

Quick Guide to English Language Learner Reference Center (EBSCOhost)

Overview

The English Language Learner Reference Center is designed for those new to the English language. Unique features include:

- Over 1,000 articles using vocabulary and simplified structure to help non-native speakers. The articles cover a broad range of subject areas including literature, science, history and civics.
 - Comprehension quizzes that test the reader's understanding of the articles.
 - Research guides and student worksheets to help reinforce good study skills.
-

Details

Browsing the database

1. The Reference Center is divided into four categories: History & Civics, Life Skills, Literature, and Science. You can access each section from the front page, and dig down deeper into more specific topics.
 2. For an overview on how to use the database, click on **ELL Content & Features** in the right menu on the home page, then select "Research Guide: Using the ELL Reference Center."
-

Listening to text

1. At any time, you can highlight words or sentences on a page and click **Listen** to hear the highlighted text out loud.
 2. If you are in a full text HTML article, click **Listen** to hear the article read out loud. It is important to remember that this feature only works in full text HTML articles.
 3. You can also choose how fast you want the article to be read. You can select from American, British, and Australian accents. In order to switch accents, you will need to refresh the page.
 1. **Keep in mind that the voices are computer-generated.** Certain words, such as surnames and place names, may be mispronounced.
-

Searching

1. The Search Box on the home page defaults to a **Basic** search.
2. Click on **Advanced Search** underneath the search box to limit your search to full text articles or by document type. You can also narrow your search by reading level or by publication date.



Create alerts, save searches, and share with others

1. Create a My EBSCOhost account: click **Sign In** in the upper right corner of the page, then select **Create a new Account**.
 2. The **Alert/Save/Share** button above your search results will allow you to do the following:
 - a. **Add to folder:** Save either the results to your search or the terms for your search.
 - b. **Create an alert:** Create an email alert or an RSS feed to be updated whenever a new article on your search term is added to the database.
 - c. **Use Permalink:** Copy and paste a permanent URL for your results.
 - d. **Bookmark:** Bookmark your results by choosing from such bookmarking services as Reddit and Digg. Click **Email** to email the results.
-

Additional Features You Might Like

- You can change the language of the search interface by clicking **Languages** in the upper right corner.
 - For help on writing research papers, click on **Research Guides** in the right side menu on the home page.
 - Click on **Dictionary** to search the American Heritage Children's Dictionary.
-

More Information

- EBSCOhost Online Guides and Tutorials
 - <http://www.ebscohost.com/government/english-language-learner-ell-reference-center>