

Restaurant English - Learning Language By Topic at Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab

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Rather than randomly searching the Internet to put together a lesson on a specific topic, ESL/EFL teachers and learners can plan their study using Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab, which organizes material by topic for more effective learning.

American Fork, Utah - Searching the Internet for specific information can be like finding a coin in raging river: just too much unfiltered content with little direction on where to start. This can be said for learning English online. There are many wonderful websites out there that provide great, meaningful material, and Randall organizes his particular Website (www.esl-lab.com) in such a way that helps users find the materials they need.

For example, let's suppose you are looking for listening material that focuses on helping your learning restaurant English, in other words, how to order at a restaurant and understand what is being said to you. Visitors can first start with Randall's vocabulary activity:

Restaurant Guide:

<http://www.esl-lab.com/vocab/v-restaurant.htm>

Once visitors have complete the vocabulary activity, then they are directed to other related content on restaurants from all of Randall's sites that build and often recycle the vocabulary they have learned on this site or in their language classrooms. Some of the activities include:

Joe's Hamburger Restaurant:

<http://www.esl-lab.com/fastfood/fastfoodrd1.htm>

Pizza Delivery:

<http://www.esl-lab.com/pizza/pizzard1.htm>

Heavenly Pies Restaurant:

<http://www.esl-lab.com/pie1/pierd1.htm>

From here, learners and teachers are encouraged to explore other restaurant-related sites to broaden their exposure to this language. Finally, visitors can take a look at my Self-Study Guide which organizes all of my material by topic:

<http://www.esl-lab.com/guide.htm>

Take a look at this material and let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions to build upon this learning concept.

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About ESL-LAB.COM: Since 1998, Randall Davis has been developing free multimedia Websites for ESL/EFL students. In addition to <http://www.esl-lab.com>, Randall has created several others including <http://www.dailyesl.com> and <http://www.ezslang.com>. Randall has also given presentations on educational technology, specifically helping teachers learn how to use technology in pedagogically-sound ways.

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