

# Adult Basic Ed Sites

While there are numerous free education sites available, there are a limited number that are appropriate for an adult population. The following are a few of the best free *adult* basic education sites. (Keep in mind that some of these sites may not be explicitly for adults but all site content below is still, in our opinion, appropriate for adult learners).

## Literacy and ESL

- **ReadWorks ([readworks.org](http://readworks.org))**
  - Free reading passages and reading comprehension exercises
  - Curriculum is aligned with Common Core State Standards and the standards of all 50 states
- **California Distance Learning Project ([cdlponline.org](http://cdlponline.org))**
  - Adults can learn about a variety of topics from law and government to health and safety through reading and listening to newspaper articles
- **Literacy Net ([literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html](http://literacynet.org/cnnsf/archives.html))**
  - Similar to California Distance Learning Project in that adults learn through reading newspaper articles; topics offered are slightly different, ranging from adventure and environment to politics and religion
- **The Times in Plain English ([thetimesinplainenglish.com/wp/](http://thetimesinplainenglish.com/wp/))**
  - A simple-language version of *The New York Times*
- **Chomp Chomp ([chompchomp.com/exercises.htm](http://chompchomp.com/exercises.htm))**
  - Interactive grammar exercises and printable worksheets
- **Dynamo Dictionary ([dictionary.reference.com/?](http://dictionary.reference.com/))**
  - Vocabulary-building site that allows learners to work on lower levels of English without assuming they are young
- **ProLiteracy Education Network ([proliteracyednet.org](http://proliteracyednet.org))**
  - Vocabulary and reading comprehension interactives for intermediate adult readers and educators
- **USALearns ([usalearns.org](http://usalearns.org))**
  - Offers videos, apps, and other tools for adults to improve English speaking, pronunciation, listening, reading, spelling, writing, and grammar
- **English-Online ([English-online.org.uk](http://English-online.org.uk))**
  - Videos, games, and activities for learners working on English grammar and vocabulary
- **Story by Story ([mcedservices.com/phonics/phonics.html](http://mcedservices.com/phonics/phonics.html))**
  - Phonics stories for adult learners just learning how to read

- **ESL Fast ([eslfast.com](http://eslfast.com))**
  - Simple, short, easy reading stories written for adults
  - Includes beginner reader, intermediate reader, and ESL sections
- **EnglishInLevels ([englishinlevels.com](http://englishinlevels.com))**
  - Designed to help ESL students learn faster and better
  - Lets students practice only words and grammar they need at their level of English
  - Four projects/levels to choose from
- **Purdue University OWL ([owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/586/1/](http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/586/1/))**
  - Includes both theoretical and practical professional ESL resources for teachers

## Math and Science

- **A Plus Math ([aplusmath.com](http://aplusmath.com))**
  - Interactive math resources for teachers, parents, and students
  - Features free math worksheets, games, flash cards, and more
  - Not specifically for adults, but the material is appropriate for adult learners
  - Basic math and even geometry and algebra are covered
- **LiteracyNet ([literacynet.org/sciencelincs/home.html](http://literacynet.org/sciencelincs/home.html))**
  - Math and science interactives for adult learners
- **Math Playground ([mathplayground.com](http://mathplayground.com))**
  - Math interactives and manipulatives that model math problems visually
- **Shodor ([shodor.org/interactivate/](http://shodor.org/interactivate/))**
  - Primarily higher-level math and science activities, as well as activities for arithmetic, telling time, and other basic math topics
  - Includes a mobile app

## Everyday Life

- **Hands On Banking ([handsonbanking.org](http://handsonbanking.org))**
  - Set of lessons for adults on using banks and making financial decisions

## General Education

- **TV411 ([tv411.org](http://tv411.org))**
  - Engaging videos on reading and writing and sections on basic finance, science, and math
  - All topics have online lessons students can complete, as well as downloadable worksheets
- **BBC Skillswise ([bbc.co.uk/skillswise](http://bbc.co.uk/skillswise))**
  - A focus on English, math, and Job skills for adults, with real-life applications for these skills in everyday life
- **PBS Literacy Link ([litlink.ket.org](http://litlink.ket.org))**
  - Adult basic education resources featuring interactive lessons with a focus on workplace skills and GED test preparation
  - Teacher accounts allow access to a collection of lesson plans and handouts
- **Minneapolis Community Education ([abe.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://abe.mpls.k12.mn.us))**
  - Adult basic education resources, with a focus on literacy, workplace skills, and GED test preparation