Resources for Tutors

This page offers resources for VITAL tutors. If you are a learner looking to sign up for one-on-one tutoring, please visit the tutoring page.

Forms for Tutors
- August 2019 Tutoring Report: Fill this report out once a month for each learner you tutor
- ENL (English as a new Language) Initial Assessment: Record learner’s background, reading, writing, and oral language abilities and objectives
- Native Speaker Self-Assessment: Record learner’s interests, reading and writing abilities, and goals
- Match Ending Online Form: Document end of match and/or request new tutor/learner match
- Tutor Log: Record tutoring number of sessions, hours of tutoring, learner progress, materials and techniques used

Library Resources for Tutors
- Think Library: VITAL: a blog for VITAL news and profiles
- VITAL Collection: materials with online components
- Guided Writing Wheel: A graphic organizer for writers, tutors, and learners, to help create purposeful texts (1-minute video or printer-friendly Word document)
- Language Experience Approach: Learn about this approach and how to create an LEA story (2.5-minute video or printer-friendly Word document)

External Resources for Tutors
- The ESL Tutor's Handbook: One-on-one tutoring theory and practice, including practical activities to build your ENL learner's speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills
- The Internet TESL Journal: ENL teaching resources, including published articles, research papers, lesson plans, classroom handouts, and teaching ideas
- Literacy Works: LearnerWeb: Research-based answers to commonly asked questions with videos and links to additional resources (login required)
- ProLiteracy Education Network: Adult literacy and ENL courses and resources for instructors and learners (login required)
- Partners in Reading - San Jose Public Library's Video Library: easy-to-replicate reading strategies (fluency, decoding, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension, etc.); also includes information on how to plan and hold your first tutoring session
- Perfect English Grammar: Teaching English grammar, including videos and exercises
- Teaching ESL to Adults: Videos on building vocabulary, developing listening skills, teaching grammar, and more

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