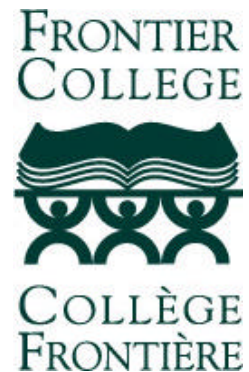
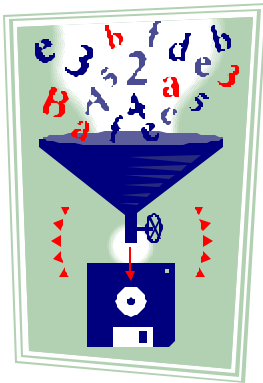


# Websites for Tutors

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These websites have been identified by Frontier College staff and volunteers across Canada.

### DEFINITIONS

*ONLINE* – The site is interactive and is best used by sitting at a computer.

*OFFLINE* – Activities, worksheets and materials can all be printed and distributed to learners.

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# SITES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Site Name	Freeworksheets.com
Address	<a href="http://www.freeworksheets.com/">http://www.freeworksheets.com/</a>
Clientele	Children and youth
Content	Worksheets for a number of areas including: phonics/math/language/science/social studies/geography/history/thinking skills/sentences/writing
Examples of Activities	Activity sheets and lesson plans, as well as thematic units (coming soon)
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	The content is very American, most noticeably in the social studies section. Some of the language worksheets would be useful for kids.

Site Name	Learns
Address	<a href="http://www.nwrel.org/learns/">http://www.nwrel.org/learns/</a>
Clientele	Children
Content	Resources for tutors working with children and youth on their reading and writing.
Examples of Activities	Games and activities. Great newsletter with tips and activities for tutors.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	<b>LEARNS</b> is a partnership of the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory (NWREL) and the Bank Street College of Education (BSC). We provide training and technical assistance to Corporation for National Service projects focused on literacy and education.

Site Name	Learning Page
Address	<a href="http://www.learningpage.com">www.learningpage.com</a>
Clientele	Children
Content	Very creative activities and ideas for children. Professionally produced material (lesson plans, worksheets etc.) with a FREE membership.
Examples of Activities	Worksheets group by themes (i.e. oceans, dinosaurs) that focus on both numeracy and literacy.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	A wide variety of resources here. Most of the of the files require Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Site Name	Jan Brett's Homepage
Address	<a href="http://www.janbrett.com">http://www.janbrett.com</a>
Clientele	Children
Content	Over 2000 pages of literacy activities, colouring pages, and projects.
Examples of Activities	Various flash cards that you can print off and cut out.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Jan Brett is an author and children's librarian. This is a great site for activities and materials for younger children.

Site Name	Everyday Spelling
Address	<a href="http://www.everydayspelling.com">www.everydayspelling.com</a>
Clientele	Children (Grade 1-8)
Content	Spelling activities and strategies for working with children up to grade 8.
Examples of Activities	Word lists and 25 most misspelled words for each grade level.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	This site offers some great strategies and tips for working on spelling

Site Name	Tutoring for Mastery of Reading and Writing and Arithmetic:
Address	<a href="http://www.sfo.com/~parvin/tutoring.html">http://www.sfo.com/~parvin/tutoring.html</a>
Clientele	Children
Content	Tips and strategies for tutors working on reading, writing and math.
Examples of Activities	Word attack strategies, arithmetic games.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Very thorough site that provides a lot of great information for tutors.

Site Name	RHL School
Address	<a href="http://www.rhlschool.com">http://www.rhlschool.com</a>
Clientele	Children
Content	Lots of worksheets and activities for reading, mathematics and study skills
Examples of Activities	Reading comprehension worksheets, good activity sheets on using a dictionary
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Good assortment of basic worksheets. The format is fairly basic but there is some good content here.

Site Name	The Literacy Web
Address	<a href="http://www.literacy.uconn.edu/index.htm">http://www.literacy.uconn.edu/index.htm</a>
Clientele	Children
Content	Great combination of research, activities and links
Examples of Activities	Links to hundreds of resources organized by grade level
Online / Offline	Both
Commentary	A great resource for tutors working with kids, in many respects this

	site is like NALD for children and youth. Requires a bit of time to navigate
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Site Name	Teaching Ideas
Address	<a href="http://www.teachingideas.co.uk">http://www.teachingideas.co.uk</a>
Clientele	Children
Content	Numerous lesson plans for teachers and tutors working with kids from ages 5-11
Examples of Activities	Numerous lesson plans for subjects ranging from numeracy to working with computers.
Online / Offline	Online
Commentary	There are a lot of ads on this site although it is easy to use.

Site Name	Educate the Children
Address	<a href="http://www.educate.org.uk">http://www.educate.org.uk</a>
Clientele	Children
Content	Activities and tips for parents as well as materials for teachers.
Examples of Activities	Homework tips for parents. Worksheets around a number of specific areas.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	A very good general resource.

Site Name	CBC 4 Kids
Address	<a href="http://www.CBC4kids.ca">http://www.CBC4kids.ca</a>
Clientele	Children 3-15
Content	Music, sports, news, science, english and history activities, puzzles and quizzes.
Examples of Activities	Homework helper; ask questions about difficult homework assignments, internet scavenger hunt.
Online / Offline	Online
Commentary	Great Canadian based content. Some activities require the user to download software.

Site Name	Sports Illustrated for Kids
Address	<a href="http://www.sikids.com">http://www.sikids.com</a>
Clientele	Children 5-15, parents and educators
Content	Games, sports reports and trivia
Ease of Use	Easy
Examples of Activities	Articles on current sporting events written for children.
Online / Offline	Online and offline, articles and reports can be downloaded
Commentary	Great to encourage reading in the sports enthusiast.

Site Name	Puzzlemaker (Discovery Channel School site)
Address	<a href="http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/">http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/</a>
Clientele	All ages
Content	Makes customized word searches, crossword puzzles, math puzzles, cryptograms and mazes
Examples of Activities	Puzzles galore!

Online / Offline	Can print puzzles
Commentary	This is a really cool site. Kids and adults would both be motivated by this type of customized puzzle. Just input the words or numbers you want to incorporate in your puzzle

Site Name	Teachers.net
Address	<a href="http://www.teachers.net/">http://www.teachers.net/</a>
Clientele	Grades K-12
Content	Lesson Plans for all subject areas
Examples of Activities	Structured lesson plans in all subject areas (over 1500)
Online / Offline	Can print lesson plans
Commentary	Lesson plans are highly structured and teacher directed. They are mostly geared to teaching a whole class, rather than one student.

Site Name	PBS Teacher Source
Address	<a href="http://www.pbs.org/teachersource">http://www.pbs.org/teachersource</a>
Clientele	Children and Youth
Content	Lesson plans and activities
Examples of Activities	Baseball geometry linking to specific content on the PBS site.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Excellent site with a wide range of activities from pre-school to grade 12.

Site Name	The Phonics Room
Address	<a href="http://members.aol.com/phonicsrm">http://members.aol.com/phonicsrm</a>
Clientele	Children K-Grade3
Content	Links to poems, books and songs for every letter sound.
Examples of Activities	Clicking on "B" brings up the words to Baa Baa Black Sheep and recommended books such as Eric Carle's Brown Bear.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Simple site with activities linked to each book and activity.

Site Name	Compact for Reading
Address	<a href="http://www.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/index.html">http://www.ed.gov/pubs/CompactforReading/index.html</a>
Clientele	K-Grade 3
Content	Activities and strategies for children at each level.
Examples of Activities	Worksheets and info sheets for parents to inform them of activities and ideas to support in-school learning.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Pretty formulaic website but has some good info on what children might be working on at each level. Focused on American curriculum.

## ADULTS

Site Name	Training Post
Address	<a href="http://trainingpost.org">http://trainingpost.org</a>

Clientele	Adults: literacy tutors, instructors, coordinators and learners
Content	Training modules, bookstore (link to Amazon.com), bulletin board, skills bank and resources
Examples of Activities	Online training modules for tutors and instructors in adult learning, duet reading, simplifying material and more. Online cloze exercises for literacy learners
Online / Offline	Online
Commentary	Good site for tutors put together by Laubach Literacy.

Site Name	Skillswise
Address	<a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/index.shtml">http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/index.shtml</a>
Clientele	Adult literacy and numeracy materials
Content	Materials for both tutors and learners.
Examples of Activities	Online quizzes, worksheets, links to video links.
Online / Offline	Both online and offline materials
Commentary	Very thorough site. Skillswise is the BBC website for adults who want to improve their basic skills in reading, writing and maths. Skillswise aims to become a thriving web community of learners and tutors. Focused on British curriculum and materials. The BBC News site is also a great resource.

Site Name	National Adult Literacy Database
Address	<a href="http://www.nald.ca">www.nald.ca</a>
Clientele	Adult literacy and numeracy materials
Content	NALD is a single-source, comprehensive, up-to-date and easily accessible database of adult literacy programs, resources, services and activities across Canada.
Examples of Activities	Links to materials for practioners, researchers and learners
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Great resource for any tutor working with adults. There are tons of learner writings on the site.

Site Name	Rideau Street Youth Enterprises
Address	<a href="http://collections.ic.gc.ca/literacy/">http://collections.ic.gc.ca/literacy/</a>
Clientele	Youth
Content	A collection of literacy and ESL activities and answers
Examples of Activities	Stories with exercises, grammar and punctuation exercises, poetry by street youth with exercises, ESL exercises for grammar, word use, etc.
Online / Offline	Both online and offline activities
Commentary	This is a creative site that is easy to use. The materials have all been tested by street youth, and they are particularly suited to this population.

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Site Name	Internet TESL Journal
Address	<a href="http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/index.html">http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/index.html</a>
Clientele	ESL teachers
Content	A monthly web journal with articles, research papers, lesson plans, classroom handouts, teaching ideas and links
Examples of Activities	A variety of ESL activities, including a cultural rally, sentence completion activities, review exercises, grammar, language games, conversation, etc.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	This is a great teaching resource. Most of the activities are designed for use with a class, but many are adaptable for a tutoring situation.

Site Name	Dave's E.S.L. Café
Address	<a href="http://www.pacificnet.net/~sperling/eslcafe.html">http://www.pacificnet.net/~sperling/eslcafe.html</a>
Clientele	E.S.L. and literacy tutors, instructors, coordinators and learners
Content	Chats and discussions, ideas exchanges, idiom and slang lists, quizzes, job wanted and offered boards and links to other sites
Ease of Use	Easy
Examples of Activities	Online grammar and pronunciation quizzes
Online / Offline	Online
Commentary	

Site Name	English Club.net
Address	<a href="http://www.englishclub.net">http://www.englishclub.net</a>
Clientele	ESL students It also has a teacher's room
Content	An online club for ESL students full of grammar help, irregular verb lists, jokes, games, pronunciation tips, guide to the internet, links to ESL sites
Examples of Activities	On-line hangman, e-cards, e-friends, forum
Online / Offline	Many online activities, some info to be downloaded
Commentary	A very motivational site for ESL youth and young adults. The teacher's room is full of activities and lesson plans too.

Site Name	Amby's Education Site: Language Arts Skills Development
Address	<a href="http://www.amby.com/educate/language.html">http://www.amby.com/educate/language.html</a>
Clientele	Youth - Adults: E.S.L. and literacy learners, tutors and instructors
Content	High level grammar quizzes, exercises and vocabulary building
Examples of Activities	Same as content
Online / Offline	Online
Commentary	The design is not great but there are a number of good materials on this site.

Site Name	TOEFL
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Address	<a href="http://www.toefl.org/tse/tseindx.html">http://www.toefl.org/tse/tseindx.html</a>
Clientele	ESL students who are interested in the TOEFL test and TSE.
Content	Specific details about the tests.
Examples of Activities	Not many activities but lots of information. There are a couple of sample questions on the site.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Many ESL learners will eventually have to take one of these tests.

Site Name	The Internet ESL Journal
Address	<a href="http://iteslj.org">http://iteslj.org</a>
Clientele	ESL teachers and tutors
Content	Articles, Research Papers, Lessons Plans, Classroom Handouts, Teaching Ideas & Links
Examples of Activities	Five minute lesson fillers.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	Good site with a variety of materials. The site is an internet journal and is updated monthly.

## MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE

Site Name	Eisenhower National Clearinghouse on Mathematics and Science
Address	<a href="http://www.enc.org">http://www.enc.org</a>
Clientele	Teachers and tutors
Content	Searchable database with math and science information for k-12
Examples of Activities	Allows you to search for online materials for specific grade levels.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	American site that takes quite a while to explore. Great for tutors who are intimidated by science and math.

Site Name	Mathematics and Science Education Centre
Address	<a href="http://www.nwrel.org/msec/index.html">http://www.nwrel.org/msec/index.html</a>
Clientele	Tutors and teachers
Content	Lesson plans, games, assessment tools.
Examples of Activities	Math games for varied grade levels. Standard assessment tools.
Online / Offline	Offline
Commentary	This is put together by the same people who put together the Learns website. Very thorough blend of theory and practice.

Site Name	Kids Math
Address	<a href="http://www.kidsmath.com">http://www.kidsmath.com</a>
Clientele	Children ages 3 – 18
Content	Math quizzes and activities in English, Chinese and Spanish. No instruction is given, it is only beneficial for practicing skills already known.
Examples of Activities	Counting, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, algebra
Online / Offline	Online
Commentary	



Site Name	A+ Math
Address	<a href="http://www.aplusmath.com">http://www.aplusmath.com</a>
Clientele	For teachers and learners.
Content	Combination of math worksheets and online math games and activities
Examples of Activities	Allows you to customize math worksheets
Online / Offline	Both
Commentary	Simple site with very quick access to a number of tools.

## LEARNING GAMES

Site Name	Fun Brain.com
Address	<a href="http://www.funbrain.com">http://www.funbrain.com</a>
Clientele	Kids 6-18
Content	Online games for subjects ranging from division to grammar.
Ease of Use	Easy
Examples of Activities	Mathcar racing in which you answer math questions to win a race.
Online / Offline	Online
Commentary	Good variety of games arranged by age. Unfortunately this site requires a learner to be online.

Site Name	Primary Games
Address	<a href="http://www.primarygames.com">http://www.primarygames.com</a>
Clientele	Kids K- Grade 8
Content	Online games and activities.
Ease of Use	Easy
Examples of Activities	Games focusing on comprehension and language arts. Online word searches.
Online / Offline	Online
Commentary	Good variety and ease of use. Unfortunately this site requires a learner to be online.

## RESOURCES

Site Name	LD Resources
Address	<a href="http://www.ldresources.com/">www.ldresources.com/</a>
Clientele	All people with learning disabilities, their families and teachers
Content	Information about learning disabilities, links to LD organizations across the world
Ease of Use	Easy to get lost in it
Examples of Activities	Many math activities, some on-line books, but mostly theoretical and support articles rather than actual activities
Online / Offline	Some online activities, some you can print
Commentary	This is a very useful source of information for any LD student and

	their teacher to browse when and if they have time to spend.
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