Digital Resources for English Learners

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Lists of Reviewed or Suggested Apps

The Essential Guide to Apps for Learning English as Second Language

From Masters in ESL

From: Larry Ferlazzo

From: Busy Teacher

From: FluentU

From: Edutopia

From: Best Colleges Online

From: AndroidAuthority

From: Center on Innovations in Learning

http://mastersinesl.com/essential-esl-app-guide/

From: iPad in the ESL Classroom **ESL Apps**

http://ipadintheeslclassroom.weebly.com/esl-apps.html

The Best Mobile Apps for English Language Learners

http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2014/01/31/the-best-mobile-apps-for-english-language-learners/

The 9 Best Mobile Apps for Your ESL Students

http://busyteacher.org/12155-9-best-mobile-apps-for-esl-students.html

8 Best Apps for English Learners and ESL Students

http://www.fluentu.com/english/blog/best-apps-learning-english-esl-students/

5 Good Apps for ESL / ELL Students

From: Free Technology for Teachers

http://www.freetech4teachers.com/2014/03/5-good-apps-for-esl-ell-students.html

Free Apps to Support Vocabulary Acquisition by ELLs

http://www.edutopia.org/blog/apps-support-ELL-vocabulary-acquisition-monica-burns

16 Incredible iPad Apps for ESL Learners

http://www.bestcollegesonline.com/blog/2012/04/30/16-incredible-ipad-apps-for-esl-learners/

10 Great iPad Apps for Learning English From: Educational Technology & Mobile Learning

http://www.educatorstechnology.com/2014/03/10-great-ipad-apps-for-learning-english.html

Best Android apps for ESL students and learning English

CIL EdShelf Collection: English Language Learners

http://www.androidauthority.com/best-android-apps-esl-learning-english-95816/

https://edshelf.com/profile/n0gkqt5/english-language-learners

Useful Blog Sites

Larry Ferlazzo EduBlog http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org

Larry Ferlazzo is an award-winning author of several books who teach English Language Learners and mainstream students. He writes a popular education blog for teaching ELL, ESL, & EFL learners, with a site devoted to helping student learn English: http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/larry-ferlazzos-english-website/

Justin Minkel Teaching for Triumph

http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/teaching_for_triumph/

Justin Minkel teaches 2nd and 3rd grade English-language learners, focusing on bringing advanced learning opportunities to immigrant and at-risk students.

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App Review Sites

AppCrawler http://appcrawlr.com

Free, searchable "app discovery engine" that search across devices and refines searches by price, category, topic, audience, features, and more. It includes user comments and provides results in a comparison chart.

BaleFire Labs http://www.balefirelabs.com/apps/

Free searchable website created to help teachers & parents find educational apps with great instructional and usability design. It uses scientifically validated evaluation criteria for reviewing educational apps, and provides both an overall app score as well as which research-based criteria the app does or does not use.

Edsurge https://www.edsurge.com/products/curriculum-products/language-learning?category=ell

Free, searchable EdSurge Edtech Index includes a community-driven database of edtech products that includes curriculum products and also programs, apps, and tools to support teachers and administrators.

Recommended Publications

Digital Learning Now! (2013, September). Blended Learning Implementation Guide 2.0 http://digitallearningnow.com/site/uploads/2013/10/BLIG-2.0-Final-Paper.pdf

EdWeek (nd). Sizing up Blended Learning. http://www.edweek.org/ew/collections/e-learning-2014-blended/index.html?=EW-BL0114-EML

iNACOL (2011). Online and Blended Learning: A Survey of Policy and Practice of K-12 Schools. http://www.inacol.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/iNACOL IntnlReport2011.pdf

Mahon, K. (2014). Mobile Devices in the Classroom. Center on Innovations in Learning. http://www.centeril.org/publications/MobileAppsInTheClassroom.pdf

Rose, R. (2014) Access and Equity for All Learners in Blended and Online Education. iNACOL http://www.inacol.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/iNACOL-Access-and-Equity-for-All-Learners-in-Blended-and-Online-Education-Oct2014.pdf

Staker, H., & Horn, M.B. (2012, May). Classifying K-12 Blended Learning. Innosight Institute. http://www.christenseninstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Classifying-K-12-blended-learning.pdf

U.S. Department of Education. (2010). Evaluation of Evidence-Based Practices in Online Learning: A Meta-Analysis and Review of Online Learning Studies. Washington, DC: Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development. https://www2.ed.gov/rschstat/eval/tech/evidence-based-practices/finalreport.pdf