

**Use of E-resources for Teaching and Learning English****Dr. Kalpesh Vitthalbhai Patel**

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Abstract

English is a global language .Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru said that it is a window to the modern world. English is an international language, spoken in many countries both as a native and as a second or foreign language. It is taught in the schools in almost every country on this earth. It is a living and vibrant language spoken by over 300 million people as their native language. Millions more speak it as an additional language. It is a language of knowledge & in India we use this language from the practical point of view. In many states students are poor in learning of English. Teachers should use innovative practices, methods to make the teaching –learning process joyful. This is an age of technology in every aspect of our life technology has occupied a great position .For the teaching learning of English we can use various e- resources. In the present paper such e-resources are introduced.

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Introduction

Teaching of a foreign language is a big challenge before the teachers. Teaching of English is really a big task for the teachers who teach English subject in Indian scenario because there is a lot of impact of mother tongue on the students and teachers too. One more thing is that there is a phobia among the students to learn a foreign language. 21st century is an age of technology and use of technology can make the teaching-learning of English effective. There are various- resources available which we can use for the teaching –learning of English.

1) Dictionary

Many new models of mobile phones gives access to the Dictionary, even you can download the dictionary which you like e.g. English to Marathi, Marathi to English and so on. Besides the meaning such dictionaries also provide accurate pronunciation of the word. Many times teachers also don't know the accurate pronunciation of a particular word so such type of dictionary is very useful for the teachers and students. Moreover anytime quickly you can search the meaning of a word and can save your time.

2) Microsoft Encarta

Microsoft a well-known software production company has produced learning resources also and Encarta is one of that the information about various branches of study has been given. Literary information, literary works contribution of English authors are provided in a very simple language.

3) www.englishbanana.com

This website is a full of resources. Various activity books, printable worksheets, course books, picture dictionary, video lessons & online classes are also provided on this site. This is really a wonderful site for joyful learning.

4) www.englishgrammar.com

Self-learning of grammar is motivated on this site. Along with self-learning group work, peer work is also promoted and such activities are introduced. A quality work booklets are provided on this site.

5) www.foreignlanguageflashcards.com

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In India we learn the English language as a second or third language so flash cards are very useful for the direct introduction of unfamiliar words this site provides ample flash cards for the use of teachers.

6) www.britishcouncil.org

This website helps to make the teaching learning process joyful. British Council offers English language courses in 80 teaching centers around the world and administering more than two million exams, including our IELTS test in more than 100 countries every year these activities help people around the world improve their education and career prospects. British Council also provides professional development and networking opportunities for teachers and young professionals through three-year English language initiatives in India, China, the Middle East and North Africa. Also work with governments and ministries to develop English language skills and conduct research into the importance of English language skills for developing countries. You will find also very interesting collaborative online games on this site. Besides this various techniques, videos & projects of English language are also given on this site.

Teachers can also refer this site to get update information, researches, experiments in the field of English language teaching.

7) www.mes-english.com

This website provides resources for teachers of young learners. All of the resources are designed to be versatile and useful in many K-6 classrooms. To mention a few, free flashcards, printable worksheets and hand-outs to match, phonics worksheets, printable ESL games, a printable project library, and other activities all ready for printing.

8) www.funfonix.com

This site offers free reading worksheet generators, phonics printable makers, a free spelling worksheet maker, and spelling activity/phonics activity generator.

9) www.schoolexpress.com

This website is also useful for the teachers and students of English language .e.g. following types of worksheets are provided on the site.

10) www.want2learn.com

This website provides online research reports, various phonic games, teacher training, and teacher eligibility test & book store.

11) www.abcteach.com

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This website provides various resources for the educators. In 2000, abcteach entered the Internet world as a free educational website for teachers. This is the brainchild of Sandy Kemsley, a Michigan elementary school teacher who was retiring after 26 years in the class. abcteach seemed the perfect way for Sandy to continue communicating her love of teaching and wealth of educational knowledge. Little did she know that her "little website" would evolve into the global educational resource that abcteach has become.

12) www.articlebase.com

Researchers and writers have contributed on this site. These articles are available for the reference. One can take the abstract but to read the full length paper he has to take subscription of this site. Researcher can contribute his own article for the worldwide publication.

13) Wikipedia.com

WIKI stand for 'what I know is' this is a biggest online collaborative encyclopedia. Teachers can search information on this site even they can contribute by editing the information.

14) www.usingenglish.com

UsingEnglish.com provides a large collection of English as a Second Language (ESL) tools & resources for students, teachers, learners and academics. Browse our grammar glossary and references of irregular verbs, phrasal verbs and idioms, ESL forums, articles, teacher handouts and printable, and find useful links and information on English.

15) www.everythingsl.net/in-services/elementary

This site is to provide practice in English, this website is developed. Lesson plans, teaching tips & many other resources are provided on this site.

16) www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish

Grammar, Pronunciation, new words, crosswords, quizzes all these important aspects of English language are introduced on this site with very interesting way.

17) www.tewt.org

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Conclusion

With the help of these e-resources teaching –learning of English can be made joyful & easy.

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