

Practice English and Reading

The stories in *Practice English and Reading* can be used to supplement and extend the intermediate level learners' curriculum. The stories used in this section were originally taken from news reports. Some stories contain a "Full Story" which presents the story at a higher reading level, closer to the original language. The "Basic Story" uses simple sentence structures and vocabulary to make the same story accessible to a language learner. Each story contains a reading, vocabulary development, comprehension questions, and a writing prompt. These activities are also appropriate for native English speakers who have limited literacy skills.

There is no instructional sequence intended in the menu listing of the topics. Topics may be chosen according to their relevance to the student's interests and learning needs and goals.

Topic	Stories	Key Vocabulary
Family	Community Rebuilds Playground	burned extremely neighbors organizers playground project rebuild ruined volunteer worried
	Fire Safety	attempt escape mattress poisoned suffocate careless
	Historic Letters Get Responses	appreciate combat discovered donate era inspiration perspective remember soldiers stationed
	Parents Can Get Help	alcohol daughter home life mother nursery parent safe suffering wrong

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Family (continued)	Boy Sets Swimming Record	agree article coach excellent finish prove record swim train youngest

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Going Places	Air Rage	abusive assault attendant passenger plane problem protect punishment angry rage
	Golden Gate Birthday	anniversary beginning bridge crowded greatest history opening parade records sunrise
	High Seas	e-mail family Internet modem retire sailing senior short-wave weather yacht
	Sensible Driving Can Save Fuel	accelerator conserve errands expensive fuel habit inflated route speed steady

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Health and Safety	Alzheimer's Disease	affects confused cure disease eventually memory
	Body Scan	body disease doctor expensive healthy scan secure sick worry young
	Cell Phone Safety	accident dangerous distracted drive focus information law phone road safe
	Governor Wants Kids to Eat Healthy	concern governor health issues junk food overweight problem productive summit teenagers

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Health and Safety	Kid Safety	avoid chemical curious detector hazard injury occur passenger protect site
	Poison Proof Your Home	accidental childhood dangerous household latch poison
	Skin Therapy	chemotherapy increase survival treated prevent cancer
	Smokers Have New Way to Quit	addicted ancient apply disease laser resist therapist trigger urge willpower
	The Dangers of Fireworks	dult careful children dangerous explode eye fireworks hurt illegal safe

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Housing	Renters' Rights	community complex court decision fixed judge notify purchase remain reside

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Law and Government	Officers May Be Required to Work Out	disability ethic fit gym police officer policy program recruits required voluntary

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Money	Ready, Click, Spend	bargain budget caution festive fraud predict retail secure tradition Web site

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Nature	Alaskan Oil Spill	Alaska captain contain crew equipment fisherman pipeline reef spilled tanker
	Earthquake Could be Worse than Hurricane	channels crust damage earthquake expert fault kit portable power survival
	Lost Whales	active behavior belong coax downstream habitat herd propeller protect suffer

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Nature	Save the Forest	climate critical diversity ecologist ecosystem industry quality species
	Tuna and Dolphins	canning check company dolphins fisherman nets shadow tuna
	Volcano by the Sea	collapse earthquake eruption island lava scientist surface volcano

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School	Dogs Help Children Become Better Readers	assist attentive audience comfort companion encourage explosive intimidating peers therapy
	Fun Reading Show	audience books families important program questions reading show travel understand
	Kids' Café	airport coffee crowded customer flavor mistake passengers pleasant project skill

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School (continued)	Students and Satellites	college foam garbage launch measure plastic rocket satellite
	Computers in the Classroom	afford classroom computer Internet kindergarten library recess visit volunteer wired

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Science and Technology	Biosphere	biosphere desert Earth future greenhouse planet scientist shrimp tropics sealed
	Computer Virus	computer computer virus FBI hooked up information machine problem several spread useless
	Film Made about UFOs	comet explanation flares interview mystery objects Phoenix producer unidentified

Science and Technology (continued)	T-Rex	dinosaur extinction humans researchers scientists skeletons tracked Tyrannosaurus Rex
	Google It!	adjective adopted common edition editors noun official public technology verb

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Services	911 Calls	accident bogus emergency help phone police problem quick reduce wait
	Free Food for Kids	breakfast children concentrate food free lunch meal nourished participate school

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Working	Looking for a Job	civil service employment agency hire job opening telephone directory temporary
	W-4 Form	dependent exemption refund W-4 form withhold taxes
	Team Player	adapt compromise employee employer responsible team player