solve a puzzle.

<http://www.shambles.net/safesearching/>

THE EXPLORATORIUM MUSEUM

This site has lots of interactive exhibits, games and quizzes about science and nature. Some examples of things you can do here are look down a microscope at small animals, learn about the science of music or find out about the weather in space.

<http://www.exploratorium.edu/>

YAHOO!IGANS – CHILDRENS' SEARCH ENGINE FROM YAHOO

This search engine is for children to use as the results are checked for safe sites. It also has its own directory and links to typical childrens' topics such as games, movies, science, jokes and school subjects.

<http://yahooligans.yahoo.com/>