

Resources The following is a short list you may find helpful:

Online

Culture

1. **The National Geographic website-** <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/>
 - Provides pictures, videos, and games that can be used when discussing different parts of the world (like Ghana).
2. **The BBC website-** http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world_radio_and_tv/
 - Has videos, for today's news.
3. **Real English-** <http://www.real-english.com/new-lessons.asp>
 - This website is sorted by lesson. It has real interviews with people, based on ESL topics. It is easy to understand, and useful.

Video/audio

Schoolhouse Rock/ Grammar Rock-

- Available in video or CD (or online), these teach different parts of speech. While made for native English learners, ESL kids, with help, can understand a lot of the songs. If you make scripts, they can understand even more.

English Study

1. **Breaking News English-** <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/>
 - This website has simplified news stories for ESL learners. It has a variety of stories, and is updated often. Each story comes with a lesson. This lesson can be divided to make it shorter or longer.
2. **ESL Lounge-** <http://www.esl-lounge.com/student/index.php>
 - A website with listening activities, and games you can do on a large TV. The listening activities have different scenarios, and the games are good for warm ups (when your ALT is not at school).

Video Capture

<http://www.keepvid.com/> -if you have a YouTube video you want to use in class, but you don't have internet or YouTube access in class, you can:

- Copy the URL of the video you want.
- Paste it into <http://www.keepvid.com/>. PRESS THE SMALL DOWNLOAD BUTTON (not the green button), and download into a MP4 format.

Other

1. **Skype**— If you know a native speaker in a different country, this can be a very interesting lesson plan. Have your students interview your friend, or your friend can do a self-introduction.
2. **Google Translate**- <http://translate.google.com/#en/ja/english>
 - Students can type in a word in Japanese or English. They can get the meaning, and pronunciation. (Be careful and don't use it for sentence translation. Good for research.)
3. <http://www.discoveryeducation.com/free-puzzlemaker/?CFID=1098133&CFTOKEN=47618025>
 - You can make different puzzles with any vocabulary list for practice.

Don't forget your ALTS/ ALT friends!

If you need any help, or have any questions, feel free to contact me at mprice@i.softbank.jp

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