Suggestions for Online ESOL Classes and Activities

Activity	Challenges	Benefits
Establish virtual lessons for students who have internet and devices at home	• Making the lessons of high interest and well-organized • Keeping the academic language focus • Addressing 4 language domains: listening, speaking, reading, & writing • Training ESOL teachers on how to help their students solve technology problems and engage in the lessons	• Continuity of learning of curricular goals • Can provide lessons for students to engage in more than once • Can provide visual representation as well as written text for EL students
Build virtual lessons that require all 4 language domains centered on an assigned reading	• Planning multi-level, multi-language domain skilled lessons • Determining ways to assess students' learning • Meeting students' differing language proficiency needs, grade levels, etc. • Selecting high interest reading material	• Can dive deeply into selected topics • Can provide grammar and vocabulary within context of reading • Can provide ancillary communication related to the reading • Can address all 4 language domains
Provide sets of written materials that can be mailed back in pre-paid envelopes	• Training EL students and their parents to manage this process • Setting up the mailing system between school & homes • Providing instructions to parents in a language and format (oral or written) that they can understand	• Materials can be mailed in prepaid envelopes to and from child's home • Envelopes and pages can be disinfected upon receipt with spray products • Mode of study is acceptable to families and students
Provide tutoring sessions with small groups or individuals through conference calls	• Training families and students for this process • Setting up schedules that all are available • Ensuring families have enough cell phones and service for these calls • Communicating the importance of these calls to continue developing academic English language skills	• Allows for differentiation • Allows for continuation of listening and speaking skill development

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Teacher Online Resources

Resource	Comments
37 Free online Resources	• Free online resources for teachers, students, parents
At Home Learning - from HMC • Some of the links may include ads, donation requests, or require an account.	• Grade level grouped, at home learning activities in content areas. • Published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt specifically for school closures
Betty Azar's ESL Grammar • May submit teacher worksheets to be reviewed for potential publication	• Betty Azar's ESL grammar teaching materials, including free, downloadable, teacher-created supplemental resources to accompany
Elizabeth Claire • No account required	• English learning and teaching resources, geared toward newcomers
Fairfax County Virginia Plans • Some have ads (saw Lowe's, IXL math, etc) • Some require a district login	• Resource with learning activities for every grade level including ESOL and SPED plans and activities. Many are offline activities. • Online activities have embedded links. All free and downloadable .pdfs.
No Red Ink • Requires account	• Writing and grammar activities 3-12 • Free until summer 2020
NY Times ELL • No account necessary	• ELL articles, content, resources
Podcasts in English • Podcasts are free	• ESL, Grades 7-Adult, Listening activities in English • Teachers must subscribe for worksheets & vocabulary tasks
Quill • Requires an account	• Free writing and grammar activities 3-12
Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab	• ESL, Grades 3-12, Practice listening skills • To assign listening focused videos and questions to students
SERP Institute Word Gen • Requires an account	• Grs 4-5 (Elem Gen) and Grs 6-8 (Middle School Science Gen and Social Studies Gen) - a site full of daily and weekly academic vocabulary and skill development exercises focused on increasing overall literacy skills;
Vocaroo • No account required;	• Platform for recording and saving and sharing voice recordings of student/teachers