

## **If you're thinking of creating Australian ELT/EAL resources, this is what people say they most need**

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### **Q5: What kind of resources are you most in need of?**

(59 respondents, some flagged more than one thing, reported in their words, but separated under different headings, for ease of reading)

#### **Australian focus: General**

1. Settlement, Australian based
2. Photocopiable resources that are related to ACSF levels in an Australian context.
3. Australian resources on everyday topics for Levels Pre, 1 & 2
4. Relevant, Australian, high interest but low enough level to be achievable.
5. Resources relevant to adult migrant/refugee learners in Australia at any level, or even better multilevel or easily adaptable.
6. Current relevant and engaging resources for adult migrants about living in Australia

#### **Australian focus: Speaking and Listening**

1. Australian, curriculum related, corpus informed, authentic conversations and transactions for listening
2. Australian listening/ viewing at Low levels. Lots and lots of mini interactions. eg Kim buys a blue pen. Kim asks "Where is the bus stop?"
3. Australian speaking, reading activities
4. Up to date, relevant Australian materials for transactions, instructions and spoken information

#### **Australian focus: Reading and literacy/phonics**

1. Low level (CSWE 1) Adult Australian content readers, workplace related stuff
2. Low literacy phonics development with settlement focus
3. Stories based on Settlement Issues

#### **More Speaking and Listening**

1. Listening resources elementary to intermediate
2. Speaking and listening
3. Speaking and vocabulary lessons
4. Listening materials, materials focusing on "functional" situations
5. Audio visual material set in everyday situations eg workplace, transactional at pre-intermediate level
6. Audio

#### **More reading and writing**

1. Literacy games, decodable readers
2. Low level readers phonics
3. Low level readers on daily topic
4. Readers that have some focus on phonics that are aimed at adults
5. Short stories and information texts on relevant topics students are interested in and that will improve their lives
6. Relevant reading/comprehension activities for Cert I and Cert II CGEA, low literacy English speakers
7. Fun loving stories for adults with a theme (health, shopping, work, transport, etc.
8. Reading and writing
9. Readers with class activities

### **Low level (but not specifically literacy)**

1. Preliminary level
2. Low level ESL
3. Resources for teaching beginner adults
4. Materials for adult students with no English at all
5. Beginner with lots of visuals and interactive activities
6. Beginner (adult) resources
7. Those for students working towards exit ACSF 1, aligned to the CSL curriculum & about work

### **For younger learners**

1. Readers for high school students of EAL/D background of high interest but low/very low literacy
2. EAL/D online resources for Emerging, Developing and Consolidating Secondary students
3. Classroom resources/teaching units aligned to Victorian English curriculum
4. Senior secondary designed for EAL - this is unfortunately State-specific
5. Children's

### **Higher levels**

1. Ones that build vocabulary and semantics
2. Communicative IELTS
3. Upper Intermediate writing and reading
4. Academic English speaking currently but some lower levels for General English
5. IELTS resources

### **General**

1. Cut-up activities that are flexible, images that are organised according to topic/language area, short stories / texts, audio recordings
2. ELT course books and additional materials (grammar, pronunciation)
3. Everything ELT
4. EAL
5. Vocabulary
6. Worksheets

7. Brightly coloured
8. ESL adult

### **Digital and online**

1. Digital literacy
2. Computer literacy, following written instructions
3. Online content
4. Interactive online with listening practice

### **Free**

1. Free easy to download high interest and differentiated
2. Free printable/useable pdf worksheets

### **Can't be classified 😊**

1. Our beginner/elementary and even pre-intermediate teachers really like the booknextdoor publications for their level; our intermediate and upper intermediate classes have loved Workwise English Puzzles - I usually gave the one to do for homework but those with children needed two copies as the children wanted to do the puzzles too!