

Building



Through Games and Activities

ESL students often feel uncomfortable and lack confidence in conversational English. How can we create a classroom setting where students don't feel so inhibited? One answer is using interactive games and activities. These activities help build a stress-free community where the students are more comfortable and confident while having fun sharing what they've learned.

Communicative activities are designed to be lively, interactive, and fun. When people are comfortable, they are likely to learn more. An active, cooperative class is a class where a great deal of learning—social, cultural, and linguistic—is evident. Communicative activities provide opportunities for learners to use the language with one another and with people in the community. http://www.cal.org/caela/tools/program_development/elltoolkit/Part2-41Interaction&Communication.pdf

Tell me and I forget; teach me and I may remember; involve me and I learn.
—Benjamin Franklin

VIDEOS

I Love Lucy Show English Pronunciation Episode [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

I Love Lucy Show Lucy Tries to Speak Spanish Episode

**I Love Lucy Show Down the Line Translation Episode

**Finish Line (Perseverance) <http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2015/02/01/values-com-has-some-very-good-sel-related-video-clips/>

**Flying Penguins & the Making of Flying Penguins www.TeachingHouse.com
Lesson plan with printable worksheet and cards

**Beware of Employment Scams (Better Business Bureau) [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

**Daylight Saving Time 101 (National Geographic) [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

**Poison Prevention Home Tour <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=10152714961917061>

**When to Call 911 (911 Essentials) [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

COMMERCIAL VIDEOS

**A New Teacher's First Day of School <https://www.fluentu.com/blog/english/learn-english-youtube/>

**Table Runner & Arm Chair Overstock Commercials

**Can't Look Away Samsung Commercial

**Smart House (Simple Lock by Rema 1000 Commercial)

**Bunch of Asparagus (Whole Food Commercial)

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2008/04/26/the-best-popular-moviestv-shows-for-eslefl/>

<http://ddeubel.edublogs.org/2015/05/17/using-silent-video-in-the-elt-classroom/>

<https://community.eflclassroom.com/video/the-bridge-animation-movie>

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=stories+in+english+to+improve+english

<https://www.englishcentral.com/videos> large selection of videos (click on by subject matter)

**** Informational Contractions Song** <https://www.englishclub.com/vocabulary/contractiond-informal.htm>

**** Informal Contractions in English** <https://7esl.com/informal-contractions-list/>

**** Informal Contractions** <https://www.eslbuzz.com/40-common-informal-contractions-in-the-english-language/>

<https://busyteacher.org/11637-using-slang-in-the-esl-classroom.html>

<https://ielanguages.com/lessons-american-slang.html>

<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/educator-english/teaching-slang-esl/>

<https://www.really-learn-english.com/informal-contractions-american-english.html>

****** <https://www.umass.edu/ipo/sites/default/files/slang.pdf> (List of American phrases)

CRAFTS

Mason Jar Lid Pumpkins <http://www.survivingthestores.com/easy-diy-pumpkin-craft-with-mason-jar-lids.html>

Christmas Glitter Ornament <https://theornamentgirl.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/how-to-make-glitter-ornaments-by-The-Ornament-Girl.pdf?x31094>

Easy Heart Tote Bag <https://www.clumsycrafter.com/diy-heart-tote-bag/>

DIP Dot Flowers <http://justpaintitblog.com/2012/03/paint-flowers-in-15-minutes-or-less-even-if-you-cant-paint-2/>

Spring Plastic Spoon Flowers <https://acrosstheblvd.com/spoon-flowers-for-the-spring/>

SPEAKING ACTIVITIES

https://busyteacher.org/classroom_activities-speaking/roleplays/ 286 Role Play Activities

**** Emergency Role Play** <https://busyteacher.org/25162-emergency-services-role-play-cards.html>

<http://www.esl-lounge.com/premium/advanced5.php>

https://www.eslprintables.com/speaking_worksheets/role_plays/Role_play_for_intermediate_stu_585023/

<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/educator-english/esl-role-play-ideas/> wacky role plays

**** Guess My Job** <https://busyteacher.org/25864-jobs-guess-my-job.html>

<http://www.write-out-loud.com/free-word-games.html>

<http://www.esl-galaxy.com/speaking.html>

<https://www.edutopia.org/discussion/12-fun-speaking-games-language-learners>

<https://eslflow.com/7-essential-speaking-activities.html>

<https://www.englishclub.com/esl-worksheets/conversation/>

**** Airplane Facts** <https://busyteacher.org/12685-paper-airplane-facts.html>

****Speaking Game Using Dice** <https://busyteacher.org/23972-ielts-speaking-part-2-cue-cards-dice-game.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/4171-9-five-minute-activities-that-will-save-your.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/18167-create-your-own-advertising-campaign.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/25065-esl-conversation-questions.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/18167-create-your-own-advertising-campaign.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/22608-irregular-verb-list-with-pronunciation-examples.html>

GAMES

<https://busyteacher.org/25014-using-traditional-games-with-language-learners.html>

<https://www.fluentu.com/blog/educator-english/esl-games-for-the-classroom/>

<http://www.vocabulary.co.il/> (on-line games)

<http://www.eslgamesworld.com> <http://www.eslgamesplus.com>

<http://www.esl-galaxy.com/adults>

<http://stickyball.net>

<https://en.islcollective.com>

<http://www.write-out-loud.com/free-word-games.html> (games to stimulate conversation)

****Circle Chat** <https://www.colorincolorado.org/article/increase-student-interaction-think-pair-shares-and-circle-chats>

**** 5 Second Rule, Jr. Name 5 Charades for Kids**

*****Choices** (www.freespirit.com) **The Game of Things** (www.thegameofthings.com)

**** Head Bandz Game** <https://busyteacher.org/22173-hedbanz-cards.html>

50 Ways to Teach Speaking: Tips for ESL Teachers by Janine Sepulveda (Available on Amazon)

**** Strings Which Do You Prefer? Would you Rather?**

Additional Resources

****Personality test** <https://busyteacher.org/8453-personality-test.html>

****Diversity Activities** Pipe Cleaner Similarities & Herman Grid

<https://extension.psu.edu/programs/4-h/members/projects-resources/diversity/diversityactivities.pdf>

www.pronouncenames.com Learn how to pronounce your students' names correctly.

****Wacky Inventions** <http://www.totallyabsurd.com/inventionsarchive.htm>

PPT Home Safety synergyinsurance.net/powerpoints/Safety%20Administration/Home%20Safety.ppt

PPT Hurricane Safety www.caymanprepared.ky/portal/pls/portal/docs/1/12277034.PPS

PPT Internet Safety www.dist228.org/counseling/safeinternet/safeinternet_files/safeinternet.ppt

Video Converter <https://www.wondershare.com/shop/>

Puzzle Maker www.discoveryeducation.com/puzzlemaker

Free Lesson Plans for a variety of subjects <https://ielanguages.com/lessonplan.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/9531-cultural-practices-teach-students.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/25208-tips-for-teaching-american-culture-to-esl-students.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/12939-5-aspects-us-culture-students-should-know.html>

<https://busyteacher.org/11706-hedges-euphemisms-apologies-requests-language.html>

ESL Classroom Activities for Teens & Adults by Shelley Vernon (Available on Amazon)

**** 101 ESL Activities** by Jackie Bolen (Available on Amazon) (Bucket List)

ESL Games for the Classroom by Michael DiGiacomo (Available on Amazon)

50 Conversation Classes from ESL Games (Available on Amazon)

ESL Role Plays by Larry Pitts (Available on Amazon)

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