Textbooks for English Language Learners

Below you will find a list of our favorite textbooks for general use with English Language Learners. These resources are available through the Whatcom County Library System as well as the Whatcom Literacy Council library. Please contact your coordinator for ideas that are more specific to your learner's level and goals.

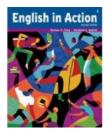
The Oxford Picture Dictionary, by Shapiro & Adelson-Goldstein, provides vocabulary practice with detailed illustrations. It is organized by theme and can be useful for introducing and reviewing words. Try using this resource for goal setting by giving your learner 3 post-it notes and having them mark which themes are top priority for them to study. Beginners – Advanced

English for Everyday Activities, by Lawrence Zwier, is a lively picture process dictionary that focuses on verbs to teach the step-by-step aspects of more than 60 daily activities such as riding a bus, fixing breakfast, using an ATM, changing a flat tire, and more. Beginners - Intermediate



Side by Side, Books 1-4, by Molinsky & Bliss, provides conversation practice, reading, writing, and listening - all in a light-hearted, fun, and easy-to-use format. Beginners – Advanced

English in Action, Books 1-4, by Foley & Neblett, integrates grammar and real life English for adults including housing, employment, etc. Visual support engages learners and makes the text feel more interactive. Beginners – Advanced



Clear Speech: Pronunciation and Listening Comprehension in North American English, by Judy Gilbert, helps students master the most important features of spoken English. Practice specific sounds, stress, and rhythm with helpful visuals including mouth illustrations. Beginners - Intermediate

Pronunciation Pairs, by Ann Baker, covers all of the speech sounds of North American English, as well as spelling, intonation, and stress. It includes a variety of exercises and activities, from very controlled minimal pair (example sh vs. ch) and listening discrimination tasks to dialogs, games, puzzles, and guided conversations. Intermediate - Advanced

Easy True Stories, by Sandra Heyer, is a humorous series which provides real life stories selected from newspapers and magazines with simplified text for language learners. Frame by frame pictures help learners with comprehension as well as provide a platform for practice speaking by retelling the story. Beginners - Intermediate