

# Recommended Textbooks for Use in the Adult ESL Classroom 1

The following pages contain a list of classroom ESL textbooks that have been recommended as “the best of the best” by several experienced ESL practitioners in Colorado AEFLA programs. The textbooks chosen for inclusion are intended for use with learners in the classroom, although a few teacher resource books have been listed whenever such books contain instructions for classroom activities. Tables are included for the following categories:

- Writing
- Workforce / Workplace
- Vocabulary / Idioms
- Teacher Resource
- Speaking / Pronunciation
- Reading / Literacy
- Picture Books and Flash Cards
- Listening
- Grammar
- Core Series (all skills, multiple levels)

The tables contain the textbook names, authors, proficiency levels and a key of available components, such as student textbooks and cassette tapes. Book levels (such as 1, 2, 3, 4) on the tables are those indicated by the publishers; they do not represent Student Proficiency Levels (SPL). The Key used for components is as follows:

<b>SB – Student Book</b>	<b>TG – Teacher Guide</b>	<b>WB – Workbook</b>	<b>CS – Cassettes</b>
<b>CD – Compact Discs</b>	<b>AK – Answer Key</b>	<b>RP – Reproducibles</b>	<b>O – Other (refer to publisher’s catalog)</b>

For a complete description of the contents and use of any recommended textbook, order a copy of the publisher’s printed catalog, contact their local sales rep, or browse their Web site. A list of the publishers, local sales reps, and their contact information is on the next page.

We hope adult ESL programs in Colorado will find the following lists of recommended textbooks useful for their teachers and learners.

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**PUBLISHER INFORMATION**

The [Center for Adult English Language Acquisition \(CAELA\)](http://www.cal.org/caela) has a Web site that includes complete contact information for many ESL publishers and annotations of their most popular offerings.

Visit it at: <http://www.cal.org/caela/esl%5Fresources/publishers.html>

If you place orders with the publishers' local sales reps you get technical assistance and may get preview copies and/or some items at no cost. Ask them when you place your order.

The following table lists publishers, local sales reps and their contact information.

PUB (Publisher) & abbreviation	Toll free	Web site	Local rep and contact info
Addison-Wesley AW	800-428-5331	<a href="http://www.pearsoned.com">www.pearsoned.com</a>	Kristen Duffy 303-858-1581 <a href="mailto:Kristen.duffy@phschool.com">Kristen.duffy@phschool.com</a>
Alta ESL ALTA	800-ALTA-ESL	<a href="http://www.altaesl.com">www.altaesl.com</a>	Distributor for their own publications and those of other publishers. <a href="mailto:info@altaesl.com">info@altaesl.com</a>
Cambridge University Press CUP	800-872-7423	<a href="http://www.us.cambridge.org/esl">www.us.cambridge.org/esl</a>	Carol Paris 303-823-6184 <a href="mailto:carol.paris@prodigy.net">carol.paris@prodigy.net</a>
Delta Systems DELTA	800-323-8270	<a href="http://www.delta-systems.com">www.delta-systems.com</a>	Distributor for their own publications and those of other publishers.
Dominie Press DOMIN	800-232-4570	<a href="http://www.dominie.com">www.dominie.com</a>	Jill Fulkerson 303-237-5005 <a href="mailto:Jill.Fulkerson@worldnet.att.net">Jill.Fulkerson@worldnet.att.net</a>
Heinle (Thomson) HEINL	877-NEED-ESL	<a href="http://www.heinle.com">www.heinle.com</a>	Joel Deutser 800-760-7400 <a href="mailto:joel.deutser@thomson.com">joel.deutser@thomson.com</a>
Longman English Language Learning LONGM	800-375-2375	<a href="http://www.longman.com">www.longman.com</a>	Barbara Sihombing 800-508-9430 <a href="mailto:barbara.sihombing@pearsoned.com">barbara.sihombing@pearsoned.com</a>
McGraw-Hill / Contemporary CONT	800-621-1918	<a href="http://www.mhcontemporary.com">www.mhcontemporary.com</a>	Carol Paris 303-823-6184 <a href="mailto:carol.paris@prodigy.net">carol.paris@prodigy.net</a>
New Readers Press NRP	800-448-8878	<a href="http://www.newreaderspress.com">www.newreaderspress.com</a>	nrp@prolteracy.org
Oxford University Press OUP	800-451-7556	<a href="http://www.oup.com/us/esl">www.oup.com/us/esl</a>	Nancy Felix 303-470-2978 <a href="mailto:educ8r@comcast.net">educ8r@comcast.net</a>
Pro-Lingua P-L	800-366-4775	<a href="http://www.ProLinguaAssociates.com">www.ProLinguaAssociates.com</a>	
Steck-Vaughn S-V	800-531-5015	<a href="http://www.steck-vaughn.com">www.steck-vaughn.com</a>	Kelly Garcia 512-795-3385 800-782-2512 <a href="mailto:kelly.garcia@harcourt.com">kelly.garcia@harcourt.com</a>
TESOL Publications TESOL	888-891-0041	<a href="http://www.tesol.org">www.tesol.org</a>	

**WRITING**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Levels &amp; Components</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PUB</b>
Academic Writing (Series) First Steps in Academic Writing Intro to Academic Writing Writing Academic English	High-Beg, Intern, Intern-Adv SB, O	Hogue, A., Oshima, A.	LONGM
Bridges to Academic Writing	Low-Intern – Intern SB	Strauch, Ann	CUP
Reason to Write: Strategies for Success in Academic Writing	Intern – High Intern SB	Miller, J., Cohen, R.	OUP
Weaving it Together (reading and writing)	1, 2, 3, 4 Beg. - High-Intern SB, TG, CS, CD, VD	Broukal, Milada	HEINL
A Writing Book: English in Everyday Life – A Teacher’s Resource	Beg. – Intern TG	Kasloff Carver, T.	ALTA

**WORKFORCE / WORKPLACE**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Levels &amp; Components (*See key below)</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PUB</b>
At Work In the U.S.	Beginning SB, TG, CS, CD	Vacco, E., Jablon, P.	NRP
Basic Telephone Training	Beginning SB, CS	Watson-Delestree, A.	ALTA
Business Explorer, 1, 2, 3	Low-Intern – High Intern SB, TG, CD, CS	Knight, G., O-Neil, M.	CUP
English ASAP	Literacy – Low Intern Literacy, 1, 2, 3, 4 SB, TG, CS, O	Brod, S.	S-V
Filling Out Forms	High-Intern	Stein, W.	NRP
Key Vocabulary for a Safe Workplace	High-Beg - Low-Intern SB, TG, RM	Ringel, H.	NRP
Let’s Work Safely		Mrowicki, L.	ALTA
Make Your Mark – Job-Specific English (4 separate titles) Hotel Industry Food Service Retail Jobs Health Services	Intermediate SB, TG	Grebel, R. & Poggrund, P.	CONT
On the Job English	High-Beg – Intern SB, TG, WB, CS	Newman, C.	NRP
Put English to Work	Literacy – High Advanced Literacy, Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	Cross, Podnecky, Linn	CONT
Skills for Success	Low-Intern – Intern SB, TG	Price-Machado, D.	CUP
Speaking up at Work!	Intern SB, TG	Robinson, C.	OUP
Workplace Plus A, B, and 1-4	Pre-literate – High Intern (Levels 1, 2, 3, 4) SB, TG, WB, CS, RP, O	Saslow, Collins	LONGM

**VOCABULARY / IDIOMS**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Levels &amp; Components (*See key below)</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PUB</b>
English for Everyday Activities: A Picture Process Dictionary	Low-Beg – Interm SB, CS, CD, TG, WB		NRP
English for Work Activities: A Picture Process Dictionary	High-Beg – Interm SB, CS, CD, TG, WB	Stafford-Yilmaz L.	NRP
Idioms for Everyday Use	Interm SB, TG	Broukal, M.	ALTA
In Other Words: Life-Skills Vocabulary in Context	SB, TG	Santopietro Weddel, K.	DOMIN
Word Power: Spelling and Vocabulary in Context	Interm– Advanced SB		CONT

**TEACHER RESOURCE – 4 SKILLS (no student books)**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Levels &amp; Components</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PUB</b>
Five-Minute Activities – A Resource Book of Short Activities	All TG	Ur, P., Wright, A.	CUP
Oxford Basics – Simple Listening Activities Simple Reading Activities Simple Writing Activities Simple Speaking Activities Presenting New Language Teaching Grammar Classroom English	Beginning-Level activities TG	Multiple	
TESOL New Ways Series New Ways in Teaching . . Listening Reading Vocabulary Speaking Grammar Using Authentic Materials in the Classroom	All TG	Multiple	TESOL ALTA
Zero Prep – Ready-to-Go Activities for the Language Classroom Zero Prep for Beginners	All TG	Pollard, L., Hess, N.	ALTA

**SPEAKING / PRONUNCIATION**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Levels &amp; Components</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PUB</b>
Clear Speech from the Start Clear Speech	SB, TG, CS, CD, O	Gilbert, J.	CUP
Conversation Strategies	Interm – Adv SB	Kehe, D., Kehe, P.	P-L ALTA
Face the Issues Consider the Issues Raise the Issues	Intermediate High Intermediate Advanced SB, CS, AK, O	Numrich in cooperation with National Public Radio	LONGM
Pronunciation Card Games	All RP	Henry, L.	P-L ALTA
Something to Talk About	Interm – Adv SB/RP	Olson, K.	ALTA
Survival English 1, 2, 3	Low-Beg – High-Beg SB, TG	Mosteller & Paul	LONGM

**READING / LITERACY**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Levels &amp; Components</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PUB</b>
Access Reading	High Beg – High Interm Books 1, 2, 3, 4	Collins	HEINL
Discovering Fiction	1 - Interm 2 – High-Interm - Adv	Kay, J. & Gelshenen, R.	CUP
Easy Stories & Stories Plus: Readings and Activities for Language Skills	Low-Beg – Beg SB, TG, CD, CS	Gianola, A.	NRP
Essentials of Reading 1-6	Low-Beg – Adv SB, TG		CONT
From Home to School 1 & 2	Low-Beg – High-Beg SB, TB, CS, CD/ WB	Gianola, A.	NRP
Inside Stories: Basic Skills in Context	High Beg SB	Santopietro Weddel, K. & Loustalet, A.	DOMIN
Literacy Plus: Language, Lifeskills, Civics	A, B SB, CS, TB	Saslow, J.	LONGM
Life Skills for Today’s World Community and Gov’t. Money and Consumers Personal Health The World of Work Your Own Home	Low-Interm - High-Interm	Bernstein, V.	S-V
Read Ahead 2	Intermediate SB, TG	McEntire	LONGM
Read All About It 1 & 2	High Beg – Low Interm SB, CS	Howard, L.	OUP
Voyager – Reading and Writing for Today’s Adults Books 4-8	ABE levels 4.0 – 9.5 Books 4-6: Life skills content Books 7-8: Workplace and life skills content SB, WB, TG		NRP

**PICTURE BOOKS & FLASH CARDS**

Title	Levels & Components	Author	PUB
Action English Pictures	All SB/ RP	Takahashi, N.	ALTA
English for Life Through Pictures	Beg - Interm SB	Bray, T.	DOMIN
Look Again Pictures	All SB/RP	Winn-Bell Olsen, J.	ALTA
Picture Stories More Picture Stories	All SB	Ligon, Tannenbaum	LONGM
Very Easy True Stories: A Picture-Based Reader	Beg SB	Heyer, S.	LONGM

**LISTENING**

Title	Levels & Components	Author	PUB
Active Listening 1, 2, 3	High-Beg – Interm SB, TG, CS, CD	Helgesen, M., Brown, S.	CUP
Impact Listening, 1, 2, 3	Beginning – Advanced SB , TG, CS/CD, O	Rost, M.	LONGM
Listen First: Focused Listening Tasks for Beginners	Literacy – Beginning SB, TG, CS	Adelson-Goldstein, J	OUP
Listen For It! – A Task-Based Listening Course	High-Beg – Interm SB, TG, CS, CD	Richards, J, Gordon, D, Harper, A	OUP
Tactics for Listening (Basic, Developing, Expanding)	High-Beg – Interm SB w/CD, CD, CS, TG w/CD, O	Richards, J.	OUP
A Day in the Life of the Gonzalez Family	High-Beg – Interm Video, SB, TG	Van Duzer, C. & Burth, M.	DELTA

**GRAMMAR**

Title	Levels & Components (*See key below)	Author	PUB
Grammar Dimensions	1, 2, 3, 4 High-Beg – Adv SB, TG, WB, CS	Larsen-Freeman, D., Editor	HEINL
Grammar in Context	1, 2, 3 High-Beg – High-Interm SB, TG, CD/ CS, O	Elbaum, S.	HEINL
Grammar Sense	1, 2, 3 SB, TG, WB, CS/CD	Pavlik & Bland	OUP
New Grammar in Action	Basic, 1, 2, 3 SB, CS, AK, O	Foley & Neblett	HEINL

**CORE TEXTBOOKS – (Leveled Series, 4-skills)**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Levels &amp; Components</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>PUB</b>
English – No Problem! Language for Home, School, Work, and Community	Literacy, 1, 2, 3, 4 SB, TG, CS/CD, WB, RP, O	Kerns, T & Long, P.	NRP
Life Prints: ESL For Adults	1, 2, 3 SB, TG/RP, WK, CD	Newman, C.	NRP
Life Skills (no listening or speaking)	1, 2, 3 SB/WB	DeFillippo, J	AW
Longman ESL Literacy	Literacy SB, TG, RP	Nishio, Y.	LONGM
Oxford Picture Dictionary	Basic / Literacy, Standard SB, TG, CS/CD/ WB, O	Shapiro, N. & Adelson-Goldstein, J	OUP
Ready To Go - Language, Lifeskills, Civics	1, 2, 3 Low-Beg – High-Interm SB, TG, WB, CS	Saslow, Collins	LONGM
Stand Out! - Standards-Based English	Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 SB, TG, WB, CS, CD, RP, O	Jenkins & Sabbagh	HEINL