

Learning English with Technology



Expanding your mind in English is an innovative learning model that uses technology to help instructors to enrich students with individualized ESL lessons. EASY is a program that was further developed by embedding the proven methods of TPR, comprehensible input, and multi-sensory instruction. The EASY video content is stimulating and engaging and provides a context for learning. It correlates to several sets of nationally recognized standards and learning objectives.

Target Population:

- Middle / High School
- Adult Ed
- Family Literacy
- Even Start
- Migrant Ed

EASY is an excellent resource for public libraries and schools that serve large groups of immigrants and are looking for ESL materials that teach American English. The 12 videos or CD ROMs (for both PC and MAC) that make up the program come together with student workbooks and, for schools, a teacher's guide with lesson plans. They also provide usage instructions in nine different languages—Spanish, Korean, Cambodian, Russian, Farsi, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and English—making the program accessible to non-Hispanic immigrants as well.

EASY utilizes video as its medium because it provides audio and visual stimuli, is accessible to those who have not yet learned to effectively read and write (in primary or new language), and provides context for learning

Easy follows these principals:

- Oral language development is the first step in introducing students to the second language
- Authentic activities facilitate learning and a language and to understand concepts
- Vocabulary, new concepts or ideas should be presented in a particular context related to the vocabulary or concept
- Spoken words facilitated by visual aids and physical movement facilitate language learning
- Use theme-based units to provide contexts for language learning



ESL Scope and Sequence - EASY Part 1: The Beginner Series

Unit	Theme	Content	Grammar	Vocabulary
1	The Basics	Pronunciation, letters, numbers, colors, calendar	To be, simple sentences	Alphabet, number, colors, calendar
2	Interactions	Greetings & introductions	Wh?'s, to be, pronouns	Greetings & introductions
3	Feelings	How are you?	Adjectives, to be, wh?'s, pronouns, contractions	Feelings
4	At School	The new school	Articles, plurals, to be, contractions, present tense verbs, possessives, prepositions, pronouns, this/that/these/those	People, places and things in a school
5	At Home	A tour of home	To be, present tense verbs, contractions, prepositions, this/ that /these/ those	Family & around the house
6	The Time	Telling time & daily activities	Conjugating present tense verbs, to be pronouns, contractions	Telling time, daily activities, & commons verbs

ESL Scope and Sequence - EASY Part 2: Community Essentials

Unit	Theme	Content	Grammar	Vocabulary
7	Your Community: DMV, Form-Filling, Money & Directions	Greetings, using money, DMV, following directions, and form-filling.	Present continuous, prepositions, future with <i>be going to</i> , do/don't/does/doesn't, can/can't, <i>have to</i>	Directions, form-filling, concepts of time, money, basic verbs, math vocabulary
8	Health Care: The Body, Family Health & Medical Visits	Vocabulary for the body, interactions for medical visits and maintaining health.	Adjectives, comparatives/superlatives, do/does, present continuous, simple past, cause & effect	Medical and health related, body, people and things in a doctor's office
9	Personal Finance: Banking, Budgets & Shopping	The banking system, types of accounts, budgets, transactions, sales tax, shopping for food and clothing.	Present continuous, past tense with irregular verbs, did/didn't, comparatives/superlatives, like/dislike, need/want	Money, banking issues, clothes, form-filling, verbs, food, household items
10	Around Town: Driving, Housing, Govt. & Phone Skills	Housing and renting, rights, city services, using the phone book and the phone, DMV a driving lesson	Future with <i>will</i> , <i>be going to</i> , past tense, did/didn't, why/because, present perfect	Transportation, emergency services, using the phone book, housing, who's who in city gov't
11	Education: People, Services & Parent Involvement	Education system structure, services provided and parent involvement.	Past tense, like/dislike, why/because, can/can't, asking questions, present perfect	People and places in education, types of schools, services, groups, content-area terminology
12	Employment: Finding, Getting & Keeping a Job	Determination of job types, how to find a job, interview procedure and work practices.	Imperative, past tense, adjectives, present perfect, why/because	Self-description, attributes, and employment related vocabulary



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