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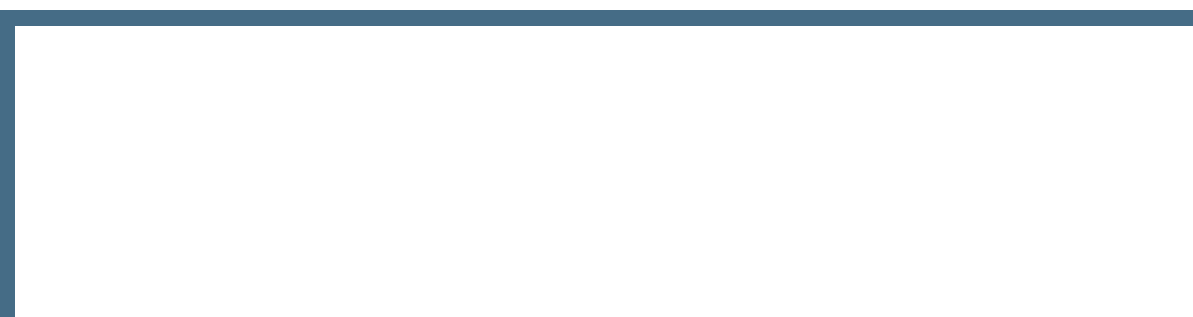
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# EAL Tutor Newsletter

## July-August 2019

**Tutoring Tips \* EAL Events\* Resource Exchange  
\* Articles \* Textbook Suggestions \*  
Online Resources**

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UPCOMING

EVENTS

**Tuesday, July 16th**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

## **Summer Lemonade Social for Learners-Tutors-Facilitators**

A fantastic opportunity for EAL Learners to practice socializing with native and non-native speakers in a relaxed and friendly environment. Try your hand at fun language practice games that will get your learner talking!

Medical City Conference Center  
Suite 1475 (one floor below EAL)  
800 W Cummings Park  
Woburn, MA

hosted by EAL Interns Gia, Jay, and Talia

**REGISTER**

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## **EAL New Tutor Training**

Need a refresher? We save seats for current tutors.  
Click **HERE** for an overview of the training workshops.

Session 1: Wed., September 18 10:00 - 1:00  
Session 2: Wed., September 25 10:00 - 1:00  
Session 3: Wed., October 2 10:00 - 1:00  
Session 4: Wed., November 13 10:00 - 1:00

email [programs@englishatlarge.org](mailto:programs@englishatlarge.org) to reserve a place in any of the four workshops.

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**Thursday, November 7, 2019**  
**2019 EAL Volunteer Conference\***

\*formerly 'EAL Volunteer Development Day'

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Medical City Conference Center  
Suite 1475 (one floor below EAL office)  
800 W Cummings Park  
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## **ARTICLE**

### **"17 Tips for Improving English the Easy Way"**

by Katya Ryabova (Fluentu.com))

"Are you ready to show off those English skills? No? Not quite yet? How about starting small and making them a little bit better? No matter where you are on your English-learning journey, improvement is always on your mind. And it should be!

Improvement means advancing your knowledge of English. It means taking steps closer and closer to full proficiency.

You can improve your English... " [MORE](#)



## Tutoring Resources Exchange Corner

### Tutor Textbook Picks

Recommended by Judy Kravitz:

#### **Step Forward Language for Everyday Life**

(Levels 1-4)

- Authors vary by level
- Series Director: Jayme Adelson Goldstein, author of Oxford Picture Dictionary

#### ***Judy's review:***

*"It's more contemporary than others we have used, and practical."*

- Click the book title above to see SAMPLE PAGES of Level 2
- Available through your local library
- One copy of Level 2 and Level 3 available at EAL Library (no audio)

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Recommended by Ellen Conway:

#### **For Here or to Go?** ESL reader (beginner to intermediate levels)

Ellen's review:

*"**For Here or to Go?**" is an ESL reader that [my learner] particularly enjoys. Each story tells of challenges encountered by new immigrants (usually with some humor thrown in), and [she] can identify with many of the challenges."*

*[staff note: each story is supported with pre- and post-reading activities]*

Available through local libraries

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Recommended by Ellen Scheiner:

## **Pronunciation Pairs** (2nd ed.)

An Introduction to the Sounds of English  
by Ann Baker and Sharon Goldstein

### **Ellen's review:**

*"GREAT! Compares two similar sounds in English in each "chapter", and gives good ideas for exercises. The "chapters" lend themselves to expansion by a tutor. I also found some complementary videos on YouTube. "*

- Click the book title above to see SAMPLE PAGES
- This book is readily available through local libraries.
- Limited copies available to borrow from EAL Resource Library (1-month loan)

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## **Tutor website picks**

Recommended by Judy Kravitz:

**News stories in easier English** (select the number of words):

<https://www.tweentribune.com/category/junior/>

**Judy's review:** *"Not breaking news, and not the horrible news, but you can choose how many words for each article taken from newspapers."*

**350 Commonly Confused Words**

[https://www.scribendi.com/commonly\\_confused\\_words.en.html](https://www.scribendi.com/commonly_confused_words.en.html)

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Recommended by Rosalind O'Sullivan:

**Teaching ESL to Adults -- lesson plans, worksheets, verbs**

<http://www.teaching-esl-to-adults.com>

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## **EAL Staff Pick:** Espresso English

### ["100 Answers to Common English Questions"](#)

Sometimes, even when you know a lot of English, you can have difficulty finding the right words or phrases to answer simple questions. Here are 20 of the most common questions in English - each one with five sample responses. (with audio)

## **Tutor Tip:**

from Tutor Ellen Conway



*"My learner constructs vocabulary 'trees' related to broad recurring themes on the 'independent speaking' portion of the TOEFL exam. These graphical representations help her master vocabulary from the abstract to specific around general topics, e.g., transportation, education, friendship, time, etc. My learner finds it helpful to use this graphical approach for brainstorming and identifying key words for her timed speaking responses.*

*We also use the Oxford picture dictionary and Oxford Picture Dictionary Workbook as resources for describing pictures and employing collocations."*

## Intermediate ESL Lesson Plan from [LinguaHouse.com](http://LinguaHouse.com):

**"[Job Interview Stories](#)"**: In this lesson, learners read about some unusual incidents that have happened during job interviews, according to a survey of HR managers in the US.

### Enhance your Tutoring Skills: Online Tutorials from [SABES](#)

**6:35**-minute video: "[Well-Structured ESOL Lesson](#)"

This video shows an ESOL teacher demonstrating all of the elements of a well-structured ESOL lesson.

**9:25**-minute video: "[Error Correction in ESOL Instruction](#)"

For teachers correcting English learners' errors, it helps to think about what to correct, when to correct, and how to correct. This video shows a teacher demonstrating several techniques that address these considerations.

### EAL Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have friends or family who would like to join the EAL tutoring family? We are recruiting new tutors for the fall, especially to work with learners in **Acton, Medford** and **Waltham**.

Interested new volunteers can contact the EAL office, or fill out this [volunteer inquiry form](#) to express their interest.

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Do you enjoy telling others about your work as a tutor?  
We are looking for tutors to talk informally about their EAL tutoring experience at our next  
**New Tutor Info Session.**

please contact Csilla at [programs@englishatlarge.org](mailto:programs@englishatlarge.org)

#### New Tutor Info Session

Wednesday, August 21st, 2019

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

at English At Large offices in Woburn

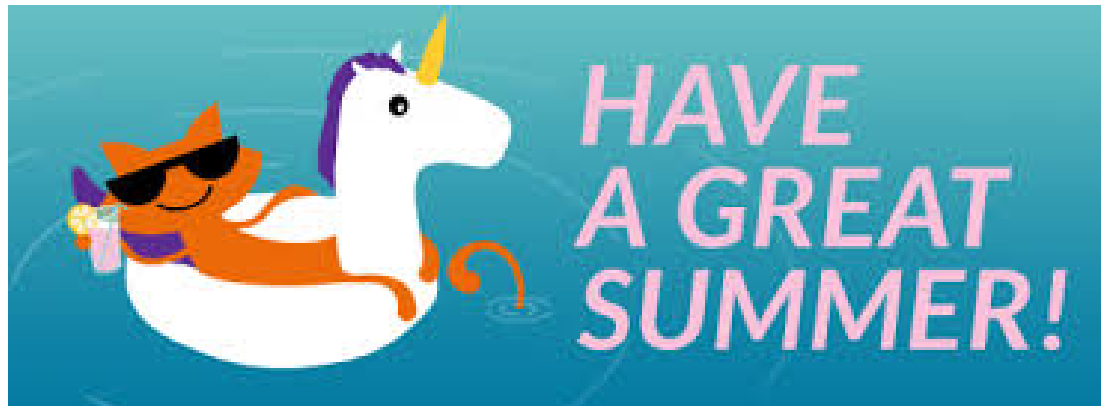
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If you would like to help EAL staff with administering learner writing assessments, please contact our office at 781-395-2374 for details. This is a cyclical and flexible volunteer commitment of 5-7 hours every few months.

### Announcements

Thank you to all the tutors who contributed their tried-and-true tutoring ideas for this newsletter!  
Please keep your recommendations coming.

Email your go-to resources to **programs@englishatlarge**  
or include in your monthly tutor report.



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