

# ELL Essential Resources

Alberta Routes

Tip Sheet 13

It doesn't matter if you are a new ELL instructor or if you have been in the ELL field for decades, there are a few resources that everyone involved in an ELL program should have on their shelves (as a hardcopy) or in an easy to find location on their computer.

<p><b>Must have PDFs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><b>Alberta Routes ESL Resource Guide</b></a> This guide was designed as an annotated list of resources for tutors, teachers, and volunteers to use when working with English-language learners.</li> <li>• <a href="#"><b>Canadian Language Benchmarks PDF</b></a> Description of the national standards of language levels</li> <li>• <a href="#"><b>ESL for Adult Literacy Learners</b></a> Description of the CLBs for ESL literacy learners</li> </ul>
<p><b>Best practices, principles of adult learning, and strategies</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#"><b>ATESL Best Practices</b></a> List of indicators to demonstrate best practices in action, along with suggestions on how to use the document.</li> <li>• <a href="#"><b>Best Resources on Teaching Multilevel ESL Classes</b></a> A list of resources that describe strategies for teaching multilevel classes.</li> <li>• <a href="#"><b>ESL &amp; e-learning - A Guide for Rural Alberta</b></a> Includes orientation to using technology with ESL Literacy learners, ESL literacy pedagogical considerations, and resources.</li> <li>• <a href="#"><b>Making Large Classes Smaller</b></a> A set of nine recorded videos of a talk given by Jeremy Harmer in 2009 regarding strategies for teaching multilevel classes</li> </ul>

<p><b>Citizenship</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Citizenship Practice Test</a> Questions are based on the official study guide, Discover Canada, and are include questions based on province where the individual resides (i.e., What political party is in power in Alberta?)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Discover Canada</a> The official study guide for the Canadian citizenship test can be downloaded or read online, with audio.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Know Canada</a> A plain language study guide to the Canadian Citizenship exam.</li> <li>• <b><a href="#">Our Country, Our Parliament</a></b> Lesson plans include teachers’ notes, downloadable handouts, and assessment tools.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Curriculum and ready-made lesson plans</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Alberta Routes ESL Tutor Handbook</a> Complete handbook and guide with needs assessment, lesson planning, learners plans, games and activities.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Alberta Routes Multi-Level Handbook</a> A brief introduction with an overview of the theory of teaching multi-level classes and ready-to-use lesson plans and materials.</li> <li>• <b><a href="#">CCLB Sample Lesson Plans</a></b> Lesson plans for CLB 1 to 8 aligned with the CLBs and template for lesson planning.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Learning English with CBC</a> Current affairs and local news, weekly lessons for CLB 4+; monthly lessons for CLB 6+.</li> <li>• <b><a href="#">NorQuest Roots and Connections</a></b> Settlement lessons for beginners</li> </ul>
<p><b>Employment focused resources</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Government of Alberta - Alis</a> Plan your career, explore education and training, work searches, and much more.</li> <li>• <b><a href="#">Alberta Workplace and Essential Skills (AWES)</a></b> Publications include workplace safety workbooks and videos, workplace lessons for intermediate learners.</li> </ul>

### **Alberta Routes Tip Sheets**

- [Alberta Routes Tip Sheets](#)
  1. Useful Websites for ELL Tutors and Learners
  2. Starting an ELL Classroom
  3. Lesson Planning for Small Groups Instruction
  4. Lesson Planning for One-on-One Instruction
  5. ELL Essentials for the New Tutor
  6. Settlement Services and Language Assessment
  7. Program and Progression Charts
  8. Learner Assessment
  9. Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLBs)
  10. Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL)
  11. Needs Assessment
  12. Learning Disabilities – Working with Neurodiverse Learners
  13. ELL Essential Resources
  14. EAP/ESP/EWP
  15. ELL Acronyms
  16. Working with ELL Literacy Learners
  17. Learning English with Apps

## **Alberta Routes Workshops**

<https://albertaroutes.norquest.ca/events.aspx>

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