

## Teaching all English Language Learners (ELLs)

There are nearly 6 million ELLs enrolled in public schools in the United States. This figure has increased by over 100% since 1991, and it is predicted that by 2025, ELLs will comprise nearly 25% of the student population ([TESOL Issue Brief](#)). As the population of ELLs grows, so does the need to provide them with targeted, individualized English language support. ELLs need multiple opportunities to practice their English language skills.

### Types of learners:



#### Visual Learners:

Visual learners learn by seeing the material. To support these learners in their instruction, provide them with resources like written instructions, pictures, and graphics that will help guide learning.



#### Auditory Learners:

Auditory learners learn best by hearing the instruction. To support these students help guide their learning and ensure comprehension by reading passages and instructions to them.



#### Kinesthetic and Tactile Learners:

These students learn through experience. They are hands-on learners. To support this group, provide them with tools like games and puzzles through which they can demonstrate their understanding.

When working with ELL students, the incorporation of multi-sensory learning is key. Meeting all of these learning styles can be best achieved by infusing activities that incorporate all four language processes (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) into practice, instruction, and supplemental support.

# How ESL ReadingSmart can help your ELLs

ESL ReadingSmart is a web-based learning environment designed to accelerate English language development for ELLs. Instructional materials are written at a variety of English proficiency levels. This helps teachers solve the challenge of teaching ELLs in multilevel classrooms. Lessons are written at a specific ESL level and support a standards-based English language acquisition program that integrates listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills.

ESL ReadingSmart is designed to help educators reach all of their students in the ways that they like to learn, and teachers are given targeted lesson plans that address each of these language processes. ESL ReadingSmart provides audio and visual support, and the activities are presented in a variety of formats that reinforce concepts and provide students with multiple opportunities to apply what they have learned.

## Listening

Students must learn to distinguish sounds, apply knowledge, understand vocabulary, extract meaning, and use active listening comprehension skills.



As students work through ESL ReadingSmart passages and lessons, they are presented with the opportunity to listen to and read passages. Additionally, the built-in translator feature helps students translate unfamiliar words or phrases in their native language, making decoding easier for them.

## Reading

Students must use print to derive meaning from the text.



The Student Component of ESL ReadingSmart includes a Newcomers section and a four-level reading program with Lexile® measures that ensures students are fully supported through multicultural, multi-genre reading selections.

## Speaking

Students must demonstrate English language proficiency through spoken language.



Students and teachers are given activities within ESL ReadingSmart through which they can practice their speaking skills with their peers and instructors. As additional support, the recorder feature provides students with the opportunity to listen to a passage and then record their voice. They can then hear how their pronunciation compares to that of the narrator.

## Writing

Students must construct correct sentences, including a variety of sentence types and styles.



ESL ReadingSmart gives students multiple opportunities through which they can practice their writing. They are also exposed to hands-on activities like quizzes and games.



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