

English Now!

Learning Circles

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Online Content
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Language Learning Programs

USA Learns: [USA Learns](#) is free and offer four different mobile-ready English courses, as well as *U.S. Citizenship* and *Skills for the Nursing Assistant*.

Having a teacher account allows you to create classes, track student usage and reply to writing prompts. See the instructions for setting up classes and sharing the class key with your participants. Also, sign up with a separate email for a **practice student account** so you can see what student pages look like, as the teacher account does not allow you to see the student pages.

Here are more resources from the USA Learns website to help you get started:

- Sign up for a teacher account at usalearns.org/teacher.
- Teacher resources—Read the Curriculum Scope and Sequence before you decide which course to assign your learning circle.
- Placement Quiz- this quick quiz may be useful if your students are clearly above the level of the 1st English Course.

Burlington English (fee-based): If your program uses Burlington English, they will have access to the instructions to get started using Burlington English with your learning circle.

You can experiment using different resources for the warm-up or main activity. Let the learners guide you in terms of what you focus on each week.

Reading Sites

- [NEWSELA](#) Free option with account. Subscription offers more options.
- [Voice of America Learning English](#) Free, news with audio.
- [The Change Agent](#): An Adult Education Magazine for Social Justice. Free reading packets. Subscription needed for full access.
- [News For You](#) New Readers Press. Subscription-based.
- [Skillswise](#). Free BBC website with reading, writing, spelling, grammar practice.

Video & Study Guide

- [We Speak NYC](#). Free. Soap opera style video stories about issues immigrants face with study guides for each episode.
- [TV411](#). Free, registration required. Videos, online lessons, and print downloads.

Writing, Grammar, and Phonics Rules—For facilitators and advanced ELLs

- [English Page](#)
- [Phonics, Syllable and Accent Rules](#)
- Purdue OWL

Miscellaneous

- ESL Dictionary
- Google Translate

- [Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab](#). Free. Leveled activities.
- [English Listening Library Online](#): Free. Listening, grammar, reading
- [Quizlet](#)- Free. Subscription offers more features. Vocabulary building & games
- Thesaurus
- [Learning Chocolate](#)-vocabulary

Language Learning Apps

- Cell-Ed (fee-based, usable on basic cell phones as well as all smart phones, contact company for purchase)
- Learning Upgrade (relatively low cost, available on all smartphones, contact company for purchase)
- Duolingo (English for Spanish speakers)

Communication Tools—For staying connected with learners between sessions

- Remind
- WhatsApp
- Facebook Group
- Email or text messaging

Facilitators should discuss which method of communication is agreeable to the whole group. WhatsApp and text messaging use personal phone numbers, which some people may not be comfortable with. Remind now offers two-way conversations.

Digital Learning, Skill Building & Facilitator Guidance

- [Digital Navigator Resources](#). Comprehensive resources for learners and programs.
- [Digital Learn](#). Free basic skills courses developed by the Public Library Association.
- [Applied Digital Skills](#). Google for Education. Intermediate to advanced lessons.