

Materials That Are Great to Have on Hand

These materials and resources will help you and your ELL students communicate more effectively.

Teacher References

Longman Dictionary of American English (Addison Wesley Longman, 1997)

The New First Dictionary of Cultural Literacy by E.D. Hirsch (Houghton Mifflin, 2004)

Usborne Introduction to Learn Spanish by Nicole Irving (Usborne, 1992)

Picture Dictionaries

The New Oxford Picture Dictionary by E. C. Parnell (Oxford Press, 1989)

Oxford Picture Dictionary for the Content Areas by Dorothy Kauffman and Gary Apple (Oxford University Press, 2000)

Scholastic First Picture Dictionary (Scholastic, 2005)

Bilingual Picture Dictionaries

Hippocrene Children's Illustrated Spanish Dictionary (Hippocrene Books, 2003). Also available in Russian, French, Japanese, Norwegian, Swedish, Arabic, German, Portuguese, Chinese, and Dutch.

The Oxford Picture Dictionary for the Content Areas: English-Spanish Dictionary

My World in Italian Coloring Book and Picture Dictionary by Tamara Mealer (National Textbook Company, 1992)

Usborne Picture Dictionary in Spanish by Felicity Brooks (Usborne, 2003)

Other Great Language Reference Materials

Clear and Simple Thesaurus by Harriet Wittels (Scholastic, 1996)

Scholastic Children's Thesaurus by John Bollard (Scholastic, 1998)

Scholastic Dictionary of Idioms by Marvin Terban (Scholastic, 2006)

Scholastic Dictionary of Synonyms, Antonyms and Homonyms (Scholastic, 2001)

A Child's Picture Dictionary English/Chinese by Dennis Sheheen (Adana Books, 1987)

"Usborne's Animated First 1,000 Words" CDROM (Scholastic)

Other Must-Have Classroom Materials for ELLs

alphabet books

counting books

math manipulatives

math games

word games, such as Boggle for Juniors and Boggle™, I Spy Word Scramble Game™, Secret Square™, Scattergories™

board games, such as Candyland™, Shoots and Ladders™, Monopoly™, Clue for Juniors™

books on tape or CD

Web Sites for ELL-Friendly Instruction

Bebop Books: Multicultural Books for Young Readers at www.bebopbooks.com

EverythingESL: The K–12 ESL Resource from Judy Haynes at www.everythingsl.net

Colorin Colorado: A Bilingual Site for Families and Educators of English Language Learners at www.colorincolorado.org

Webster's World of Cultural Democracy at www.wgcd.org