

DailyESL.com: Listening, Discussion, and Reading Activities to Help ESL/EFL Students Learn English

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Randall Davis, at ESL-LAB.COM, has created another listening Website, www.dailyesl.com, for ESL/EFL students to help them understand everyday English in everyday situations like shopping, taking a bus, and visiting a doctor.

American Fork, Utah - Although many ESL/EFL students study English in the classroom, this study sometimes does not reflect real, authentic language they will encounter ordering a pizza over the telephone or getting lost on a city bus. Randall's Website, DailyESL.com (<http://www.dailyesl.com>), tries to bridge the gap by providing language-learning materials and listening topics that mirror more realistic day-to-day language. (In other words, topics that students might see in academic readings about some exotic fish swimming in the depths of the ocean are subjects they will not use to start conversations with strangers.)

Thus, Daily ESL is designed to help learners become familiar with common vocabulary and expressions they can use all the time in many situations. Each activity includes the following:

1. Short reading on a high-frequency topic found in everyday situations.
2. An audio file in Windows Media format which follows the transcript of the reading.
3. Vocabulary activities to reinforce and review key vocabulary in the reading.
4. Discussion questions used to encourage critical-thinking skills.

The site is completely free, and Randall encourages teachers to use the site to supplement their classroom instruction. Learners using the site on their own will find the site useful for their independent learning.

Visit Randall's other sites, including <http://www.ezslang.com> and <http://www.trainyouraccent.com>, for more language practice.

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Since 1998, Randall Davis has been developing free multimedia Websites for ESL/EFL students. Randall has also presented extensively on educational technology, specifically in helping teachers learn how to use technology in pedagogically-sound ways.

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