Useful Links/Resources for ELL Students

**Vocabulary:**

- **BBC Learning English:**
  [http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish](http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish)
  While this site uses British English, it has good resources.
  “6 Minute English” is a good place to start.

- **Academic WordList:**
  [http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/information](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/information)
  This site provides the most frequently used college-level vocabulary for self-study.

- **A4ESL:** [http://a4esl.org/](http://a4esl.org/)
  Bilingual quizzes in many languages can be found here.

**Grammar Review and Practice:**

- **UsingEnglish.com:** [https://www.usingenglish.com/](https://www.usingenglish.com/)
  Clear explanations of grammar structures and an EXCELLENT collection of idioms and phrasal verbs.

- **Grammar Bytes:** [www.chompchomp.com](http://www.chompchomp.com)
  A variety of resources from exercises to MOOCs on English grammar.

- **Parallel Sentence Structure:**
  [http://www.evergreen.edu/writingcenter/handouts/grammar/parallel.pdf](http://www.evergreen.edu/writingcenter/handouts/grammar/parallel.pdf)

- **Prepositions/Prepositional Phrases:**
  - [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/english_as_a_second_language/esl_students/prepositions/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/english_as_a_second_language/esl_students/prepositions/index.html)
  - [http://languagetools.info/grammarpedia/prepphrase.htm](http://languagetools.info/grammarpedia/prepphrase.htm)

- **Pronouns:** [http://www.towson.edu/ows/pronouns.htm](http://www.towson.edu/ows/pronouns.htm)

- **Subject-Verb Agreement:**
  [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/grammar/subject_verb_agreement.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/grammar/subject_verb_agreement.html)

- **Transitional Devices:**
  - [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/mechanics/transitions_and_transitional_devices/transitional_devices.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/mechanics/transitions_and_transitional_devices/transitional_devices.html)
  - [https://www.msu.edu/~jdowell/135/transw.html](https://www.msu.edu/~jdowell/135/transw.html)

- **Verb Tense:**
  [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/grammar/verb_tenses/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/general_writing/grammar/verb_tenses/index.html)
Pronunciation:

  Includes a variety of activities to improve English pronunciation.

Reading:

  Includes multi-level news stories for ELL students.

Writing

- **Academic Phrasebank**: [http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/)  
  This is a wonderful resource that helps familiarize and provide ELL students with common phrasing used in academic papers.

- **Tips for Writing in North American Colleges**:  
  [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/english_as_a_second_language/esl_students/tips_for_writing_in_north_amERICAN_colleges/index.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/english_as_a_second_language/esl_students/tips_for_writing_in_north_amERICAN_colleges/index.html)  
  This series of pages will help ELL students begin to understand American academic writing expectations and conventions.

Writing Center Resources

*Oxford Collocations Dictionary* – Helps ELL students understand and use common phrasing when writing in English.

*Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary*– Extensive definitions of English words along with examples of how they are used in sentences.