

# RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Tutors: The titles listed below are in each of the region's resource collection and can be borrowed for use in your tutoring sessions. However, there is a much larger range in each group's collection for you to choose from. If you're not sure where your region's resources are kept, please contact your Coordinator.

#### Please note:

- Please return resources promptly that you are finished with. Other tutors will probably be waiting to borrow them.
- Do not allow students to write in workbooks. Photocopy the appropriate pages (and if necessary enlarge them) for your student to write on.
- If you develop your own worksheets for these resources, we'd love to see them, and possibly share them with other tutors. Please email to readwritenow@central.wa.edu.au

# **READING MATERIAL:**

**Sound English Readers:** Very simple readers for Level 1 students – for the real beginners.

**Start to Read Series:** 5 titles for the beginner reader – excellent, illustrated in colour and/or photos.

Titles: Coffee Time, Moving House, The Hair, The Soccer Game, The Soccer Club.

**Gobsmacker Series**: 6 funny tales (mostly true!) for the Level 1 & 2 reader. A large variety of excellent worksheets to go with each title, available to download and print off – find the link on the Read Write Now website under For Tutors/ Resources & Tutoring Ideas.

**Quick Reads:** 16 titles for the becoming independent reader. These are short novels that the more able reader may enjoy. Or read a chapter each week to the beginner/middle reader. Photocopy (enlarge for the beginner) and they may enjoy following along as you read to them. \*\*NOTE Some titles include language/topics that may offend some readers. Recommended that tutors read them first!

**Penguin Readers & CDs:** A large selection of novels, many of them abridged versions of classics that have been abridged to a shorter version, that come with an audio CD. Allows students of any level to listen to the story while following along. Can be used as a teaching tool, or merely as a tool to help students to 'fall in love with reading.' Some levels have printed/laminated worksheets to photocopy. A small number come with a CD rom which contain the audio story, plus games and activities to go with the novel.

**Passages to English:** Book 1 (Beginner to Middle student) Book 2 (Middle to Becoming Independent). 15 short texts in each book, followed by a number of written activities. Designed for ESL students, but equally valuable for our ESB students.



**Astonishing Headlines Series:** Set of 10 readers with accompanying Teachers Resource Guide. Readers with short passages on astonishing headlines. Related activities in Teacher's book. Suitable for Level 2 & 3 students.

Magazine Packs produced by Western Australian newspapers: Short articles on Western Australia for the middle to becoming independent student with related worksheets.

**Write-On:** Hard copies no longer produced, but back issues available, full of articles from our students, some have accompanying worksheets. Great to use as student reading material.

#### **SPELLING:**

**Adults Only Spelling & Phonics Workbook:** Highly recommended for students who struggle with understanding phonics/spelling rules. Appropriate for all ability levels.

**The Spell of Words:** A great activity book, which very clearly explains the different rules and follows each rule up with practise exercises.

**Spelling Well:** An excellent spelling resource of activities – not in regions, but available as a free PDF on the following website: http://www.greymatter.net.au/pdf/book/spellwell\_book.pdf

It is 100pages long, so select appropriate pages for printing.

**Improve Your Spelling Skills:** Activities for the Level 2 to 3 students on word families/ word rules.

**1 to 1000 English Words:** A workbook covering the first 1000 most common English words, giving cloze exercises using the words.

## **CONVERSATION:**

**Talk Your Head Off!** Great for conversation material, particularly for ESL students. This will take them out of their comfort zone, encouraging them to use new vocab that they may not normally use. Follow up writing exercises to go with each topic.

(Also remember Talking Cards, & Let's Talk, games given out in training course.)

### **ESL/CaLD RESOURCES:**

\*Side by Side: For ESL students who want more intensive grammar activities. Not for a beginner student, as some level of reading/writing is needed. 4 levels of grammar books, each level comes with 2 books (to be used in conjunction with each other) with lots of activities for student to do. Excellent for verbs/tenses practice. Levels 1 & 2 are the ones most likely needed by our students.



\*English Grammar in Use: Again, intensive grammar explanations and activities. For Level 2-3 students.

\*Essential Grammar in Use: As above.

\*Note: Teaching grammar at this intensive level is not for all tutors. If student wants this level of grammar and you are uncomfortable with delivering this, please direct your student to an ESL course run by the many colleges in the W.A. area.

**The Oxford Picture Dictionary:** For ESL students who want to increase their vocab. Basic Oxford Picture Dictionary (red covers) for Beginners. 3 levels (4 for groups who have the latest issue) of the black covered dictionary & workbook for Beginner plus levels. To be borrowed as a pair – the Picture Dictionary and the accompanying workbook.

The picture dictionary is divided into themes (a great way to tutor your CaLD student). The focus picture has vocab listed below that relates to that picture. Great for conversation eg *The Kitchen:* "Who is in the kitchen? What do you think they are doing? How do you know? What is on the table? What is it used for? What else can you see in the kitchen? Do you have one of those in your kitchen? etc. Then look at the vocab that matches the pictures (you may like to make flash cards of these). Next go to the corresponding page of the Workbook for activities that relate to that picture.

**A Whole New World:** Excellent for the beginner ESL student. Photocopiable worksheets.

**Ship or Sheep** and **Tree or Three**: Pronunciation books with accompanying CD for your ESL student to practise their English pronunciation

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# **GAMES:**

Alphabet Dice and laminated list of games. Great for fun activity time at end of lessons.

#### **INTERNET SITES:**

There are thousands upon thousands of internet sites relating to literacy/ ESL (CaLD) students. To save you many hours of trawling through these, we have posted the good ones we have found on our website, under "Links". <a href="www.read-write-now.org">www.read-write-now.org</a>