

# Adult Basic Ed Sites

While there are numerous free education sites available, there are a limited number that are appropriate for an adult population. The following are a few of the best free adult basic education sites. (Keep in mind that some of these sites may not be explicitly for adults but all site content below is still, in our opinion, appropriate for adult learners).

## Literacy and ESL

- **ReadWorks ([readworks.org](http://readworks.org))**
  - Creates literacy content, teacher guidance, and integrated tools designed to improve teacher effectiveness and student achievement
  - Designed for both students to learn and educators to incorporate into their curricula
  - Curriculum includes curated nonfiction and literary articles, as well as reading and vocabulary lessons and formative assessments
- **California Distance Learning Project ([cdlponline.org](http://cdlponline.org))**
  - Adults can learn about a variety of topics through reading and listening to newspaper articles
  - Topics include working, law and government, family, school, health and safety, housing, money, science and technology, services, transportation, and nature
- **Literacy Net ([literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html](http://literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html))**
  - Similar to California Distance Learning Project in that adults learn through reading newspaper articles
  - Topics include adventure, business and economy, crime, culture and society, disasters, education, environment, health, politics, religion, and science and technology
- **The Times in Plain English ([thetimesinplainenglish.com](http://thetimesinplainenglish.com))**
  - A simple-language version of *The New York Times*
- **Chomp Chomp ([chompchomp.com/exercises.htm](http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm))**
  - Interactive grammar exercises and printable worksheets
  - Topics include fragments, irregular verbs, parallel structure, misplaced and dangling modifiers, apostrophes, pronouns, and more
- **Dynamo Dictionary ([dictionary.reference.com](http://dictionary.reference.com))**
  - Vocabulary-building site that allows learners to work on lower levels of English and get grammar tips
  - Users can subscribe to a Word of the Day to improve their vocabulary

- **ProLiteracy Education Network ([proliteracyednet.org](http://proliteracyednet.org))**
  - Comprehensive collection of online vocabulary and reading comprehension courses and resources for adult literacy and ESL instructors, program staff, trainers, and adult learners
- **USA Learns ([usalearns.org](http://usalearns.org))**
  - Offers videos, apps, and other tools for adults to improve English speaking, pronunciation, listening, reading, spelling, writing, and grammar skills
  - Designed for ESL populations; includes a U.S. Citizenship course
- **English-Online ([english-online.org.uk](http://english-online.org.uk))**
  - Includes multimedia courses that include a mix of videos, games, and activities for learners to improve their English grammar and vocabulary
- **Story by Story Phonics Lessons ([mcedservices.com/phonics/phonics.html](http://mcedservices.com/phonics/phonics.html))**
  - Phonics stories for adult learners just learning how to read
- **ESL Fast ([eslfast.com](http://eslfast.com))**
  - Free online English-learning source that includes short, easy reading stories written for adults
  - Features beginner reader, intermediate reader, and ESL sections
- **English In Levels Ltd. ([englishinlevels.com](http://englishinlevels.com))**
  - Designed to help ESL students learn faster and better
  - Lets students practice only words and grammar they need at their level of English
- **Purdue Online Writing Lab ([owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/586/1/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/586/1/))**
  - ESL teacher resources for both theoretical and practical purposes
  - Includes online teaching and reference materials, as well as links to journals of interest to language teachers and policy developers

## Math and Science

- **Varsity Tutoris/Aplusmath ([varsitytutors.com/aplusmath.com](http://varsitytutors.com/aplusmath.com))**
  - Interactive math resources for teachers, parents, and students
  - Features free math worksheets, games, flash cards, and more
  - Not specifically for adults, but the material is appropriate for adult learners
  - Covers basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and geometry
- **LiteracyNet ([literacy.net/sciencelincs/home.html](http://literacy.net/sciencelincs/home.html))**
  - Math and science interactives for adult learners
  - Offers curriculum materials, lesson plans, and activities for educators
- **Math Playground ([mathplayground.com](http://mathplayground.com))**

- Annotated links to websites useful for teaching and learning about science and numeracy
- **Interactivate ([shodor.org/interactivate/](http://shodor.org/interactivate/))**
  - Primarily higher-level math and science activities, as well as activities for arithmetic, telling time, and other basic math topics
  - Includes a mobile app and sections for both learners and instructors

## Everyday Life

- **Hands on Banking ([handsonbanking.org](http://handsonbanking.org))**
  - Set of lessons for everyone from kids to seniors on using banks and making financial decisions
  - Topics include banking basics, personal finance, life events, credit, and running a business

## General Education

- **TV411 ([tv411.org](http://tv411.org))**
  - Engaging videos on reading, writing, vocabulary, math, science, and finance
  - Users are not required to but can register for a free account to keep track of their lessons and videos
- **BBC Skillswise ([bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://bbc.co.uk/skillswise))**
  - A focus on English, math, and Job skills for adults, with real-life applications for these skills in everyday life
- **PBS LiteracyLink ([litlink.ket.org](http://litlink.ket.org))**
  - A wide range of adult basic education resources with interactive lessons, including high school equivalency test preparation and workplace essential skills
  - Teacher accounts allow access to a collection of lesson plans and handouts via virtual classrooms
- **Minneapolis Community Education ([abe.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://abe.mpls.k12.mn.us))**
  - Adult basic education resources, with a focus on literacy, workplace skills, U.S. citizenship preparation, and GED test preparation