Free Online Writing and Grammar Information for AESL Students

SITE WITH EXPLANATIONS AND STRATEGIES IN GRAMMAR, WRITING

- Dartmouth College: Materials for Students
  - This site offers explanations of various American writing conventions, for instance, organization, argumentative writing and other genres (types of writing), as well as thesis statements.

SITES WITH EXERCISES AND EXPLANATIONS

- Purdue Online Writing Lab
  [http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslstudent.html](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/handouts/esl/eslstudent.html)
  - Practice exercises, links to other useful Web sites, and excellent explanations of grammar rules

- The Writing Center at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute: Article Usage
  [http://rpi.edu/web/writingcenter/esl.html](http://rpi.edu/web/writingcenter/esl.html)
  - A detailed explanation of article usage with a short exercise. Also see the Purdue site for a thorough explanation of articles (with visual aids) and practice exercises.

SITES WITH EXERCISES

- *The Bedford Handbook*, By Diana Hacker
  [http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/bedhandbook7enew/Player/Pages/Main.aspx](http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/bedhandbook7enew/Player/Pages/Main.aspx)
  - Choose the “Resources for Writers and Tutors” option
  - Includes “helpsheets” on correct punctuation and grammar, ESL tips, research documentation, and tips for writing in various genres or styles (such as narration, description, and argumentation).

- Internet *TESL (Teachers of English as a Second Language) Journal*: Activities for ESL Students
  [http://a4esl.org/](http://a4esl.org/)
  - Practice exercises for beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels (but no explanations) and basic vocabulary words with visual aids

- Dave’s ESL Café
  [www.eslcafe.com](http://www.eslcafe.com)
  - Slang, idioms, grammar quizzes, and links to other ESL sites

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