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# English (all levels): Key Resources



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## Is This The Right Guide for You?!

This guide is intended for students studying English at Manchester INTO. It outlines some of the information sources available to help you in your studies. The sources cover learning English at both an academic and a social level. **There is a separate guide for students studying General English.** (*Guide 14: General English Key Resources*)

### Useful Websites for English

The internet is full of information resources for you to use for your English studies. The following websites are just an example, but have been checked that they still work!.

A large part of the information is based on details provided by Paul Raine, posted on the **www. jobs.ac.uk** website in 2013.

Always ask  
for help if  
you are stuck!

- **Academic English Online**

A website from Queen Mary, University of London to help students develop and broaden their skills in academic English. The materials cover a wide range of skills, including writing, reading, listening and speaking.

**Website:** <http://aeo.silf.qmul.ac.uk/>

- **British Council Learn English**

Offers games, stories, listening activities and grammar exercises. **Website:** <http://learnenglish.org.uk/>

- **BBC Online Learning**

Advice and quizzes to help with learning English.

**Website:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish>

- **BBC Skillswise**

Improve your English with worksheets, factsheets, quizzes and games. **Website:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/english>

- **Classic Reader**

Collection of classic stories available free online. Useful for those reading at a high level. **Website:** [http://](http://www.classicreader.com/)

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- **ELLLO (English Listening Lesson Library Online)**

A free website providing lots of listening exercises for English learners. You can hear people from many different regions and countries, as well as non-native speakers. There are over 2,000 short conversations with people talking about a variety of different subjects and answering questions. **Website:** [http://](http://www.ello.org/)

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- **English Central**

For language learners who want to practice listening and speaking. The website allows users to view videos relating to a variety of topics with English audio. Available for free but can upgrade for more resources for payment. Covers both social and academic English. **Website:** [http://](http://www.englishcentral.com/)

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- **The English Page**

Free online English language lessons and resources including free books to read. **Website:** <http://www.englishpage.com/>

- **English4Today**

Free help for grammar and vocabulary-ability to post questions online. Can pay for increased services/ resources

**Website:** <http://www.english4today.com/>

- **IELTS organisation**

Information on IELTS exams and resources.

**Website:** <http://www.ielts.org/>

- **Inogolo**

Features audio recordings of the English pronunciation of the names of people, places, and other words not found in most dictionaries. Users are able to search the database of names, and check both the phonetic and audio pronunciations. A variety of useful pronunciation guides are also provided. Note: pronunciation is American English

**Website:** <http://www.inogolo.com/>

- **Prepare for Success**

An interactive web learning tool to help international students prepare for academic culture and study in the UK.

Covers reading and writing at University level as well as giving insight into topics such as critical thinking and skills for presentations.

**Website:** [http://](http://www.prepareforsuccess.org.uk)

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English- talk to  
the Learning  
Centre staff

- **Project Gutenberg.**

Largest single collection of free electronic books. Useful for those wanting to read English books at a high level.

**Website:** <http://www.gutenberg.org>

- **Quizlet**

Provides a fun and free way to learn foreign language vocabulary and grammar. A variety of different games are provided (such as dragging and dropping vocabulary items to their definitions, spelling words after listening to them being pronounced, etc.) and there is a large variety of vocabulary lists available.

**Website:** <http://quizlet.com/>

- **Rhinospike**

Learners of foreign languages may request audio recordings of texts written in the language they are studying being read aloud so they can listen to native speakers.

**Website:** <http://www.rhinospike.com/>

- **Skills for OU Study**

Covers developing academic English so you can succeed at University. A lot of the material is openly accessible with small amounts of the information available only if you are registered with the Open University. **Website:** <http://bit.ly/1dSt4QM>

**(shortened URL)**

- **Using English.com**

Online free resources for learning English, with grammar help and quizzes.

**Website:** <http://www.usingenglish.com/students.html>

- **Using English for Academic Purposes: A Guide for Students in Higher Education**

A website established by Andy Gillett, an experienced lecturer and consultant in teaching English. Links through to wide range of EAP resources with exercises, English materials and further resources to explore.

**Website:** <http://www.uefap.com/links/linkfram.htm>

- **Vocabulary.com**

Free to join; a range of interactive games/lessons to help you learn key vocabulary. **Website:** [https://](https://www.vocabulary.com/)

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## Useful Websites: Study Skills

### **INTO Manchester Learning Centre**

Provides a round-up of links to information literacy and study skills resources, covering referencing, academic writing and choosing the best resources.

**Website:** <http://intolearningcentre.co.uk/studyskills/>

## Don't Forget Books!

### **English Textbooks**

The books to help you learn English are shelved under the numbers **423 – 428** so find these numbers on the shelf. Within these numbers, we have also colour coded the books to help you find the right level.

Have you got your  
OpenAthens  
password?

You need it to use  
the databases and  
e-books

Books that include CDs/DVDs of material to listen to have a CD symbol on the spine of the book.

The colours are:

<b>Red</b>		<b>Elementary</b> (IELTS Level 3 - 3.5/ A1-A1+)
<b>Yellow</b>		<b>Pre / Lower Intermediate</b> (IELTS Level 4.0 - 4.5/ A2- A2+)
<b>Blue</b>		<b>Intermediate</b> (IELTS Level 5.0 - 5.5/ B1-B1+)
<b>Green</b>		<b>Upper Intermediate</b> (IELTS Level 6.0/ B2)
<b>Orange</b>		<b>Advanced</b> (IELTS Level 6.5 - 7.5/ B2+ - C1)

## Electronic Books

We also have some text books for learning English that are available electronically. You can find these via Ebsco Discovery- but you need a special **OpenAthens password** to log-in – please ask Learning Centre staff.

**There is a separate leaflet on how to use *E-Books* (Simple Guides 17/18)**

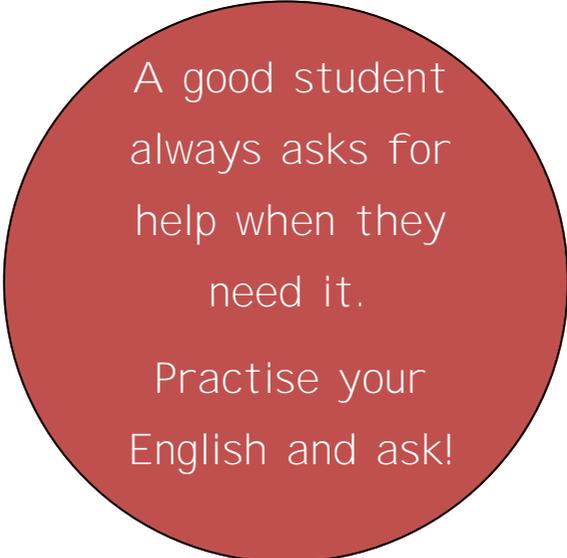
## Further Help

The staff in the Learning Centre, (Chris, Helen and Jacqueline) are all qualified information workers and will be able to offer you help and advice on how to get the best out of your research. Ask the staff about **Talk Club**– a place to practise your English

There is a leaflet to help you with **General English: Key Resources** (Learning Centre Guide 14)

***Please make use of their skills and knowledge.***

**For English courses, your main contact is Helen;** contact via email: [manchester.lrc@intoglobal.com](mailto:manchester.lrc@intoglobal.com)



A good student  
always asks for  
help when they  
need it.

Practise your  
English and ask!