

USEFUL WEBSITES

1. **SPEAK NATURALLY** by *listening* to a lot of English and repeating what you hear.
 - Listen to people who speak the kind of English you want to learn.
 - Listen to audio books. Watch movies.
 - Keep a language journal of new vocabulary and expressions.
 2. **WRITE EFFECTIVELY** by *reading* newspapers, magazines, and books in **YOUR CAREER AREA**. If you want to be a poet, read poetry. If you want to write like a scholar, read scholarly journals.
 3. **You will only remember what you actively use.**
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Learner's Dictionary, www.learnersdictionary.com (beginner to intermediate)

Dictionary and Thesaurus, www.merriam-webster.com (intermediate to advanced)

Orange County Public Libraries, egov.ocgov.com/ocgov/OC%20Public%20Libraries

Activities for ESL Students (a project of *The Internet TESL Journal*), with bilingual quizzes, a4esl.org

italki.com, language-learning community, all languages, referral link: www.italki.com/iv/T008562692.htm

Livemocha.com, language-learning community, all languages, www.livemocha.com

SPEAKING

Phonetics: The Sounds of American English, www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/phonetics/english/frameset.html

Toastmasters International, speaking and presentation skills, www.toastmasters.org

South Coast Repertory (in Costa Mesa, CA), expressive skills, www.scr.org/education/adultactingclasses.aspx

WRITING

The Chicago Manual of Style, for writers and book publishers, www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/home.html

Grammar Girl: Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing, grammar.quickanddirtytips.com

Guide to Grammar and Writing, grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar

BUSINESS

BusinessDictionary.com, www.businessdictionary.com

InvestorWords.com, financial glossary, www.investorwords.com

AccountingCoach.com, accounting education, www.accountingcoach.com

Investopedia.com, investing education, www.investopedia.com

NEWS

Southern California Public Radio, 89.3 KPCC-FM, www.scpr.org

Orange County Register, local news, www.ocregister.com

Orange County Business Journal, local business news, www.ocbj.com

Los Angeles Times, West Coast news, www.latimes.com

Los Angeles Business Journal, L.A. business news, www.labusinessjournal.com

Wall Street Journal, business and financial news, online.wsj.com/home-page

New York Times, East Coast news, www.nytimes.com

Lifehacker, how to be more productive, lifehacker.com

TOOLS

Google.com, www.google.com

Google Translate (for text or webpage), translate.google.com/translate_t?hl=en#

White Pages Directory (to do a reverse phone number lookup), www.whitepages.com

Yellow Pages Directory (to find a business), www.yellowpages.com

Orange County government, <http://egov.ocgov.com>

State of California government, <http://ca.gov>

Visit California, California Travel & Tourism Commission, <http://www.visitcalifornia.com>