



Tutor Connection

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Tri-County Literacy Council is a community-based, non-profit organization that enriches both community and individuals by addressing literacy needs

“Every day brings new choices.”

Martha Beck

Helpful Websites

A variety of websites are available to help adults who struggle with basic literacy.

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Their mission is to provide a world-class education for anyone, anywhere. All content is available free of charge (expert-created content and resources on various subjects and levels).

BBC Skillswise

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/0>

This website enables adults to improve reading, writing and numeracy skills. Factsheets, worksheets, quizzes and games make learning fun. Resources are free.

FREE Rice

<http://freerice.com/>

FREE Rice is 100% non-profit and is owned and operated by the United Nations World Food Program. The website lets students improve their skills on a variety of subjects free of charge. Topics to explore include: English

vocabulary, English grammar, basic math, multiplication table, chemistry, geography, science and the humanities.

WolframAlpha (computational knowledge engine)

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

Use these online calculators and knowledge database to learn about various topics. Answers are complete with step-by-step solutions.

Moresettlement.org

<https://www.settlementatwork.org/incdocs/linc5-7/>

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These e-resources are appropriate for English as a Second Language students, as well as, adults with basic literacy skills. Exercises are meant to be done independently. Results are instantaneous.

LearnIT2teach

<http://learnit2teach.ca/wpnew/links/learning-objects/>

Although these e-resources are designed to assist newcomers learn English, it may also be beneficial for adults upgrading basic skills.

“No one can get anywhere unless he knows where he wants to go and what he wants to be or do.”

Norman Vincent Peale

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Visit our website regularly to learn about the latest FREE courses being offered.

Authentic Materials – Adult Literacy Trends

Authentic materials are materials students encounter in their daily lives. Using real-life materials empower students to have more skills and confidence to deal with life. Following are real-life activities to try with your student:

- **Write a letter**
Many adults will need to write letters at one time or another. It is best if the letter has a real purpose and is actually sent to obtain a response.
- **Read novels/novellas**
Reading novels or novellas can promote an appreciation for literature and can be a great way to encourage students to relate their own lives and experiences to those of the characters in the books. The book should be reflective of the student's interests and the reading material at the student's reading level. If a novel is too ambitious, try a novella. If a novella is too large a goal, try a short story.
- **Create a weekly meal menu**
- **Write a to-do list**
- **Write a telephone message**
- **Read a newspaper article.**
Most adults are interested in current events. Appeal to your student's interests.

- **Practice a mock job interview**
- **Listen to music**
Music is popular. You can do a lot of activities with songs. Give your student a cloze exercise in which every fifth word of the lyrics is replaced with a blank.
- **Listen to TED Talk.**
These short educational speeches are available online - free. The student can take notes or write a summary of what they learnt.
- **Comparison shop**
The Seaway News bag contains local flyers. Students can use these to create a grocery list. For those that like apps, Flipp is a good choice.
- **Read stories to your children**
- **Read a brochure from an agency of interest.**

“Our goals can only be reached through a vehicle of a plan, in which we must fervently believe, and which we must vigorously act. There is no other route to success.”

Pablo Picasso

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