

## 10 ESL Websites for Kids to Learn English at Home

### 1. <http://www.funbrain.com/>

**Featured resource:** [Grammar Gorillas](#), a game where players have to recognize parts of speech to feed bananas to gorillas.

**Tip for home use:** Have your child pick a game from the arcade section and practice reading instructions so they can complete games independently.

### 2. <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/>

**Featured resource:** [Speed Reading Activities](#). Choose from different news articles to help reading fluency.

**Tip for home use:** Have your child pick a story they're interested in, or pick one for them based on their interests. Encourage your child to read by rewarding them with a corresponding game at the end.

### 3. <http://www.pbskids.org/>

**Featured resource:** ["The Berenstein Bears."](#) The website section devoted to this beloved children's book franchise includes videos and games featuring the titular characters.

**Tip for home use:** Explore the PBS Parents section where you can look into planning parties, and use it as a chance to have get-togethers to encourage English speaking activities and games. Children can practice listening to instructions in English from parents to complete crafts and recipes.

### 4. <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

**Featured resource:** [Featured Books](#), where you can find books that are recommended by a staff member, usually sorted by theme.

**Tip for home use:** Have your child read to you (or vice versa) before they go to bed at night. If they find a book they like, have them reading the same one for extra fluency practice.

### 5. <http://www.literacycenter.net/>

**Featuring** over 150 million online games and printable activities for preschool children, the resources on this website aim to encourage playful learning for children. Resources include print writing practice and games to practice letters on the keyboard.

**Tip for home use:** Parents can help children practice their skills in the game section, and even in their home language (the site currently features Spanish, German, and French) as an added bonus.

6. <https://www.raz-kids.com/>

**Featured resource:** [Headsprout](#) a supplemental program that helps non-readers or struggling readers with individualized lessons.

**Tip for home use:** Work with your child using the read-aloud texts before bedtime or while you're on the go, during road trips or commutes.

7. <http://literactive.com/Home/index.asp>

**Featured resource:** [Road to Reading](#) Download this program featuring interactive activities to help children develop phonemic skills.

**Tip for home use:** Register for a free account and download games for you and your child to play together.

8. <http://www.thestorystarter.com/jr.htm>

**Selected** as one of the 10 best websites for writers by *Writer's Digest Magazine*, Story Starter Jr. generates a random story starter to get kids' imaginations kick-started and help them to create a story of their own.

**Tip for home use:** Use the story starters to create pictures with your kid to practice reading comprehension.

9. <http://www.scholastic.com/home/>

**Featured resource:** [Spelling Wizard](#) Adults can enter in spelling words and activities will be created to help children memorize their spelling lessons.

**Tip for home use:** Parents can start reading parent guides here to help their child get the most out of the resources on the website.

10. <http://www.highlightskids.com/>

**Featured resource:** [Hidden Pictures](#), where children have to look for images hidden inside a larger picture.

**Tip for home use:** Play Hidden Pictures with your child to help with vocabulary building.