

# English as a Second Language (ESL) Resources

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## **LLARC (Language, Learning and Resource Center)**

**OVERVIEW:** LLARC strive to assist all members of the MIT Community interested in learning a foreign language. The LLARC has an extensive collection of audio, video and computing materials for all levels of the languages taught at MIT  
<http://llarc.mit.edu/index.html>

## **MIT Writing Center**

**OVERVIEW:** The Center provides specialized help to those for whom English is a second language. Students can get free individual consultation about any writing difficulty, from questions about grammar to matters of style, including difficulties common to writers, such as overcoming writer's block, organizing papers, taking essay exams, revising one's work, or presenting scientific information. They may visit the Center during any stage of the writing process: prewriting, writing a first draft, revising, or editing.  
<http://web.mit.edu/writing/Resources/Teachers/esl.htm>

## **MIT LANGUAGE EXCHANGE**

**OVERVIEW:** Language Conversation Exchange (LCE): Helps connect people across MIT for conversation, cultural exchange and friendship. Sponsored by MIT Medical for all members of the MIT community, the Language Conversation Exchange (LCE) will give you an opportunity to:

- Take a break from your normal routine
- Meet someone new from a different part of campus
- Speak a language you're learning with a native speaker
- Share your culture and interests while learning about someone else's
- Make a newcomer to MIT feel welcome
- Help others appreciate your native language and culture

Anyone who is affiliated with MIT can participate in the LCE. Conversation partners arrange the time, place, and frequency of their meetings. They typically meet once a week for an hour. These informal partnerships can help new members of our community get acquainted with the MIT community, while their English-speaking conversation partners improve their proficiency in another language. Members find the informal nature and flexibility of the LCE an enjoyable way to share their culture and learn more about someone else's.

<http://web.mit.edu/medical/c-lce.html>

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## ON-LINE RESOURCES

- [ESL Resources](#) site at the International Writing Centers Association page is a good overview of various resources available to students

<http://writingcenters.org/writers.htm>

- [Activities for ESL Students](#) offers a myriad of activities for improving use of the English language. This includes Quizzes, tests, exercises and puzzles to help you learn English as a Second Language (ESL)

<http://a4esl.org/>

- [GoEnglish](#) teaches the meanings of idioms

<http://www.goenglish.com/EveryCloudHasASilverLining.asp>

- [The Idiom Connection](#) provides meanings of idioms and quizzes

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Aegean/6720/>

- [Self-Study Quizzes for ESL students](#)

<http://a4esl.org/q/h/>

- [The Internet TESL Journal](#) links to Articles, Research Papers, Lessons Plans, Classroom Handouts, Teaching Ideas

<http://iteslj.org/>

## SPOUSES & PARTNER RESOURCES

- [spouses&partners@mit](#) is a non-profit organization with over 400 members. Its members are the wives, husbands, and significant others of MIT students and staff. They are men and women from all over the world, including the U.S, all with different levels of English fluency. Membership is free, and by signing up, you will have an excellent opportunity to make new friends, improve your English and at the same time have a lot of fun.

<http://web.mit.edu/spouses/>