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Skill: Comprehensive**BBC New English Course**

Machine: Win

Publisher: Ladder International

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6

Special use: bilingual (Chinese)

A series of 24 CD-ROMs provide a variety of language activities for beginning to advanced learners. Vocabulary, dictionary, pronunciation guide and interactive pronunciation assessment, songs, role-plays, and more. Includes an English-Chinese dictionary.

BeltPrimary

Machine: Win

Publisher: Binary Logic

Purchase options: contact publisher for details

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Six-level series with 16-24 lessons. Major emphasis is on grammar and vocabulary development, with a variety of exercises that include reading, listening, songs, and voice recording and comparison with the model. Extensive record-keeping and management that prints out reports and certificates. Schools subscribe for a period of time and pass the costs on to students. The package includes books and a dongle (hardware key). Students can work at home in the book, then enter their answers on the computer to check them. The company offers on-site teacher training.

BeltSuccess

Machine: Win

Publisher: Binary Logic

Purchase options: contact publisher for details

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6

Special use: elementary

Five-level series with 16-24 lessons. Major emphasis is on grammar and vocabulary development, with a variety of exercises that include reading, listening, and voice recording and comparison with the model. Extensive record-keeping and management that prints out reports and certificates. Schools subscribe for a period of time and pass the costs on to students. The package includes books and a dongle (hardware key). Students can work at home in the book, then enter their answers on the computer to check them. The company offers on-site teacher training.

ELLIS Academic

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Pearson Education

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Special use: Bilingual

This is a suite of programs that incorporate video, animation, audio, and text to present information and build skills in vocabulary, grammar, writing, and oral skills for high school and adult learners. A record and

playback option is also included. True beginners would use Basics to build literacy skills; Intro for beginning and low-intermediate learners; Middle Mastery for intermediate to advanced; Senior Mastery for English for Academic Purposes for advanced learners; and Master Pronunciation for pronunciation work at any level. ELLIS Placement provides initial testing, and Instructor Utilities is the on-line student tracking system. Now part of Pearson Education. Find information at <http://www.pearsonschool.com/ellis>

ELLIS Essentials

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Pearson Education

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-6

Special use: literacy, bilingual

ELLIS Essentials uses songs, exercises, games, and native-language support for instruction to combine basic vocabulary development with beginning reading instruction for beginning literacy. Activities for beginner and low intermediate learners include video as part of tutorials for integrated skills, as well as native-language support for instruction, games, songs, exercises, and other skills practice.

<http://www.pearsonschool.com/ellis> for more information.

English Adventures

Machine: Win

Publisher: Techno-Ware

Approximate single-unit price: \$500

Purchase options: lab

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3

Special use: elementary, literacy

DVD-based series of adventure stories, chants, songs, and texts that introduce children to the sounds of letters, letter combinations, and the creation of words from these sounds (phonics). Record and playback options, as well as record-keeping. Program runs from a server. Windows 95/98/2000/ME; not verified for Vista or Windows 7.

English Discoveries

Machine: Win

Publisher: Techno-Ware

Approximate single-unit price: \$700

Purchase options: \$90 for indiv titles

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Special use: Literacy

Developed by Berlitz and EduSoft, this multimedia program offers materials and activities for reading, writing, speaking, listening, and grammar skills. It also allows teachers to easily develop their own lessons. In addition to prepared lessons, students may work in specific areas such as language (grammar), listening (using video clips), speaking (creating part of a dialogue), and adventures (following clues). There are 12 CD-ROM disks (Let's Start, 3 Basic, 3 Intermediate, 4 Advanced, and 1 Executive) that are consistent in format and include pre and post tests. Includes a management system. There are testing options throughout the program and a review module in the Advanced disks. Individual levels can be purchased separately and cost between \$85 and \$370. Networked version is English Discoveries Expert. Windows 95/98/2000/ME; not verified for Vista or Windows 7.

English Discoveries Expert

Machine: Win

Publisher: Techno-Ware

Approximate single-unit price: \$3455

Purchase options: per station price

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Server-based version of English Discoveries for institutional purchase and use. Windows 2000 Server, and Windows 2003 Server.

English for Kids Set

Machine: Win

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems See also World of Reading, Learning Services

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Level: Beginning For: K-3

Special use: elementary

Six CD-set includes English For Kids (pronunciation). English Practice Combo (vocabulary, listening, grammar, spelling). My First Incredible Amazing Dictionary, and PDF-formatted Printing Workbook, Cursive Writing Workbook, and Creative Writing Workbook. Customized versions are available for speakers of French, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, German, Chinese, Hindi, Portuguese, and Russian. See a review at http://calico.org/CALICO_Review/review/engkids00.htm.

English Language

Machine: Win

Publisher: Mantex

Approximate single-unit price: \$35

Purchase options: GBP19.45

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

This covers all the basic aspects of English language studies, with a UK/British English focus. It offers definitions, examples, and full explanations of current usage. There are interactive exercises on every topic. It can be used for self-instruction, for reference, or as a HELP program whilst using a word-processor. Covers every topic required by the National Curriculum. In use throughout the UK. Assumes L1 cultural information. Windows 95/98/2000/XP.

English Tutor

Machine: Win

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: bilingual (multi)

Includes grammar, reading, writing, and listening Learning English workbooks (PDF format); ESL PRO, a pronunciation drill and practice program; and the 1000 Key English Words and Idioms guide. A student workbook and teachers manual are included for ESL PRO.

FreeENGLISH

Machine: Win

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Beginning For: All

A free, downloadable English tutorial application (English Pro Web Edition) that takes a phonetic approach to learning English is available from this Internet site. Also on the site are a chat and message board and a series of interactive games to improve vocabulary, listening, grammar, and spelling.

Hablemos Ingles

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Amazon.com

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3

Special use: Bilingual

A CD-ROM-based course designed for native speakers of Spanish that includes video and audio recordings, exercises, games, and a 350-page textbook to help learners improve listening comprehension, grammar, and writing skills. Like in its English-based counterpart, Learn to Speak English, each lesson begins with a setting and a dialog. The settings follow a visitor to the U.S. through customs, getting a hotel, exchanging money, to furnishing an apartment and shopping for food. The students can expand their study of the language presented in the settings and dialogs through the use of cultural notes, vocabulary study (hear the word, definitions, notes about usage), grammar notes, exercises (fill in the blank, sentence writing, scrambled sentences, listening dictation), pronunciation work (listen to the model pronunciation, record voice and play back), and a test of both grammatical and functional language knowledge. The Windows version uses speech-recognition technology to evaluate pronunciation on a scale of 'Tourist' to 'Native.' QuickTime movies show cultural points of interest in the US. Windows 95/XP.

Imagine Learning English

Machine: Win

Publisher: Imagine Learning

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-12

English language development for K-12 students; designed for school-wide adoption. Extensive collection of integrated activities, testing, and record-keeping.

Issues in English I and II

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$180

Purchase options: CDs sold separately; lab

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Two CD-ROMs, each with eight issues (Smoking, Gambling, Discrimination, Growing Old, etc.), each covered at four levels of complexity from Beginner to Advanced. Each issue has a video clip of someone presenting the issue, with the language activities (approx. 18 per issues per level) based on the video clip. CD-ROMs sold separately. Windows 98, Me, 2000, XP, Vista, 7.

Learn and Play set

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems See also World of Reading

Approximate single-unit price: \$45

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Beginning For: K-8

Four CD-ROMs with workbooks. Students are taught basic grammar, reading, listening, and spelling skills in the Learn & Play workbooks, and these skills are then reinforced through interactive English games. The box set includes: Learn & Play Grammar Set, Learn & Play Listening and Spelling Set, Learn & Play Vocabulary Set, and English Practice Games Combo CD-ROMs.

Learn to Speak English

Machine: Win

Publisher: eLanguage See also Amazon.com

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Purchase options: lab

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

A complete CD-ROM-based course that includes video and audio recordings, exercises, games, and a 350-page textbook to help learners improve listening comprehension, grammar, and writing skills. Each lesson begins with a setting and a dialog. The settings follow a visitor to the U.S. through customs, getting a hotel, exchanging money, to furnishing an apartment and shopping for food. The students can expand their study of the language presented in the settings and dialogs through the use of cultural notes, vocabulary study (hear the word, definitions, notes about usage), grammar notes, exercises (fill in the blank, sentence writing, scrambled sentences, listening dictation), pronunciation work (listen to the model pronunciation, record voice and play back), and a test of both grammatical and functional language knowledge. Version 10 is Windows only (XP/Vista). Version 8 is the latest Macintosh version, and may not run on OS X.

Learning English Series

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$55

Level: Intermediate For: All

Series of Learning English workbooks covering intermediate grammar, reading, writing and listening. Each workbook includes instruction on the key concepts and practice exercises with answers provided. Each workbook is in PDF format so students can work with exercises directly on the computer or print a portable hardcopy. Individual skill area workbooks can be purchased separately. This can be purchased online and downloaded from <http://www.esl-pro.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=195> .

Let's Go Interactive

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: DynEd International See also Oxford Univ. Press

Approximate single-unit price: \$600

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K -4

Special use: Elementary; bilingual (Sp, Port., Jap.); literacy

A six-level, 12 CD-ROM series designed for children ages 4-10 (pre-readers and early readers), adapted from the American English textbook series by Oxford University Press. Songs and music by Carolyn Graham. Animated cats provide guidance throughout. Each lesson builds on the previous ones. Each level contains 8 units with conversation, vocabulary, grammar, and phonics lessons plus songs and a game, following a grammatical syllabus. A teacher's book, other classroom aids, and some bilingual versions are also available. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

Live Action English Interactive

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Command Performance Language Institute See also World of Reading, NAS, Delta

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Beginning For: Adult

Based on the classic TPR text, "Live Action English" by Elizabeth Kuizenga Romijn and Contee Seely, this program teaches practical vocabulary in context with video and still photos in 12 sequences of commands. It provides ample verb form practice in 4 essential tenses in context. Innovative interactive TPR exercises include dictations, picture glossary, help, and more.

Longman English Interactive

Machine: Win

Publisher: Pearson Education

Approximate single-unit price: \$400

Purchase options: each level sold separately

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Video based, integrated-skills program on CD-ROM. Students work with video, audio, animations, and practice activities to develop essential skills. Includes culture notes and native language support for Instructions, The Orientation, Culture Notes, video and audio transcripts, and online Help in nine languages. Each level offers 100 hours of instruction, and is available in both American and British English. Four levels, each sold separately: Beginning to High Intermediate.

M-Power Your Business English

Machine: Win

Publisher: International Business Images See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Special use: business

A variety of CD-ROM-based exercises to improve business English, though many activities would be applicable to general language learners as well. Topics include Business, Communications, Companies, Finance, Import/Export, Industry, Marketing, and Personnel. Activities include Pronunciation, Hangman, Definitions, Word Order, Anagram, Maths, and Identify. British English. Sold through <http://www.worldlanguage.com/>

MLS English Immersion

Machine: Win

Publisher: Magnum Language Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

This program uses grammar practice, vocabulary practice (including some translation work), and stories (listening, cloze, translation into the learner's language). It includes a dictionary with sound, voice recognition, and record-keeping. A distinguishing feature is that help and lessons are in 20 different languages, including Arabic, French, German, Indonesian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Record-keeping. English Lab and English Pro versions are available. See the website at <http://www.magnumlanguage.com/> for specific information. Windows 98/2000/ME/XP; no information re Vista.

New Dynamic English

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-8

Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap, It, Kor, Chi, Fr, Port)

New interface with the most recent version. Four-level listening-based course, each level with two CD-ROMs. Includes speech recognition for answers. Primary focus is on basic language concepts. In each lesson, information is presented in the form of narratives via sound and graphics with text, glossary, speech record, and repetition always available to the student. Follow-up exercises include Questions generated by the student by clicking on icons or words from the lesson; Matrix Game in which the student accrues points for correctly answering questions using vocabulary presented in the lesson; Dictation exercises requiring the student to listen carefully to a series of sentences from the lesson and select words from a list and place them in the gaps in the sentences; Fill-in exercises where missing words are placed in sentences from the lesson. Grammatical and lexical knowledge is reinforced in all games and exercises along with listening comprehension. The program adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions to the student's demonstrated level of proficiency. Suitable to be used as primary course material, supplemental resource, or self-access material in a language lab (index of lessons lends itself well to self-paced instruction). Placement Testing, Mastery Testing and a Records Manager System allow teachers to track an unlimited number of students. Networkable. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

Odyssey ELL Elementary

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Compass Learning Systems

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-4

Special use: elementary, literacy

Comprehensive system that runs from a local server or over the Internet from the Compass Learning server. Includes extensive record-keeping and curriculum aligned with US government-required standardized testing (NCLB). The program includes a pre-reading program and covers English structure and function, with opportunities for writing. Audio support is available in English and some languages.

Odyssey ELL Secondary/Adult

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Compass Learning Systems

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Comprehensive system that runs from a local server or over the Internet from the Compass Learning server. Activities work on reading and language arts comprehension and fluency to prepare students for standardized testing as well as pronunciation. Audio support is available in English and in some additional languages.

Q Business CDs

Machine: Win

Publisher: Q Group

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Beginning For: Adult, HE

Special use: business

CD-ROM-based focus on communication skills, using text, sound, video, and graphics. Topics include business travel, company management, recruitment and advertising. In addition to the course materials, there are 4 video clips with study activities. Students can also record and playback. Includes a glossary, grammar book, cultural notes, crossword puzzles, and a variety of exercises. Suitable for professionals studying for the Cambridge BEC (Business English Certificate).

Q English CDs

Machine: Win

Publisher: Q Group

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. 36 theme-based English language learning CDs for adults. Lessons Develop listening, reading, speaking, and writing. Bookmark feature returns students to the last action taken before exiting the lesson. Local language support and tool tips in several languages.

Q Kids CDs

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Q Group

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6

Special use: Elementary, literacy

CD-ROMs, readers, audio and video cassettes are part of this comprehensive program for young learners of English. A variety of activities. These basic English CDs provide over 100 hours of learning and comprise two separate courses, one for pre-readers and one for readers: Winnie's World (pre-readers): An animated world of eight 'houses' with different topics in each house; Freddy's Islands (readers): Children can 'hop' from one island to another with different lessons on each island. Online version is also available.

Side By Side Interactive

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Pearson Education

Approximate single-unit price: \$200

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Video-based software program that combines interactive video (from Side by Side TV programs), audio, graphics, and text to provide students with exercises and activities. Includes lifeskills and civics exercises, as well. Two-levels; each CD-ROM sold separately.

Stickybear's Early Learning Activities

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Optimum Resource

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K-6

Special use: elementary, literacy

Introduces young children to the English alphabet, counting, shapes, opposites and colors. Instructions for the six different activity options for each lesson objective can be in either English or Spanish. The lessons can be done either following computer prompts or in a more independent exploration mode. There are several other early learning titles available in the Stickybear series. Windows XP/Vista and Mac Classic/OS X on a hybrid CD.

SuccessMaker

Machine: Win

Publisher: Pearson Education

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-8

K-8 reading and mathematics curriculum. Individualized learning, record-keeping. Video, audio, games in a comprehensive package. Aligned with US state standards.

Tell Me More Kids ESL

Machine: Win

Publisher: Auralog

Approximate single-unit price: \$130

Purchase options: age levels also separately

Level: Beginning For: pre-K-6

Special use: elementary

Specialized English course for children based on speech recognition. Offers progressive learning adventures based on age and proficiency level, including more than 1,000 activities, karaoke and cartoons. Also available as an online course. Windows 95/NT4/98/Me/2000/XP/Vista/7.

WiggleWorks

Machine: Mac

Publisher: Scholastic Software

Purchase options: 1500 for books, CDs

Level: Beginning For: K-2

Special use: Bilingual, elementary

Children learn reading, writing, speaking and listening skills with this set of materials, including books, other print material, and CD-ROMs. Titles include Pizza, Kites, Raindrops, What Lila Loves, The Ball Game, The Tree House, What's Inside, and several others.

Skill: Discussion**Amazon Trail**

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$12

Purchase options: lab pack, site license

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-4

Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development. Windows 95/Me/2000/98/NT/XP; Mac OS X. Different versions work with different operating systems, so buy with care. Hybrid CD-ROM.

Civilization II

Machine: Win

Publisher: MicroProse

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Advanced For: All but K-6

Inventions and technology are the focus of this simulation. Students need to pay close attention to what they can and can't do, based on what inventions exist at that point in the game. Careful note-taking is essential, as well as a lot of reading. Group work makes the game do-able in a few class sessions. There are a couple of fan sites: CivFanatics at <http://www.civfanatics.com>, and <http://www.civ3.com/> for Civilization III.

CrossCountry Canada

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Ingenuity Works

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: site, network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Using a realistic, yet fun visual format this geography simulation lets students take on the role of a long distance truck driver. Students make decisions about finding and delivering in a timely fashion up to 52 different commodities to 180 cities. Students need to read maps, calculate distances, estimate expenses, and plan cost-effective routes from coast to coast. The program and accompanying teacher's manual offer many possibilities for ESL/EFL communicative language practice through cooperative learning tasks.

CrossCountry USA

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Ingenuity Works

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Any

Using a realistic, yet fun visual format this geography simulation lets students take on the role of a long distance truck driver. Students make decisions about finding and delivering in a timely fashion up to 52 different commodities to 180 cities. Students need to read maps, calculate distances, estimate expenses, and plan cost-effective routes from coast to coast. The program and accompanying teacher's manual offer many possibilities for ESL/EFL communicative language practice through cooperative learning tasks. CrossCountry USA is now downloadable from the company's website (requires credit card) or on CD-ROM.

Decisions, Decisions Series

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions

Approximate single-unit price: \$150

Purchase options: each title; \$1650 for all 15

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Students work in groups to use the software and text materials to make decisions. Students check the printed materials for additional background information. As a group they prioritize their goals, receive multiple perspectives on the issues from their 'advisors' in the computer, discuss their options and input their course of action to the computer. The computer presents the consequences and the 'advisors' reappear to offer the students help in dealing with them prior to another round of decisions, actions and consequences. These programs work well in a one-computer classroom. The following are ones most likely to be of interest to ESL/EFL students. Immigration, Prejudice, The Environment, Violence in the Media.

Explore Canada

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: TVLT New Media Language Training See also NAS Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Purchase options: site, network, lab pack

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-2

Special use: bilingual (French)

This multimedia program teaches Canadian history, geography and culture at two levels of language difficulty (English and French). The geography section provides detailed information about regions, provinces and territories in Canada. The history unit is divided into the following six titles: Early History, Colonial Period, Canada Grows, Exploration, Confederation and Canada Today. Other features available on this program are a talking dictionary, an index for research assignments, scratch pad activities, Canadian Citizenship test, and other activities.

Hollywood

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

A creative writing CD-ROM, which lets you or your students write, direct, and play your own animated shows with talking characters. You select the scene, you direct the actors, you write the dialogue, you choose the music and special effects. You can screen it in the theater by clicking on the projector. There's even an Idea Machine which provides story starters, plot twists, and dialogue suggestions based on the scene you've chosen and the specific personalities of your characters. Uses computerized voices; sometimes you

have to fiddle with spelling to get them to sound right. (SA) Formerly sold by Theatrix, it is good to see this title reappear. Windows 95/98/ME; Mac OS 8,9, X classic.

Hollywood High

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Like its predecessor Hollywood, Hollywood High has students write and direct an animated show with talking characters. The settings and characters are high school-oriented, so this is more attractive to teens but less useful for adults than Hollywood. Students select the scene and characters, place and move the actors, write the dialogue, and choose the special effects. Because it uses synthesized rather than digitized voices, they can be odd. It's possible to tweak the spelling to improve the pronunciation, but the point of this is the dialogue among the learners creating the show, not the end result itself. This is not recommended as a listening skill builder, but it's a great tool for discussion at the computer. CD-ROM. Formerly sold by Theatrix, it is good to see this title reappear. Windows 95/98/ME; Mac OS 8,9, X classic.

Hot Dog Stand

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Sunburst Technology

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Purchase options: lab, network, school

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 4-8 grade

Simulation where learners buy and sell at a hot dog stand.

Mindgame/MindLines

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants See also World of Reading, NAS

Approximate single-unit price: \$240

Purchase options: \$60 per level ; network available

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

A computerized version of one of Mario Rinvolucri's grammar games, combining language learning with strategy. It's a virtual boardgame based on the ancient Japanese game "Go" in which students must master an area of language in order to win. MindLines is the American English version while MindGame is the British English version. Students can play against each other or against the computer. Each of the five levels comes on a separate CD-ROM or as a compilation. It comes with an authoring component. A demo is available from the website.

Opinion Zone 1, 2, 3

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: 5-user, network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Opinion Zone titles deal with the language of expressing opinions, built around a studio debate. The topics of these debates include Gun Law, European Union, and No More Roads. In addition to the studio material, Opinion Zone titles include a variety of interviews with people ranging from an Australian government minister to a street vendor. Opinion Zone titles are not intended to be self-contained courses; rather, they are classroom resources that teachers can call on to support an existing study programme. CD-ROM. See the website for demos and downloads.

Oregon Trail II

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Students make decisions following a simulated trip along the Oregon Trail. They can choose the month and year to start, with different hazards accordingly. The program has excellent graphics and a lot of information is presented on screen in the course of the simulation. Includes digitized speech. This lends itself to use in cooperative learning plans where each student in a team has responsibility for monitoring different information. There are a lot of resources about this period such as pioneer journals that can be used effectively in conjunction with this program. Having the students keep a journal of their simulated trip also works well as an extension activity. Now sold only through mail order vendors. Windows 98/XP; Mac OS 9. Not verified on Vista or Mac OS X.

SimCity Box

Machine: Win

Publisher: Maxis Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

In this city simulation, learners plan and manage a city through periods of growth, recession, and various natural disasters. Getting started takes a fair bit of time and teacher work to prepare students, even at advanced levels. Once learners know the basics, however, the activity is very engaging. This works best as a group activity since many different areas need simultaneous attention to avoid the city's financial collapse and/or physical destruction. SimCity Box includes SimCity Societies and its expansion SimCity Societies Destinations, SimCity 4, SimCity 4 Rush Hour, and The Sims Carnival SnapCity. A Classic version is also available to play online for free at http://simcity.ea.com/play/simcity_classic.php

Simutrans

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Simutrans

Approximate single-unit price: freeware

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Multi-player simulation of a transportation system. This would be good for people interested in planning. The simulation can be quite elaborate, so it works best if used in a group and over several sessions. Download from <http://www.simutrans.com/>. Windows 98/XP/Vista and Mac OS X.

Vox Pop

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$65

Purchase options: network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

This multimedia CD-ROM is based on forty-eight authentic video interviews recorded on the streets of Cambridge in England. The program is built around task-based activities in which learners use language to achieve real outcomes like reporting people's opinions on widely-discussed issues. This is supplemented with a closer look at some of the particular features of authentic everyday language. See the website for demos and downloads.

Where in the World /USA/ Europe/America's Past/Time is Carmen Sandiego?

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Detective mystery/ adventure. Students need to use travel and geographic clues to solve the mystery. Engaging story, good for group work. Different versions run on different operating systems, so take care when purchasing.

Who is Oscar Lake?

Machine: Win

Publisher: Language Publications Interactive See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Special use: bilingual versions (Sp, Fr, Ger, It)

CD-ROM interactive mystery. Versions are available in a variety of languages, so students could try it in their language first, then again in English. Windows 98/ME/2000/NT/XP.

Skill: Grammar

Basic English Fitness

Machine: Win

Publisher: Merit Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Drill and practice with troublesome points of grammar. Each sentence contains up to four underlined choices, one of which contains a common error in usage, diction, grammatical relationship, or punctuation. In response to a wrong answer, the program shows the corrected sentence and explains why it is right. Record-keeping. Windows 95/98/2000/XP; not verified for Vista. A demo can be downloaded from the website: <http://www.meritsoftware.com/>.

CALL Library for English

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: for 1-5 users

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Special use: TOEFL

Eurocentres teachers have used Wida's authoring programs and created ready-to-go library files for almost all levels, elementary to advanced, concentrating on vocabulary, grammar practice, etc, but also exam practice including TOEFL. 10 CD-ROMs in the collection. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

Churchill House First Certificate Program

Machine: Win

Publisher: Churchill House

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Download this free software program to help students revise for the tricky "spot the error" question on the Cambridge First Certificate Exam (FCE). It's also suitable for intermediate and advanced students who want to work on their grammar. Available at http://www.easyfreeware.com/first_certificate_english_program-11195-freeware.html

Diascriptive Language Arts Development

Machine: Win

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$395

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-5

Multimedia grammar program includes exercises on capitalization, punctuation, parts of speech, subject-verb agreement, compound sentences, and paragraph construction. Designed for native speakers, but usable

with ESL. Includes diagnostic tests that determine the language arts skills of each student and prescribe what is needed for improvement. Thirty-six tutorial lessons, presented with voice and text, develop language arts concepts, evaluate performance at each level and redirect students to lower levels to help build skills or to higher levels to learn more advanced skills.

Easy Writer

Machine: Win

Publisher: Software for Students

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

This software was developed by an ESL teacher and features all authentic writing. It uses more than 85 essays written by ESL students in which the user has to find and correct the grammar errors. Essays range from high beginner to high intermediate. Users who want more help with grammar can access grammar help pages which will explain the rules and hyperlink to other sentences and paragraphs which exhibit the same type of error. Additional exercises and examples are in the accompanying text, "The Grammar HELP! Student Handbook," available from the author/publisher. New Easy Writer Deluxe includes audio stories as well. XP/2000/98, NT, and ME.

EasyWriter Deluxe

Machine: Win

Publisher: Software for Students

Approximate single-unit price: \$125

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

This software was developed by an ESL teacher and features all authentic writing. Learners can listen to the essays first, then find and correct the grammar errors. Essays range from high beginner to high intermediate. Users who want more help with grammar can access grammar help pages which will explain the rules and hyperlink to other sentences and paragraphs which exhibit the same type of error. Additional exercises and examples are in the accompanying text, "The Grammar HELP! Student Handbook," available from the author/publisher. Windows XP/2000/98, NT, ME.

Error Terror

Machine: Win

Publisher: Educational Software Products

Approximate single-unit price: \$75

Purchase options: £40 each; lab

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Arcade-style game where the user has to shoot down errors in a constantly moving passage. Whether the user wins or loses, after each passage is completed, a list of errors, along with individual notes on each error, is presented to them, which can be printed off for reference. The 20 passages are graded for difficulty, and the program is fully authorable. British English in the passages that come with the program.

Essential English Fitness

Machine: Win

Publisher: Merit Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6

Multiple-choice program helps students cope with troublesome points of English grammar and usage.

Record-keeping. Windows 95/98/2000/XP; not verified for Vista. Networkable. A demo can be downloaded from the website: <http://www.meritsoftware.com/>.

Findword

Machine: Win

Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel

Approximate single-unit price: \$5

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Utility which looks up a dictionary to retrieve lists of words which match a pattern, whether a spelling, pronunciation, or grammar pattern. A help file and dictionary are included. Examples of how the program can be used can be downloaded from the Higgins website at <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/wordscape/software-new.html>. This program can be downloaded for a small fee from <http://www.lulu.com/content/864700>. Windows 2000/XP: not verified on Vista.

Fish Trek

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: University of Michigan Press

Approximate single-unit price: \$38

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Computer game designed to help teach English article usage; supports The Article Book, but does not require the book. It offers six game levels, ten levels of difficulty, complete print options, tracking of wrong answers, and a comprehensive practice session. Includes a test generator option for teachers. Windows 95, 98, ME, NT, 2000, or XP; Mac OS X.

Focus on Grammar Interactive

Machine: Win

Publisher: Pearson Education

Purchase options: see website

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Five-level series from beginning to advanced; each level sold separately. The CD-ROMs follow the syllabus of the textbook series in its third edition. Unlike most grammar programs, this uses all language skills and both passive and productive modes for grammar practice. Writing exercises will require a teacher for assessment. Other exercises have automated assessment and record-keeping. Also available as a fully online program. Windows 2000/XP; not verified for Vista.

Focus on Grammar series

Machine: Win

Publisher: Exceller Software See also Addison Wesley, Longman,

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Four-level series from beginning to advanced; each level sold separately. The CD-ROMs follow the syllabus of the textbook series in its third edition. Unlike most grammar programs, this uses all language skills and both passive and productive modes for grammar practice. Writing exercises will require a teacher for assessment. Other exercises have automated assessment and record-keeping.

Grammar Made Easy

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: DK Interactive Learning See also Software Express

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Lessons and a game-show format; designed for native speakers. Diagnostic testing with tutorials for those topics where special attention is needed. Record-keeping.

Grammar Sense Interactive CD-ROMs

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press

Approximate single-unit price: \$165

Purchase options: CDs sold individually

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

CD-ROMs for Basic (GSI1), intermediate (GSI2), or high-intermediate to advanced high school or adult learners (GSI3). These supplement the grammar text, Grammar Sense. Each CD-ROM includes interactive exercises, charts and usage notes with audio examples, games, and tests for learners to check their progress. CDs sold individually. Windows 98/XP; not tested on Vista.

GrammarQuest

Machine: Win

Publisher: Gepeto Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3

Gaming interface, where the user answers exercises correctly to get treasure. 50 different lessons. Students can play the quest games, review the exercises with the Grammar Review feature, or do the exercises at home with the worksheets printed from the Teacher Toolbox screen. Every topic includes comprehensive and complete online help with examples. Record-keeping option. Requires Windows 95, 98, ME, 2000, XP, or NT; not compatible with Windows Vista. Download a sample from the website.

GrammarTutor

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Idiom Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Grammar exercises on beginning to advanced grammar topics. The program is editable, allowing the instructor to add customized exercises. Students have access to explanations of grammar topics and the glossary while working on exercises.

Gramster

Machine: Win

Publisher: Edulang

Approximate single-unit price: \$390

Purchase options: Also available for single levels.

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

Grammar exercises with record-keeping. Windows2000/ XP/Vista; not verified for Windows 7. Trial download from the website: http://www.gramster.com/index.php?page=g1_download&langue=en

My Canada Software

Machine: Win

Publisher: NAS Educational Software

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 9-12, Adult

Designed for new immigrants to Canada, this covers a variety of topics such as Canadian geography, history, government, culture and more. All topics are presented in a number of levels from beginner to advanced, with beautiful pictures, videos, helpful graphic organizers and summaries. Authoring and record-keeping.

Tense Buster

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants See also World of Reading

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: \$365 for all 5 levels; lab, site packs

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Tense Buster upgrade. Covers selected grammar areas through presentations, practice exercises, rules, tests and learner training tips; has interactive feedback for right and wrong answers. Students can take notes, listen to the pronunciation of vocabulary items, hear many of the conversations and texts read out, do speaking activities, create tests from a test bank, and track their progress over different sessions. Teachers can choose North American English, International English, or Indian English. The five courses, Elementary through Advanced, are sold separately or as a bundle. Includes a free Authoring Kit and membership to TenseBuster.com website with downloadable materials to use with the authoring kit. Demos can be requested from info@clarity.com.hk.

Timescape

Machine: Win

Publisher: Timescape

Approximate single-unit price: \$275

Purchase options: school license

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Different approach to verb tenses, focusing on changing the perception of time and how English represents it. As one element, students are asked to identify and select the correct message that needs to be sent from a selection of simple ideas. For example, students are asked whether an idea represents a finished action, a present action, or an unfinished action. The aim is for the user to understand exactly what they want to express in terms of a defining message which accompanies the idea. If the idea is LIVE - ENGLAND, the

message can be Permanent - I live in England; Finished - I lived in England in 1995; or Unfinished - I have been living in England since 1995. Students can use other tools to practice their understanding of time and verb tense. Designed for speakers of German.

Understanding and Using English Grammar Interactive

Machine: Win

Publisher: Pearson Education

Level: Advanced For: All

From the advanced Azar grammar book by the same name. This CD-ROM includes animated grammar presentations; introductory dialogues about grammar; practice with listening, speaking and reading; grammar charts; and record-keeping.

WordOrder 2

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: PerLingua Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$5

Purchase options: shareware

Level: Teacher

You provide the sentences and Word Order 2 does the rest. A great feature is that you can easily choose how the sentences are broken up. Students click on words in buttons to make a sentence. Feedback is instant; both visually (the word is added to the screen) and aurally (there are sounds for correct and incorrect choices). Free demo is limited to 5 sentences; \$5 shareware for full version. Windows XP/Vista; Mac OS 9/X..

Skill: Listening

Active Listening

Machine: Win

Publisher: Sky Software House

Approximate single-unit price: \$145

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Realistic listening passages in everyday situations. Four types of tasks are provided: listening for information, listen and respond, listening and notetaking, general listening with an interview, a talk, or a story.

Advanced Listening

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Advanced For: All but K-8

Listening course for advanced ESL/EFL students that uses authentic lectures from Stanford University professors to develop high-level listening and note-taking skills for academic or professional environments. Listening strategy notes give students detailed suggestions about how to approach various aspects of listening and note taking, both in general and in reference to specific exercises. Record-keeping is included.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The

Approximate single-unit price: \$10

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6

Special use: Bilingual, elementary

An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Back Home

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-5

A multimedia package based on 12 EFL songs by Christopher Jones. The songs cover a wide range of vocabulary, grammar and functions. The package uses a wide variety of activity types created with the Authoring Suite. Demo available. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

Business Territory 1 and 2

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: 5-user

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Special use: business

Students visit a variety of working environments in the UK and the USA in these CD-ROM-based programs. Authentic, non-scripted video interviews are accompanied by transcripts, paraphrases, a glossary, and audio comments giving both linguistic and business information. Teachers have a wide range of printable worksheets requiring students to collaborate in researching particular aspects of the companies and presenting their findings. 5-user licenses available. See the website for demos and downloads.

CB IELTS Listening

Machine: Win

Publisher: EFL Productions

Approximate single-unit price: \$5

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Listening practice for the computer-based IELTS test. The download contains one full-length IELTS Listening test consisting of 40 questions in 4 different sections. The test can be taken in two different modes: Practice and Test. Download from the website. Windows 98/2000/XP/Vista/7.

Dynamic Business English

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6

Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port), business

Formerly known as Interactive Business English. Presented in a similar format to Dynamic English for ESL, this listening-based business English course on 6 CD-ROMs offers the listening, speaking, reading, and critical thinking skills for the workplace/international business situation. The topics are Company History, Job History, Manufacturing and Trade, Product Comparisons, Overseas Assignment, and Future Consequences. This content-based program begins with a Presentation during which the student answers periodic listening comprehension questions. These questions reinforce the vocabulary, language concepts, and structure, while giving the students repeated opportunities to respond. The feedback includes an automated 'shuffler level' which adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions according to the learner's response. The Question Practice gives the student practice in question formation. Quantitative English, Dictations, the Verb Grid, and Grammar Fill-In test the student's knowledge. The program includes voice recording capability for student practice. Mac and Windows. Individual CDs (one topic each) can be purchased separately. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

Dynamic Classics

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: Bilingual (Jap)

Dramatized retellings of Round the World in 80 days, A Christmas Carol, Alice in Wonderland, and Robin Hood on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

EasyWriter Deluxe

Machine: Win

Publisher: Software for Students

Approximate single-unit price: \$125

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

This software was developed by an ESL teacher and features all authentic writing. Learners can listen to the essays first, then find and correct the grammar errors. Essays range from high beginner to high intermediate. Users who want more help with grammar can access grammar help pages which will explain the rules and hyperlink to other sentences and paragraphs which exhibit the same type of error. Additional exercises and examples are in the accompanying text, "The Grammar HELP! Student Handbook," available from the author/publisher. Windows XP/2000/98, NT, ME.

English by the Numbers

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE

Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port, It)

This CD-ROM-based course focuses on the language of numbers and basic mathematics. Useful for students and people in business and technical fields who need to understand or make oral presentations in English, do business over the telephone, participate in question-and-answer sessions involving the exchange of numerical information, and improve listening comprehension. Each unit includes a brief oral presentation followed by practice activities that test listening comprehension. The material is suitable for TOEIC levels 450-750. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

English for Business 1

Machine: Win

Publisher: University of Wolverhampton See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Purchase options: £60

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Special use: Business

An MBA student is making a visit to a local brewery in this Windows CD-ROM based program. He interviews the director, hears the company history, and goes on a tour of the brewery and hears about sales, marketing, policy, and the production process. The video and sound sequences are accompanied by various types of exercises, including gap-filling, reordering, and multiple choice. British English.

English for Success

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 6-12

Basic to intermediate-level comprehensive program for pre-teens and teens. It includes not only general English (listening, speaking, vocabulary, reading, grammar), but also the social language needed for school and school subjects such as math, geography, history, and science. A record and playback function is included. Record-keeping includes a "study score" function.

Expert Gallery

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: 5-user, network

Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE

Special use: business

Financial English is a video-rich CD-ROM based on a consultation session with an experienced accountant explaining how to go about setting up a company and managing its finances. The content is authentic both in the sense that it is an expert answering questions without a script and because his answers are the same as he usually gives to his clients. The authentic language is scaffolded with language support, including a glossary of terms, listening to the summaries in clear standard English, and a range of exercises such as gap fill, ordering, jigsaw, and collocation activities. The descriptions of business procedures and the weighing up of alternatives form the basis of reporting tasks which encourage students to break out of the shell of passive learning. A review is online at <http://www.lydbury.co.uk/besig/resources/cdroms/add-140599.htm>.

Findword

Machine: Win

Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel

Approximate single-unit price: \$5

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Utility which looks up a dictionary to retrieve lists of words which match a pattern, whether a spelling, pronunciation, or grammar pattern. A help file and dictionary are included. Examples of how the program can be used can be downloaded from the Higgins website at <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/wordscope/software-new.html>. This program can be downloaded for a small fee from <http://www.lulu.com/content/864700>.
Windows 2000/XP: not verified on Vista.

First English

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning For: 6-12

Multimedia English course for true beginners ages 10-17. The focus is on listening, vocabulary, and grammar, with speech recording and playback available. Course material includes school vocabulary and

situations, as well as work on letters and numbers. Lessons are sequenced and incorporate review. The management module lets teachers assign placement and track student progress. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

Functioning in Business

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: Adult, HE

Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap)

These four CD-ROMs use QuickTime Video and speech recognition technologies to create an engaging learning environment. The course is designed for intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on practical language functions common in the business world such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. Vocabulary is developed in the context of meetings, phone calls, a business lunch, negotiations, and a disagreement. Provides about 80-100 hours of intensive self-study and practice. Networkable.

Imagination Express: Destinations

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Sunburst Technology

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Purchase options: \$60 each title; lab, network avail.

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home, playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These 'smart stickers' can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added. CD-ROMs in the series: Castle; Neighborhoods; Rain Forest; Ocean; Pyramids; and Time Trip USA. For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

Just Grandma and Me

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services, Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)

This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed onscreen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in 'play' mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical responses to their mouse clicks.

Lost Secret, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: DynEd International

Approximate single-unit price: \$800

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr)

BBC English's mystery is presented on CD-ROM in MPEG full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. The focus is on listening comprehension for basic level students. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Provides 80-100 hours of home or classroom study. A textbook, student workbook, and teacher's guide are available. Networkable.

Measuring Up

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$115

Level: Beginning For: All but K-6

Practice with numbers in real-world contexts, including shopping, cooking, weighing packages, and sports. CD-ROM. Australian English. Windows 2000, Me, 2003, XP, Vista, 7.

Quick English: General 1, General 2, Business, Junior

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: LinguaTech See also Lingo Fun

Approximate single-unit price: \$34

Purchase options: per title price; lab, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

A family of multimedia CD-ROMs for ESL/EFL students studying at the intermediate to advanced levels. The Quick English Business and Quick English Junior titles are available for systems running WorldScript-Japanese or Japanese Windows 3.1/Japanese Win95. Teachers need to add tasks that encourage students to interact with each other, not just watch passively. Each title has 10 interactive lessons, 15 minutes of video and over 30 minutes of audio, hundreds of test questions, a listening comprehension section, and a Hangman game. QE General 1 is 'Social Skills, Planning & Scheduling'; QE General 2 is 'Traveling, Ordering & Shopping'; QE Business 1 is 'Public Speaking & Business Activities'; and QE Business 2 is 'Negotiations & Transactions.' Each CDs are sold separately or as a package.

Rosetta Stone: English Level I, Level II

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Fairfield Language Technologies

Approximate single-unit price: \$300

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Comprehensive second language tutorial program with target language only. Students see a picture and hear the word/ phrase/sentence with the text optionally turned on or off. After displaying/playing a set of four

prompts, the program drills comprehension by presenting the audio cue to which the student selects the appropriate picture. The program includes a listening dictation feature. Students can also record their own voices. This program can be used as a stand alone tutorial for very low level students although they may need some help learning to use the computer interface initially. Audio files are included for use on a CD or mp3 player. Levels are generally sold separately, though some bundles are available. An online version is also available. Windows 2000/XP/Vista; Mac OS X.

Short Takes Interactive

Machine: Win

Publisher: Pearson Education

Approximate single-unit price: \$55

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Three-level CD-ROM program with authentic, unscripted videos to teach vocabulary, listening, grammar, and speaking. Vocabulary is in context; self-graded exercises focus on language in use.

Sound Sentences I and II

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$450

Purchase options: I and II sold separately; lab, network

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: 6-12, Adult

Special use: Literacy

Students can see pictures, hear a sentence with digitized speech, repeat for playback, and reconstruct the sentence. Exercises and activities are based on survival English settings useful for middle school through adult learners. Sound Sentences I and Sound Sentences II are sold separately. Can be purchased as part of ESL/Basic Literacy package with Core Reading and ESL Renegades.

Telephoning in English CD-ROM

Machine: Win

Publisher: Cambridge University Press

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: UK£25

Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE

Special use: Business

Listening and speaking practice in a business English context. Topics include Unit 1; Who's calling, please?; Unit 2; Would you hold on, please?; Unit 3; I'd like to know your prices; Unit 4; We're ready to order now; Unit 5; I'll have to change the booking; Unit 6; Let's fix another date; Unit 7; What seems to be the trouble?; Unit 8; I'm sure we can sort it out. British English.

Tortoise and the Hare

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also World of Reading

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: bilingual, elementary

Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. If this program is used on an IBM or compatible, it requires an MPC-compliant machine.

Videoster

Machine: Win

Publisher: Edulang

Approximate single-unit price: \$230

Purchase options: Titles also available separately.

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3

Four titles with a focus on General English. Each title contains 15 to 25 minutes of video showing scenes of everyday life. The video can show subtitles. Additional activities include comprehension, grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, reading, and writing activities and tests.

Videoster- English for Business

Machine: Win

Publisher: Edulang

Approximate single-unit price: \$620

Purchase options: Titles also available separately.

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adule, HE

Six titles, each volume with 30 minutes of video and 250 exercise screens, which show authentic situations filmed in well-known companies. The video, if required, can be subtitled to assist comprehension and a glossary of the words used is available.

VOICEBook

Machine: Win

Publisher: VOICEbook

Approximate single-unit price: \$6

Purchase options: each story sold separately

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Learners listen to what the person is saying, then write down what they understand. Several modes are included: Dictionary mode- defines any word in the phrase; Spellcheck mode - corrects half-right words; Letter-by-letter mode - get a hint, one letter at a time; Grammar mode - grammar notes; Comments - sometimes cultural references, syntax or pronunciation explanations, or other comments. Each story is a separate VOICEbook, purchased and downloaded separately. A monthly subscription option is also available, where new titles are automatically sent to the user.

Vox Pop

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$65

Purchase options: network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

This multimedia CD-ROM is based on forty-eight authentic video interviews recorded on the streets of Cambridge in England. The program is built around task-based activities in which learners use language to

achieve real outcomes like reporting people's opinions on widely-discussed issues. This is supplemented with a closer look at some of the particular features of authentic everyday language. See the website for demos and downloads.

World Talk English

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: EuroTalk

Approximate single-unit price: \$35

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Interactive listening exercises. 10 different games covering numbers, conversations, descriptions, sentence building, directions and dictation practice. Windows 2000 or later; Mac OS X.

Skill: Pronunciation**8 in 1 English Dictionary**

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: English Computerized Learning

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Purchase options: Discount if downloaded

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

By the authors of Pronunciation Power, this CD-ROM-based dictionary offers a lot of aural/oral work. Learners can search by phonic sounds as well as by spelling; listen, record, and playback, and get a translation in 12 languages: Arabic, Chinese (traditional and simplified), French, German, Japanese, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. See a review in CALICO Journal at http://calico.org/CALICO_Review/review/propower00.htm. Windows XP with Service Pack 2, Windows Vista or Windows 7; Mac OS X.

Accent Master

Machine: Win

Publisher: Accent Master

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

This software uses animated graphics and video to demonstrate how to pronounce discrete sounds. Learners record and compare their waveforms to a model in words and phrases. The wavforms are resized to match each other. Games offer practice in using the different sounds in words and sentences. Thousands of audio recordings are included. Purchase the version customized to the students' L1 (21 different languages, from Arabic to Yoruba).

American SpeechSounds

Machine: Win

Publisher: SpeechCom

Approximate single-unit price: \$150

Purchase options: \$75 for home version; site lic.

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

The program offers video clips of lip and tongue position to help with pronunciation practice of sounds from isolated phonemes to words, phrases, and sentences. Linking, stress, and intonation exercises are also included. A directory based on the student's first language (out of 30 choices) helps students focus on sounds most likely to be problematic for them. Students can listen or listen, record, and compare themselves to the model. The Professional version of the program includes IPA and is authorable, so teachers can add their own material. While the program is designed for self-access, students will probably need some guidance in assessing their progress when working independently. Windows 95/NT/97/2000/ME/XP/Vista.

Better Accent Tutor

Machine: Win

Publisher: Better Accent

Approximate single-unit price: \$129

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

BetterAccent Tutor analyzes intonation, stress and rhythm patterns of a user-recorded utterance and visualizes these patterns in an easy- to-understand manner. By pinpointing the exact mistakes, BetterAccent Tutor allows users to focus on the problems that are unique to their speech. Users can record and playback. The program visualizes the syllabic structure of recorded utterances and highlights the syllables as they are played back, which allows users to visually compare the user's and native speaker's intonation, intensity and rhythm patterns. An extensive set of exercises and explanations of each exercise are included, as well as a large collection of utterances by native speakers to provide users with guidance and a yardstick for correct pronunciation.

Clear Pronunciation

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

The program includes over 1,000 audio clips and 50 videos which provide both comprehensive input for the sounds, and models for learners to copy. The Recorder enables users to record their voice and assess their pronunciation against a native speaker. Learners contrast sounds in isolation, work on them in sentences, then use them in a more natural context. British English.

Clear Speech Works

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

An earlier version was also sold as Speech Works from Trinity Software; this is now from DynEd. Learners can select lessons by their native language or see all the lessons. Learners can listen, record, and review words, phrases, and sentences. There is a technical vocabulary component, so learners in different disciplines can practice field-specific vocabulary. The focus is more on sounds than on stress and intonation, though those lessons are also included.

Connected Speech

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware

Approximate single-unit price: \$216

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

This program focuses on suprasegmentals, the most current approach to pronunciation teaching. It uses 27 video clips with 9 different speakers with a range of accents. A wide range of activities includes oral and visual feedback and some speech recognition. Three levels: lower intermediate, intermediate, and advanced are provided. This is helpful, since many pronunciation products use vocabulary that is far too difficult and uncommon for any but advanced students. North American, Australian, and British versions sold separately. See a full review at http://calico.org/CALICO_Review/review/conspeech00.htm. Windows 98/ME/2000/2003/ XP,/Vista.

English Sounds

Machine: Win

Publisher: EFL Productions

Approximate single-unit price: \$5

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Adult, HE, Teacher

This includes a phonemic chart and quiz for learning the International Phonetic Alphabet. This would be useful for teachers and learners who need to learn IPA in order to check the pronunciation of words.

Windows 98/2000/XP/Vista; not verified for Windows 7. British English.

ESL Pro

Machine: Win

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: multi-user, site

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: literacy, bilingual (multi)

This CD-ROM-based program uses graphics, sound, animation, and text to improve pronunciation skills. Learners can record and compare their speech. Customized versions are available for speakers of French, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, German, Chinese, Hindi, Portuguese, and Russian. Included as part of the English Tutor package.

EyeSpeak English

Machine: Win

Publisher: Visual Pronunciation Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Purchase options: network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

Practice with sounds, words, sentences, and role-plays. Learners can compare their speech to that of the native-speaker model (American or British English) using visual mouth diagrams, wave form diagrams and audio recordings. Choose from conversational English, business English, and travel English versions. A network version is available for school use. A free trial version can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.eyespeakenglish.com/>. Windows 2000/XP/Vista.

HearSay

Machine: Win

Publisher: Communication Disorders Technology

Purchase options: unavailable until 2011

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Pronunciation program based on contrastive analysis. Offers an all-languages version as well as specialized versions for Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, and Spanish. Currently unavailable; a new version is planned for 2011.

PerfectPronunciation

Machine: Win

Publisher: Antimoon

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: \$30 if downloaded from website

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

500 word-based pronunciation exercises designed for self-study/supplement to classroom work. The learner self-assesses for each word practiced. The program uses SuperMemo technology to stage reviewing, so that each lesson includes some previously-viewed words along with new words. The program chooses words to review based on the learner's self-assessment, so that words assessed at a lower level are reviewed more frequently. •Microsoft Windows 95, 98, 2000, XP, Vista or 7.

Pronunciation Power

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: English Computerized Learning

Approximate single-unit price: \$105

Purchase options: also separately \$155/95; site, network

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Pronunciation CD-ROMs with a variety of exercises for practice. Learners can listen, record, and review the different sounds. Video and animation are included for each sound, as well as waveforms. Each CD also sold separately. Downloaded versions (not on CD) are less expensive. An online option is also available. See a review in CALICO Journal at http://calico.org/CALICO_Review/review/propower00.htm. Windows XP with Service Pack 2, Windows Vista or Windows 7; Mac OS X.

Sky Pronunciation Suite

Machine: Win

Publisher: Sky Software House See also Wida

Purchase options: Contact the publisher

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

The Phonemic Alphabet in English, Similar Sounds, Word and Phrasal Stress, Stress and Rhythm, and Rhythms from Rainland. British English. Purchased by the British Council with a global license. A demo can be downloaded from the website at <http://www.skysoftwarehouse.com/index.php?page=demo>

Sona-Speech II

Machine: Win

Publisher: Kay Elemetrics

Purchase options: call for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Software component of Visi-Pitch IV that uses standard sound cards rather than dedicated hardware. It includes eight modules dealing with pitch, frequency, intensity, and articulation, and offers spectral measurements, motor speech profiles, phonation, a waveform editor, and audio feedback tools. Graphically interesting games are also provided to make therapy tasks appealing to children. Models of speech must be input by the teacher/clinician. Windows XP, Vista.

Visi-Pitch IV

Machine: Win

Publisher: Kay Elemetrics

Purchase options: call for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Hardware + software system for detailed speech analysis. In addition to the pitch, frequency, and intensity information of earlier models, this includes modules for spectral measurements, a motor speech profile, phonation (including the Sona-Match module, also sold separately), a waveform editor, and audio feedback tools. Voice games related to pitch, frequency, and intensity are motivating for younger learners. Models of speech need to be input by the teacher/clinician. Additional specialized modules are also available. This system is designed for serious speech therapy and priced to match.

Visual Voice Tools

Machine: Win

Publisher: Edmark Corporation/Riverdeep

Approximate single-unit price: \$200

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

A collection of seven tools that help students develop control of their pitch, loudness, voicing, and breath. Activities begin with simple sound awareness and progress from there. Students use a microphone for input; each tool provides visual feedback in the form of an animated graphic. Originally by IBM as part of the SpeechViewer program.

Skill: Reading

Academy of Reading

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Autoskill International

Purchase options: network - see publisher for details

Level: Literacy, beginning For: preK-12

Special use: Elementary, literacy, bilingual

A phonics-based literacy product, this program uses graphics, sound, and animation to steer teacher and student through pre-testing, prescribed exercises, then post testing. Strong management component. Has screens for reading difficulties in oral, aural, motor, speed, response, and other areas. Special needs accommodated. No reading ability needed to begin but requires ESL teaching to accompany product. Version 5 and up designed for central deployment, with a web-based user interface. Windows XP/Vista; Mac OS X.

Ace Reader Pro

Machine: Win

Publisher: StepWare

Approximate single-unit price: \$70

Purchase options: network, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

Speed reading software. Trial version has a 30-day limit. A variety of settings makes this a sophisticated program. Includes reading/comprehension tests broken out by grade levels. Regular and Pro versions are available for registered users. Windows 95/98/NT/Vista and Mac OS X. Shareware.

Achieve: Writing and Language Arts

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Learning Company, The

Approximate single-unit price: \$12

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 2-6

Special use: Elementary

Designed to meet a third through sixth grade language arts curriculum- grammar and spelling, parts of speech and sentence structure, Isynonyms and antonyms, build vocabulary. This incorporates Word Munchers, Schoolhouse Rock/Grammar Rock, Writing Trek. Designed for native speakers, but useful for ELLs. Windows XP; unknown Mac OS.

Active Reading

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE

Six levels: elementary to advanced. Each unit has video, controlled practice, comprehension exercises, and an activity that expands on the topic. Topics include current items such as advertisements for diets, Internet

posts on wireless gaming, and ecotourism. Text types include newspaper and magazine articles, emails, poems, recipes, stories and press releases.

Amazon Trail

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$12

Purchase options: lab pack, site license

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-4

Amazon Trail is a simulation of a trip up the Amazon River (and through time). The goal is to search for a medicinal plant that can save the ancient Incas from malaria. As students travel up the Amazon River they explore the rain forest, visit historical people and landmarks, trade with the people of the region, navigate and fish for food. The program comes with teacher's manuals and student worksheets that facilitate cooperative learning-based lessons and communicative language development. Windows 95/Me/2000/98/NT/XP; Mac OS X. Different versions work with different operating systems, so buy with care. Hybrid CD-ROM.

Aprندا Ingles

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Transparent Language

Approximate single-unit price: \$70

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Reading-based language study, with windows that open up to offer vocabulary, grammar, and usage help on the word, sentence, or text level in Spanish. The program includes video clips, a talking dictionary, extensive grammar reference, vocabulary games, and pronunciation help that offers voice recording with (modestly helpful) waveforms. Especially good for those who have some English and want to maintain a reading knowledge of the language. An Educator's Edition includes classroom management tools. Available for Spanish speakers and Portuguest speakers.

Arthur's Teacher Trouble

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The

Approximate single-unit price: \$10

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6

Special use: Bilingual, elementary

An interactive, animated story about an elementary schooler (Arthur the Aardvark) surprising even himself with what he accomplishes. The program has excellent graphics, sound effects, dialogues, and lots of surprises to maintain student interest. Text can be heard in English and Spanish. Requires CD-ROM drive. Best used in K-6 and family literacy settings.

Bailey's Book House

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Riverdeep See also amazon.com

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: teacher pack

Level: For: K-6

Special use: elementary

Elementary; explore words, rhyming, letters, and stories. Windows 98/ME/2000/XP; not verified for Vista or Windows 7.

Business Territory 1 and 2

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: 5-user

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Special use: business

Students visit a variety of working environments in the UK and the USA in these CD-ROM-based programs. Authentic, non-scripted video interviews are accompanied by transcripts, paraphrases, a glossary, and audio comments giving both linguistic and business information. Teachers have a wide range of printable worksheets requiring students to collaborate in researching particular aspects of the companies and presenting their findings. 5-user licenses available. See the website for demos and downloads.

CALLEAP

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$115

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE

Uses Wida's Gapmaster program to offer a range of practice materials for English for Academic Purposes students. 21 exercises work on finding the missing words, word building, finding and correcting mistakes in a text, answering questions about a written text, and analyzing data in a table. A student workbook, teacher's manual, and learner's manual are included. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

CGEA CD-ROM, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware

Approximate single-unit price: \$115

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Teaches and tests a wide range of skills covering all Learning Outcomes at Levels 2, 3 and 4 of the Reading and Writing, Oral Communication and Numeracy and Mathematics Streams of the Australian CGEA test. Australian English. Windows 98/ME/2000/2003/ XP,/Vista, Win 7.

Civilization II

Machine: Win

Publisher: MicroProse

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Advanced For: All but K-6

Inventions and technology are the focus of this simulation. Students need to pay close attention to what they can and can't do, based on what inventions exist at that point in the game. Careful note-taking is essential, as well as a lot of reading. Group work makes the game do-able in a few class sessions. There are a couple of fan sites: CivFanatics at <http://www.civfanatics.com>, and <http://www.civ3.com/> for Civilization III.

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$675

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6, Adult

Special use: Elementary

This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see, hear, say, and record each word. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. Next the student completes reading comprehension exercises. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found. For vocabulary practice, students complete words from sentences in the text and choose the correct spelling. Directions are spoken in English and Spanish. This is sold separately or as part of the ESL/Basic Literacy bundle.

Dave Taylor's African Safari

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Ingenuity Works

Approximate single-unit price: \$70

Purchase options: \$70 site license

Level: Intermediate For: K-6

20 digital books with over 300 high quality pictures of the animals and plants on the various ecosystems on Earth that students can copy for use in projects. Uses a web browser for the delivery system, so any platform should work.

Decisions, Decisions Series

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions

Approximate single-unit price: \$150

Purchase options: each title; \$1650 for all 15

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Students work in groups to use the software and text materials to make decisions. Students check the printed materials for additional background information. As a group they prioritize their goals, receive multiple perspectives on the issues from their 'advisors' in the computer, discuss their options and input their course of action to the computer. The computer presents the consequences and the 'advisors' reappear to offer the students help in dealing with them prior to another round of decisions, actions and consequences. These programs work well in a one-computer classroom. The following are ones most likely to be of interest to ESL/EFL students: Immigration, Prejudice, The Environment, Violence in the Media.

Destination Reading

Machine: Win

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-8

Special use: literacy, bilingual

Comprehensive reading program with extensive record-keeping. Bilingual support in Spanish is part of Destination Lectura. See more information at <http://www.hmlt.hmco.com/DR-IN.php>

Developing Critical Thinking Skills for Effective Reading

Machine: Win

Publisher: Merit Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Purchase options: lab, network, site; both sets for \$180

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 7-12,Adult,HE

Helps students sharpen their critical thinking skills and develop their ability to make inferences. Short factual readings on four levels, two levels per set. Students read selections and answer multiple choice questions based on key words and inferences. Designed for native speakers but usable by ESL students. Windows 95/98/2000/XP; not verified for Vista. A demo is available from the website, <http://www.meritsoftware.com/>.

Diascriptive Reading I, II, III, IV

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$1400

Purchase options: \$400/unit; lab pack, networking

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 4-12, Adult

An interactive reading tutorial designed for native speakers of English, both children and adults. The program is diagnostic, prescriptive and developmental. The instruction focuses on reading for details, inference, the main idea, vocabulary (synonyms, multiple meanings, discovering meaning in context), identifying the sequential signals in a text, and distinguishing between fact and opinion. The program includes a glossary with definitions and computer pronunciation of the target words. Useful for ESL false beginners and above.

Diascriptive Reading in Science

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$335

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

The program works like Diascriptive Reading, but with a focus on the content area of science. Five diagnostic tests and 25 reading programs are included. CD-ROM.

Earobics

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-6

Special use: elementary

Includes interactive software, guided instruction, student resources, teacher's guides, correlations and assessments, customized professional development, and school-to-home connections. Designed for reading and phonics work.

Eighteen Stories

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$55

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE

Reading skill building with stories; designed for ESL/EFL. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

ESL ReadingSmart

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Alloy Multimedia

Purchase options: \$750 for up to 25 users

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6

Special use: Elementary

Reading skill practice with literature: myths and legends, biographies, poetry, and short stories from different regions and cultural traditions. Learners can link to related stories, articles, vocabulary and comprehension activities and relevant Web sites. Vocabulary support is provided through pop-up definitions while reading, as well as graphics and sound. Teachers can track learners' performance through online reports.

Froggy Phonics

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Ingenuity Works

Approximate single-unit price: \$25

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-3

Special use: elementary, literacy

This CD-ROM has three modes: Learn, where children click on words or letters to hear them spoken; Watch, where children match words and objects then watch a movie incorporating target sounds; and Play, where students have five activities that focus on reading, spelling, painting, matching, and pattern recognition.

Fun With Texts

Machine: Win

Publisher: Camsoft

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: UK£25

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, Teacher

Text reconstruction program. Input a text, then the program will create 7 activities: a whole-text deletion, traditional cloze (nth word or by part of speech, etc.), letter substitution decoding game, jumbled words, predict what comes next in a passage, and jumbled text. A demo and a free handbook can be downloaded from the website.

Gapmaster

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Also included in Wida's Authoring Suite. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

Hockey Sweater, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: Editions 3D

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Level: Literacy, beginning For: All

Special use: literacy

Multimedia CD-ROM for ESL and literacy learners, including the animated movie by the same name by the National Film Board of Canada. Supporting the film are interviews with Mr. Carrier and with Quebec folk artist Marcel Dargis, pages from Eaton's 1946-47 catalogue, "hockey cards" and computer-based activities. See the TESL Ontario review at http://www.teslontario.org/new/publ/contact/Summer2007_Vol133No3.pdf (refer to pp.22-29).

How to Read for Everyday Living

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$160

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate For: Adult

Designed for adult learners. Topics include reading labels, menus, and job ads; managing money; working with want ads and job applications; and travel-related reading. Activities include crosswords and other puzzles. CD-ROM.

HyperReader

Machine: Win

Publisher: Ted Hung

Approximate single-user price: freeware

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

This is a fairly sophisticated speed reading program. It offers five methods for displaying text, and the speed is adjustable. You can add your own texts, such as those from Project Gutenberg. This takes a bit more work than Ace Reader, but it's free. Install this on one or more computers. Download from <http://www.tedhung.com/reader/reader.zip>. Windows 95/98/XP/Vista.

Imagination Express: Destinations

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Sunburst Technology

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Purchase options: \$60 each title; lab, network avail.

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home, playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These 'smart stickers' can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added. CD-ROMs in the series: Castle; Neighborhoods; Rain Forest; Ocean; Pyramids; and Time Trip USA. For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

Jump Start Reading series

Machine: Win

Publisher: Knowledge Adventure See also Amazon, mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$10

Purchase options: lab, site, T version

Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-2

Special use: elementary, literacy

A series of programs, sold separately. Reading programs are for Pre-kindergarten to grade 3 (about 9 years old) and have a focus on phonics and vocabulary practice. Literacy titles include sound-spelling drills. Multimedia drills with game elements designed to promote literacy. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials. Windows 2000/XP; not listed as Vista-compatible.

Just Grandma and Me

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Learning Services, Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Jap)

This CD-ROM is a story about Little Critter's trip to the beach with his/her grandmother. It offers well-drawn, animated graphics with text and sound. The story is endearing to adults and children, but may seem too childish to teenagers. The learner can choose to listen to the story as it is displayed onscreen (with text highlighted as it is read) or to control the pace and click on different items within each screen to see what they do. The learner also has a choice of seeing and hearing the text in Spanish and Japanese (kanji). It may

be helpful to low-level learners who speak those languages to go through the story once in their own language, then listen and read again in English. If students are interacting with the text in 'play' mode, they can be assigned tasks by a teacher to profit linguistically from the mostly graphical responses to their mouse clicks.

Let's Go Read: An Island Adventure

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Edmark Corporation/Riverdeep

Approximate single-unit price: \$45

Purchase options: school version avail.

Level: Literacy, beginning For: Pre-K - 1

Special use: Elementary, literacy

Reading skills in an adventure format. Windows 98 / ME / 2000 / XP / NT / 95, Mac OS X. Designed for native speakers.

Lexia Reading

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Lexia Learning

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-12, AE

Special use: Elementary

Three separate programs: Lexia Early Reading for ages 3-5 phonemic awareness; Lexia Primary Reading for ages 5 to 8 basic reading skills; and Lexia Strategies for Older Students for ages 9 to adult reading skill practice. Has explicit practice in phonemic awareness and phonics; also works on vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. Leveled activities branch in response to student performance. Includes student record-keeping system. Records are stored online, at Lexia's server. Optional web-based component for self-study. The whole series is also available as a fully online program.

Lost Secret, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: DynEd International

Approximate single-unit price: \$800

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr)

BBC English's mystery is presented on CD-ROM in MPEG full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. The focus is on listening comprehension for basic level students. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Provides 80-100 hours of home or classroom study. A textbook, student workbook, and teacher's guide are available. Networkable.

Math for Everyday Living

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$160

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate For: Adult

Special use: VESL

Topics include paying for a meal, sales slips, unit pricing, saving on transportation, sales tax, finding a job, overtime, piecework/commission work, and finding net pay. CD-ROM.

Measuring Up

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$115

Level: Beginning For: All but K-6

Practice with numbers in real-world contexts, including shopping, cooking, weighing packages, and sports. CD-ROM. Australian English. Windows 2000, Me, 2003, XP, Vista, 7.

Millie's Math House

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Edmark Corporation/Riverdeep See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Purchase options: school version avail.

Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K-3

Special use: Elementary, literacy

CD-ROM with interactive math activities. A Spanish version is also available. Windows XP: Mac OS X. Not verified on Vista.

Mindplay TEAM - FLRT

Machine: Win

Publisher: Mindplay

Approximate single-unit price: \$300

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6

Special use: Literacy, elementary

Reading speed and fluency-builder. Provides visual discrimination practice while learning to read sight words and high frequency words. The program measures and works on silent reading speed, reading fluency, retention, and comprehension with a library of over 700 content-rich stories. Reports on reading comprehension skills by class, student, and 18 specific skills including: main idea, context clues, inference, and author's purpose.

My Reading Coach

Machine: Win

Publisher: MindPlay

Approximate single-unit price: \$300

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6

Special use: Literacy, elementary

Phonics-based program. Includes an initial assessment of reading skills, then assigns lessons and monitors progress. Virtual teachers provide support and encouragement. Will support Macintosh clients using a Windows server or Windows standalone machines.

Need4Reading

Machine: Win

Publisher: Howard Bruce and Assoc.

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Level: Literacy, beginning For: All but K-5

Special use: literacy

Phonics program using video to show mouth movements and teach sounds associated with each letter, making it also useful for pronunciation practice. The program progresses to words and phrases. CD-ROM.

Opinion Zone 1, 2, 3

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: 5-user, network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Opinion Zone titles deal with the language of expressing opinions, built around a studio debate. The topics of these debates include Gun Law, European Union, and No More Roads. In addition to the studio material, Opinion Zone titles include a variety of interviews with people ranging from an Australian government minister to a street vendor. Opinion Zone titles are not intended to be self-contained courses; rather, they are classroom resources that teachers can call on to support an existing study programme. CD-ROM. See the website for demos and downloads.

Picture Context Reader

Machine: Win

Publisher: Merit Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but HE

Short sentences are accompanied by illustrations, with an emphasis on the nouns in the pictures. Students respond to prompts; they advance if they achieve a certain number correct. Explanations are given throughout. Record management system. Designed for low-beginning ESL learners and adults. Synthesized speech is an option. Windows 95/98/2000/XP; not verified for Vista. A demo is available from the website, <http://www.meritsoftware.com/>.

Read Up-Speed Up

Machine: Win

Publisher: Sky Software House

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: Sold in a reading package

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Speed reading and reading comprehension program. The student chooses from a bank of 60 British English texts labelled according to category, including business related, science and technology, general interest, etc. Students choose the number of lines they want displayed at a time and the number of seconds they have to read them and the program runs through the text. At the end there is a short test on the content. Authorable.

Read&Write Gold

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Texthelp Systems

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Adds a customizable toolbar to applications including Microsoft Word, Internet Explorer, and Adobe Reader, allowing students to access support tools from within mainstream software programs. It highlights and reads text aloud using natural sounding voices and also includes a comprehensive set of support tools for reading, writing, studying, research, and test taking. Features include word prediction, talking dictionary and calculator, screenshot reader, online fact mapper, speech input, PDF reader, and more. Windows 2000, XP, Vista, 7. Mac OS 10.4 and above.

Reader Rabbit Learn to Read Phonics

Machine: Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-2

Special use: Elementary, literacy

This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did. CD-ROM. Mac OS X and Windows 98/XP; not verified for Vista. Check the product specifications carefully to be sure you are getting the right one for your computer. Knowledge Adventure titles are now sold only through third-party vendors.

Reader Rabbit's Interactive Reading Journey 2

Machine: Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: K-2

Special use: Elementary

Thirty stories; games that promote phonics, word recognition and comprehension. On CD-ROM. Mac OS X and Windows 95/98; not verified on Vista. Check the product specifications carefully to be sure you are getting the right one for your computer. Knowledge Adventure titles are now sold only through third-party vendors.

Reading Blaster series

Machine: Mac/ Win

Publisher: Knowledge Adventure

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: lab, site, T version

Level: For: pre-K-6

Special use: literacy, elementary

The Reading Blaster series has three programs: Ages 4-6, Ages 6-9, and Ages 9-12. Multimedia drills and games build reading skills. CD-ROM. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials. Check the product specifications carefully to be sure you are getting the right one for your computer. Knowledge Adventure titles are now sold only through third-party vendors. Different versions are available for Mac OS 9, OS X, Windows 95/98/XP and Vista.

Reading Horizons

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: HEC Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$200

Purchase options: home version; contact pub

Level: Literacy, beginning For: All

Special use: literacy

Multimedia phonics instruction that follows a specific system of instruction, using both explicit (single letters to words) and implicit (words to sounds) instruction. The method requires that teachers be trained so that they can present the concepts in a sequential, cumulative manner. The program addresses "sight words" and teaches them from a linguistics standpoint, rather than rote memorization. It teaches phonological awareness, phonological decoding, phonological encoding, phonological recording, print awareness, semantics, syntax, and segmentation. The home version is geared for children; the school version can be used with adults or children. A demo is available on the website; interested schools can arrange for a more extensive introduction to the program.

Reading in the Workplace

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$250

Purchase options: \$250 each area; lab, network

Level: Intermediate For: Adult

Special use: VESL

Reading skills work in an employment context. Six work areas (sold separately or as a complete set): construction, health care, clerical, automotive, electronics, and food services. Each program offers three progressive levels of reading difficulty. CD-ROM.

Reading Street Fluency Coach

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Pearson Education

Approximate single-unit price: \$290

Purchase options: Grades sold separately

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 2-6

Special use: Elementary

Uses voice recognition software to build fluency in reading. Students read selections into the microphone, and software tracks words correct per minute and provides corrective feedback. Students can listen to model fluent readings and practice reading on their own. Grades 2-6 sold separately.

Road to Citizenship

Machine: Win

Publisher: Trinity Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$120

Purchase options: lab

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult

Special use: Citizenship

Interactive multimedia lessons help users complete the application for naturalization, study for the citizenship test, and prepare for the interview. The text can be read or heard, with vocabulary pronunciation and definitions available. A classroom version with record-keeping software and up to five simultaneous users is also available for \$225.

Roxie's Reading Fish

Machine: Win

Publisher: LatticeWork Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$10

Level: Beginning For: K-3

Special use: elementary

Animated game environment for children with basic, high-frequency words; text and audio. Windows 95/98/NT/ME/2000/XP. Shareware download from http://www.freedomdownloadscenter.com/Games/Educational_Games/Roxie_s_Reading_Fish.html

SoftRead

Machine: Mac

Publisher: Softec

Approximate single-unit price: 100

Purchase options: Player only \$50; lab pack, volume

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Any

Two components: author and player. Author lets you add text and link graphics, audio, and QuickTime video to create dictionaries, gloss vocabulary items, create quiz items, writing exercises, word webs, and crossword puzzles. One free copy of Player comes with each copy of Author. Additional copies of Player must be purchased separately. Player lets the student view the items created, including multimedia links. It adds timed and paced reading; flash cards for vocabulary items; a game for word recognition, spelling, and definitions; letter and word recognition with a typing drill; a hidden words game, and jumbled words, sentences, and paragraphs. The program requires System 7 or higher and 20MB of free hard drive space.

Stickybear's Reading Room

Machine: Mac

Publisher: Optimum Resource See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: 60

Purchase options: network, site

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6

Special use: Bilingual, elementary

Teaches pre-reading and basic reading skills in both English and Spanish. Exercises include match the word, find the word, and build a sentence. Activities use colorful animation and digitized speech.

Storyboard

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Whole-text deletion program. Also included in Wida's Authoring Suite. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

Study Skills Success

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants See also World of Reading, NAS

Approximate single-unit price: \$75

Purchase options: Each area sold separately; lab packs

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE

This English for Academic Purposes program is designed for students facing difficult course assignments in English. The eight units are reading, writing, speaking, listening, research, visuals, grammar, and vocabulary. Presentation activities and practice in an academic context for each area. International English version has a range of accents and IELTS practice. Nother American version includes only North American Accents. Authoring and record-keeping are optional add-ons for extra cost. This replaces Read It Study Skills. Windows 2000/XP/Vista. The online version is Mac compatible as well.

Tortoise and the Hare

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also World of Reading

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: bilingual, elementary

Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. If this program is used on an IBM or compatible, it requires an MPC-compliant machine.

Trudy's Time and Place House

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Edmark Corporation/Riverdeep

Approximate single-unit price: \$10

Purchase options: school version avail.

Level: Literacy, beginning For: pre-K - 3

Special use: Elementary, literacy

Time and geography instruction with different activities. Designed for native speakers. CD-ROM. Runs on older platforms - Windows 95/98 and Mac OS 7-8. Not verified on later systems.

Twisted Tails

Machine: Win

Publisher: AHA! Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$10

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: K-6

Special use: elementary

Popular fairy tales with an optional mad-libs style twist - the stories are not quite as they used to be. When the stories are 'twisted,' the computer slots randomly selected names, words and phrases into the framework of the traditional stories. You can even select the names of the hero/heroine in each story or let the computer pick for you. Words can be added to the computer's vocabulary. The freeware version includes a few stories, and the shareware version includes several more.

Ultimate Speed Reader

Machine: Win

Publisher: Knowledge Adventure See also Learning Services

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6

An updated version of Davidson's Speed Reader with six activities, including a game mode, and a management system that tracks student progress. This reading skills program includes letter and word recognition, eye movement and column reading exercises, as well as various readings. Texts can be added by using the authoring component (not simply by using a word-processed file). Windows 2000/XP.

Zip Zoom English

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Scholastic Software

Purchase options: \$3000 for 30-station license

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3

Special use: literacy, elementary

CD-ROM that accompanies 10 books, workbooks audio CDs, teacher's guide, and other material. There is a strong focus on phonics and basic vocabulary-building. Extensive record-keeping. Windows 2000/XP; Mac OS X. See more information at <http://teacher.scholastic.com/products/zipzoom/>

Skill: Reference

Brain Cogs

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Fable Vision

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate For: 4-9

Multimedia-rich program to help students develop learning strategies, with a focus on remembering, organizing, prioritizing, shifting, and checking. Students practice with different activities. Record-keeping function is included. Windows 98/2000/ME/XP/Vista; Mac OS 8.6, 9, X. See a review at <http://www.kyoto-su.ac.jp/information/tesl-ej/ej29/m1.html>.

English4Today Language Pack

Machine: Win

Publisher: English4Today.com

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Software is designed to be used with online resources on the website, but can also be used in standalone mode. It includes modules for English grammar, guides to pronunciation, writing, and vocabulary enhancement, a dictionary and thesaurus. Can be downloaded from the website at http://www.english4today.com/shop/english4today_lp.cfm or obtained on CD-ROM. Special pricing is available when included with a membership in the website.

Fallacy Tutorial

Machine: Mac

Publisher: MacinMind

Approximate single-unit price: 10

Purchase options: shareware

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

Reference tool for 42 logical fallacies and quizzes on 30 scenarios. Interesting for discussion and in teaching critical thinking. Shareware; download from the website.

Kidspiration

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Inspiration Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$70

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-5

Special use: Elementary

Designed for younger learners than Inspiration, this very visually helps learners build graphic organizers by combining pictures, text and spoken words to represent thoughts and information. Younger learners develop early literacy skills, and more advanced students improve comprehension skills and better organize ideas for writing. The website offers a free trial: <http://www.inspiration.com/productinfo/kidspiration/index.cfm>

Oxford Electronic Wordpower Dictionary

Machine: Win

Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$55

Purchase options: £38; site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

This includes not only the usual word lookups, but also three levels of word games and puzzles. Learners can cut and paste from the dictionary into a word-processor and can print out words and definitions encountered in the games. British English version. Available from Wida.

Oxford Picture Dictionary Interactive

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$155

Level: Literacy, beginning For: All

Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Chinese versions), literacy

CD-ROM version of the classic dictionary for beginners. Also available: English-Spanish and English-Chinese versions.

Word Magic Translator

Machine: Win

Publisher: Word Magic Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Purchase options: Home edition; other versions more

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Translation tool for Spanish-English. Products vary from home use to high-end professional translation quality. The company also offers a Spanish-English dictionary. Windows 2000/XP/Vista.

Skill: Speaking**Business English: Meetings**

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Encomium Publications

Approximate single-unit price: \$95

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Special use: business

Video-based lessons demonstrating language and practices of authentic business meetings. Learners practice business meeting communication skills, verbal and nonverbal, as well as working on vocabulary and comprehension activities. Includes Audio scripts for the videos, clickable words and pictures, and text and audio definitions. North American English.

CGEA CD-ROM, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware

Approximate single-unit price: \$115

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Teaches and tests a wide range of skills covering all Learning Outcomes at Levels 2, 3 and 4 of the Reading and Writing, Oral Communication and Numeracy and Mathematics Streams of the Australian CGEA test. Australian English. Windows 98/ME/2000/2003/ XP,/Vista, Win 7.

Dynamic Business English

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6

Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port), business

Formerly known as Interactive Business English. Presented in a similar format to Dynamic English for ESL, this listening-based business English course on 6 CD-ROMs offers the listening, speaking, reading, and critical thinking skills for the workplace/international business situation. The topics are Company History, Job History, Manufacturing and Trade, Product Comparisons, Overseas Assignment, and Future Consequences. This content-based program begins with a Presentation during which the student answers periodic listening comprehension questions. These questions reinforce the vocabulary, language concepts, and structure, while giving the students repeated opportunities to respond. The feedback includes an automated 'shuffler level' which adjusts the level of difficulty of the questions according to the learner's response. The Question Practice gives the student practice in question formation. Quantitative English, Dictations, the Verb Grid, and Grammar Fill-In test the student's knowledge. The program includes voice recording capability for student practice. Mac and Windows. Individual CDs (one topic each) can be purchased separately. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

English by the Numbers

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE

Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap, Fr, Sp, Port, It)

This CD-ROM-based course focuses on the language of numbers and basic mathematics. Useful for students and people in business and technical fields who need to understand or make oral presentations in English, do business over the telephone, participate in question-and-answer sessions involving the exchange of numerical information, and improve listening comprehension. Each unit includes a brief oral presentation followed by practice activities that test listening comprehension. The material is suitable for TOEIC levels 450-750. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

English on the Job

Machine: Win

Publisher: Universal Language Solutions

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: Adult

Special use: VESL

Interactive voice-recognition workplace ESL training software with text and graphics, audio modeling, student recording. Includes industry-specific vocabulary for life survival, safety, health care, food services, and other areas.

Functioning in Business

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: Adult, HE

Special use: Business, bilingual (Jap)

These four CD-ROMs use QuickTime Video and speech recognition technologies to create an engaging learning environment. The course is designed for intermediate level students preparing to use English in a business context. The primary focus is on practical language functions common in the business world such as requesting, refusing, suggesting, confirming, etc. Vocabulary is developed in the context of meetings, phone calls, a business lunch, negotiations, and a disagreement. Provides about 80-100 hours of intensive self-study and practice. Networkable.

Imagination Express: Destinations

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Sunburst Technology

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Purchase options: \$60 each title; lab, network avail.

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Excellent software for making interactive storybooks. For ESL purposes, it is even better if projected onto a large screen for whole class oral language activities. Choose from a variety of scenes: school, home,

playground, mall, etc. Place people and objects into this setting. These 'smart stickers' can be positioned inside, beside, behind, in front of, etc and change their size according to where they are placed on the screen. Narration can be added. CD-ROMs in the series: Castle; Neighborhoods; Rain Forest; Ocean; Pyramids; and Time Trip USA. For ESL, Neighborhoods and Oceans are probably most helpful. Sheltered English classes might be able to use others depending on subject.

It's Your Job

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

An eBook, interactive activities and interviews with employers help learners answer four questions: 1. What is the interviewer looking for?, 2. What do I need to prepare?, 3. What are the pitfalls I need to avoid?, and 4. How can I develop my skills? A series of 40 interactive activities enables learners to test their strategies and build their job-seeking and language skills. This includes responding to sample job adverts, answering interview questions in real time, and studying the style of a follow-up email. International, North American, and Indian English.

Lost Secret, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: DynEd International

Approximate single-unit price: \$800

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Special use: Bilingual (Jap, Fr)

BBC English's mystery is presented on CD-ROM in MPEG full-motion video, supported by a variety of practice exercises. The focus is on listening comprehension for basic level students. Students may interrupt at any time to repeat a sentence, record their voices, hear a spoken translation, see written text, or consult a glossary. Provides 80-100 hours of home or classroom study. A textbook, student workbook, and teacher's guide are available. Networkable.

Plarpebu

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Michel Buffa

Approximate single-unit price: freeware

Karaoke player for the Mac. Download songs from karaoke websites – this plays mp3, ogg, midi, au, wav, kar, mp3+cdg files. Sample sites include <http://www.FREEKaraoke.com> and

<http://MidiKaraoke.com>. Download the software itself at <http://sourceforge.net/projects/plarpebu/>.

With the karaoke programs, is a good idea to have headphones and someplace where learners can make noise without disturbing others when using this software. Windows 98/XP/Vista/7 and Mac OS X.

PyKaraoke

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Kelvin Lawson

Approximate single-unit price: freeware

Level: Any For: All

Karaoke player that uses a range of formats, including .cdg, .mid, and .mp3. Download songs from websites such as <http://www.FREEKaraoke.com> and <http://MidiKaraoke.com>. Download the software itself from <http://www.kibosh.org/pykaraoke/>. With the karaoke programs, is a good idea to have headphones and someplace where learners can make noise without disturbing others when using this software. Windows 98/XP/Vista/7.

Reading Street Fluency Coach

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Pearson Education

Approximate single-unit price: \$290

Purchase options: Grades sold separately

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: 2-6

Special use: Elementary

Uses voice recognition software to build fluency in reading. Students read selections into the microphone, and software tracks words correct per minute and provides corrective feedback. Students can listen to model fluent readings and practice reading on their own. Grades 2-6 sold separately.

Telephoning in English CD-ROM

Machine: Win

Publisher: Cambridge University Press

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: UK£25

Level: Intermediate For: Adult, HE

Special use: Business

Listening and speaking practice in a business English context. Topics include Unit 1; Who's calling, please?; Unit 2; Would you hold on, please?; Unit 3; I'd like to know your prices; Unit 4; We're ready to order now; Unit 5; I'll have to change the booking; Unit 6; Let's fix another date; Unit 7; What seems to be the trouble?; Unit 8; I'm sure we can sort it out. British English.

Skill: Vocabulary

A1 Hangword

Machine: Win

Publisher: Caltrox

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Classic hangman game, with 9000-word dictionary. Freeware. Windows 98/Me/2000/XP/Vista/7. Download from http://www.tucows.com/get/341110_129751

ABC 4 Kids Workshop

Machine: Win

Publisher: Caltrox

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-3

Special use: literacy, elementary

Includes over 100 different pictures from A-Z, Voice- to-text speech engine for pronunciation and a self-testing module. Voice synthesizer teaches both pronunciation of the word and its correct spelling. Windows 2000/ME/XP/Vista/7. Download a trial version from the website, then pay to activate the full product.

Achieve: Writing and Language Arts

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Learning Company, The

Approximate single-unit price: \$12

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 2-6

Special use: Elementary

Designed to meet a third through sixth grade language arts curriculum- grammar and spelling, parts of speech and sentence structure, Isynonyms and antonyms, build vocabulary. This incorporates Word Munchers, Schoolhouse Rock/Grammar Rock, Writing Trek. Designed for native speakers, but useful for ELLs. Windows XP; unknown Mac OS.

Alphabet, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$95

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Literacy, beginning For: Adult

Special use: literacy

For beginning level students with zero or near zero English literacy levels. Teaches and tests the names of letters, upper/lower case matching, alphabetical order, etc. Select American, Canadian, British or Australian models. Students can record words and sentences. Windows 98/ME/2000/2003/ XP,/Vista, Win 7.

Back Home

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-5

A multimedia package based on 12 EFL songs by Christopher Jones. The songs cover a wide range of vocabulary, grammar and functions. The package uses a wide variety of activity types created with the Authoring Suite. Demo available. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

CALL Library for English

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: for 1-5 users

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Special use: TOEFL

Eurocentres teachers have used Wida's authoring programs and created ready-to-go library files for almost all levels, elementary to advanced, concentrating on vocabulary, grammar practice, etc, but also exam practice including TOEFL. 10 CD-ROMs in the collection. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

CALLEAP

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$115

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE

Uses Wida's Gapmaster program to offer a range of practice materials for English for Academic Purposes students. 21 exercises work on finding the missing words, word building, finding and correcting mistakes in a text, answering questions about a written text, and analyzing data in a table. A student workbook, teacher's manual, and learner's manual are included. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

Check My Words

Machine: Win

Publisher: CompuLang

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

Microsoft Word add-on toolbar that explains common errors made by nonnative speakers of English and shows how words combine in English. Online link adds pronunciation and other information. Windows 2000, XP, Vista; Word 2003, XP, 2007.

Collocate

Machine: Win

Publisher: Athelstan

Approximate single-unit price: \$45

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Teacher, HE

Find collocations or terms in a corpus. Search for a word or phrase within a set span, such as 4 words; produces collocations from the corepus and n-grams (lexical bundles).

Concordance

Machine: Win

Publisher: R.J.C. Watt

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: \$40 ea additional copy

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Text analysis and concordance software. Powerful and flexible program. Make indexes and word lists, word frequencies, compare usage, analyze keywords, find phrases and idioms. Download a 30-day trial from the website at <http://www.concordancesoftware.co.uk/>.

Core Reading and Vocabulary Development

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$675

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6, Adult

Special use: Elementary

This program is a comprehensive approach to reading and language development. In the first phase, students see, hear, say, and record each word. The second phase is a reading of the lesson text, 2-3 sentences per screen. The same text is then presented in a timed reading exercise, one phrase at a time. Next the student completes reading comprehension exercises. Students can refer back to the text to find the answer, and on an incorrect response the computer highlights the sentence where the answer should have been found. For vocabulary practice, students complete words from sentences in the text and choose the correct spelling. Directions are spoken in English and Spanish. This is sold separately or as part of the ESL/Basic Literacy bundle.

Crossword Creator

Machine: Win

Publisher: Centron Software Technologies

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Crossword puzzle maker. Includes a thesaurus to help in generating clues. This package received several recommendations and was praised for being easy to use, though it helps to read the documentation in order to take advantage of all the features. Puzzles can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor. Can be downloaded or ordered on CD. Windows, including Windows 7.

Dynamic Classics

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: Bilingual (Jap)

Dramatized retellings of Round the World in 80 days, A Christmas Carol, Alice in Wonderland, and Robin Hood on interactive CD-ROM supported by dictations, fill-ins, character matrix, and on-line comprehension aids. For listening, reading, and vocabulary development. Voice recording. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

English for Success

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 6-12

Basic to intermediate-level comprehensive program for pre-teens and teens. It includes not only general English (listening, speaking, vocabulary, reading, grammar), but also the social language needed for school and school subjects such as math, geography, history, and science. A record and playback function is included. Record-keeping includes a "study score" function.

ESL Pro

Machine: Win

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: multi-user, site

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: literacy, bilingual (multi)

This CD-ROM-based program uses graphics, sound, animation, and text to improve pronunciation skills. Learners can record and compare their speech. Customized versions are available for speakers of French, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, German, Chinese, Hindi, Portuguese, and Russian. Included as part of the English Tutor package.

EuroTalk English Complete Set

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: EuroTalk

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: network, site

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Complete set of Eurotalk vocabulary building programs, designed for beginning to intermediate/advanced learners. The set includes Talk Now, Talk More, and Vocabulary Builder CD-ROMs for beginners, World Talk CD-ROM for intermediate level learners, and the Movie Talk DVD-ROM for advanced learners. The programs include listen and record functions, games, and exercises. Mac OS X; Windows 2000/XP/Vista.

Expert Gallery

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: 5-user, network

Level: Advanced For: Adult, HE

Special use: business

Financial English is a video-rich CD-ROM based on a consultation session with an experienced accountant explaining how to go about setting up a company and managing its finances. The content is authentic both in the sense that it is an expert answering questions without a script and because his answers are the same as he usually gives to his clients. The authentic language is scaffolded with language support, including a glossary of terms, listening to the summaries in clear standard English, and a range of exercises such as gap fill, ordering, jigsaw, and collocation activities. The descriptions of business procedures and the weighing up of alternatives form the basis of reporting tasks which encourage students to break out of the shell of passive learning. A review is online at <http://www.lydbury.co.uk/besig/resources/cdroms/add-140599.htm>.

Findword

Machine: Win

Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel

Approximate single-unit price: \$5

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Utility which looks up a dictionary to retrieve lists of words which match a pattern, whether a spelling, pronunciation, or grammar pattern. A help file and dictionary are included. Examples of how the program can be used can be downloaded from the Higgins website at <http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/wordscape/software-new.html>. This program can be downloaded for a small fee from <http://www.lulu.com/content/864700>. Windows 2000/XP: not verified on Vista.

First English

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning For: 6-12

Multimedia English course for true beginners ages 10-17. The focus is on listening, vocabulary, and grammar, with speech recording and playback available. Course material includes school vocabulary and situations, as well as work on letters and numbers. Lessons are sequenced and incorporate review. The management module lets teachers assign placement and track student progress. Pricing options include per-student-use cost. Contact the publisher for details.

Fun With Texts

Machine: Win

Publisher: Camsoft

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: UK£25

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, Teacher

Text reconstruction program. Input a text, then the program will create 7 activities: a whole-text deletion, traditional cloze (nth word or by part of speech, etc.), letter substitution decoding game, jumbled words, predict what comes next in a passage, and jumbled text. A demo and a free handbook can be downloaded from the website.

Gerry's Vocabulary Teacher

Machine: Win

Publisher: cpr4esl.com

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Purchase options: See website for more options

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-8

A database of over 75,000 sentences in context with over 2200 keywords. Users can search and edit sentences, add sentences, and create language exercises. Keywords include academic language from the Birmingham Corpus and the Academic Word List from Victoria University in New Zealand. Each keyword includes a minimum of 10 contexts, and entries include different parts of speech, proverbs from different cultures, quotations, facts about countries, and trivia. The user can search and edit these sentences, and add more keywords or sentences of their own. And with a couple of mouse-clicks, users can choose a sequence of sentences, and build them into a complete language exercise. The program was created by Gerry Luton and Martin Holmes of the University of Victoria in British Columbia. Formerly sold through Creative Technologies.

Interactive Language Workshop

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Idiom Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Level: Beginning For: All

The Workshop integrates the BodyBuilder, DressMe, HouseKey, MysteryFamily and TimeTeller programs in a single, CD-ROM based program with graphics, digital sound, and interactive language learning activities. Topics include body and face parts, clothing, the house, family, telling time and prepositions of location, with more than 300 vocabulary words in all! Every word is pronounced by native speakers.

Interactive Picture Dictionary, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$138

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

This CD-ROM-based program teaches and tests spelling and vocabulary comprehension. The teacher can customise by adding own key words, context sentences and number of syllables per word. Australian English. Windows 98, Me, 2000, XP, Vista, 7.

Looking for Words

Machine: Win

Publisher: Attainment Company

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-6

Special use: elementary, literacy

Combines community awareness, reasoning skills and vocabulary building. In "explore," students move to 24 locations, learning new words as they go. Users select any object and it identifies itself. In "list" option, students search home, school and community for specific words. "Picture print" creates student activities or illustrated booklets. Record-keeping. Sold by several vendors, including NAS (<http://www.nas.ca/lfw.html>) and <http://www.enablemart.com/Catalog/Software>.

Master Spell

Machine: Mac

Publisher: MacinMind

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Spelling and hangman program. Spelling drills using over 3,600 included words and sentences spoken with a real voice and supplemental guidance using the Mac's Text-to-Speech. Freeware; download from the website.

My Canada Software

Machine: Win

Publisher: NAS Educational Software

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing.

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 9-12, Adult

Designed for new immigrants to Canada, this covers a variety of topics such as Canadian geography, history, government, culture and more. All topics are presented in a number of levels from beginner to advanced, with beautiful pictures, videos, helpful graphic organizers and summaries. Authoring and record-keeping.

Nano My Words

Machine: Win

Publisher: CompuLang

Purchase options: free with website registration

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Desktop reference tool with a dictionary, images (from an online source), pronunciation, and game that works with the online website, My Words (<http://mywords.compulang.com/mw/doc/main.php>). Free with registration on the free website.

Oxford Picture Dictionary Interactive

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press See also Wida

Approximate single-unit price: \$155

Level: Literacy, beginning For: All

Special use: Bilingual (Sp, Chinese versions), literacy

CD-ROM version of the classic dictionary for beginners. Also available: English-Spanish and English-Chinese versions.

Pajersoft's Dynamic Spelling Bee

Machine: Win

Publisher: Pajersoft

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Pull down the File menu to select an appropriate Bee file, then click Bee to start spelling. It's easy to add your own word list, but not easy to get the program to use it. British spelling predominates.

ParaConc

Machine: Win

Publisher: Athelstan

Approximate single-unit price: \$95

Level: Advanced, teacher For: Teacher

Bilingual or multilingual concordancer, useful in contrastive analyses, language learning, and translation studies/training. The software is accompanied by a 110-page book ParaConc and Parallel Corpora in Contrastive and Translation Studies.

Personal Best Spelling

Machine: Win

Publisher: Spelling Zone

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: downloaded version; CD is more

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Freeware and shareware. Three different tools: look and spell; spell tester; and problem words. The free version uses two default lists. This program is only useful if you register to get more lists and to be able to create word lists. Download at <http://www.spellingzone.com/>.

Picture Cue Dictionary

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Attainment Company

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Level: Literacy, beginning For: All

Special use: elementary, literacy

Vocabulary presentation program organized around four thematic units: shopping, meals, appearances, and home. Display mode presents the target words together with a corresponding picture and digitized pronunciation one by one. In Matching mode the students match the word to the picture--testing what they've learned. Teachers can modify the order and content of lessons for each student. Has IntelliKeys overlays for students with limited manual dexterity. CD-ROM.

Pronunciation Power Idioms

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: English Computerized Learning

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: discount if downloaded

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

104 Idiom lessons with a picture, a description of the idiom and a recorded sample sentence. Exercises and quizzes are also included. Windows XP with Service Pack 2, Windows Vista or Windows 7; Mac OS X.

Puzzle Power

Machine: Win

Publisher: Centron Software Technologies

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: lab pack, site/network license

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

This CD-ROM includes Crossword Creator, Wordsearch Creator, KrissKross (like Scrabble), Quote Falls, Cryptograms, and Cryptoquizzes. What sets this apart from many others is that graphics, sound, and video clips can be included in the clues. Hundreds of predesigned puzzles, including New York Times puzzles, are on the CD-ROM (though these are not specifically for ESL). Puzzles can be played on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor (sound and video may not transfer, and certainly won't print out). Contains both the Crossword Creator AND Wordsearch Creator.

Reader Rabbit Learn to Read Phonics

Machine: Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-2

Special use: Elementary, literacy

This program is designed to make learning to recognize letters and words fun for younger children. It uses brightly-colored graphics with smiling animals to motivate sound-symbol practice. Several different types of exercises are included, mostly phonics-related. Students can choose which type of activity to do; a record-keeping function is included so that the teacher can see what the learner worked on and how s/he did. CD-ROM. Mac OS X and Windows 98/XP; not verified for Vista. Check the product specifications carefully to be sure you are getting the right one for your computer. Knowledge Adventure titles are now sold only through third-party vendors.

Reader Rabbit's Interactive Reading Journey 2

Machine: Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: K-2

Special use: Elementary

Thirty stories; games that promote phonics, word recognition and comprehension. On CD-ROM. Mac OS X and Windows 95/98; not verified on Vista. Check the product specifications carefully to be sure you are getting the right one for your computer. Knowledge Adventure titles are now sold only through third-party vendors.

Short Takes Interactive

Machine: Win

Publisher: Pearson Education

Approximate single-unit price: \$55

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

Three-level CD-ROM program with authentic, unscripted videos to teach vocabulary, listening, grammar, and speaking. Vocabulary is in context; self-graded exercises focus on language in use.

Sight Words

Machine: Win

Publisher: PerLingua Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$6

Purchase options: site license for \$25

Level: Literacy, beginning For: All, Teacher

Special use: literacy

Flash cards and a variety of other sight word skill-building activities. Listen and select the word from a static list, a mixture of words, or a scrolling list. Spelling and review activities as well. Windows XP/Vista/7; Mac OS 8/9/X.

Simple Concordance Program

Machine: Win

Publisher: Alan Reed

Approximate single-user price: freeware

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All, Teacher

Generate concordances (KWIC and line-based) and search for words or phrases. The concordances can be sorted, printed, or saved to files. The concordances can be saved in html to display on the web. Word lists can be sorted in ascending or descending alphabetic or frequency order, as well as printed and saved. Words and phrases can be specified using a prefix, a suffix, specific words, or a pattern. This is most useful for advanced learners or for teachers who want a quick way to generate sentences using specific words or types of words. Download from <http://www.textworld.com/scp/>. Windows 95 through Windows Vista and Mac OS 9, OS X.

Spell It!

Machine: Win

Publisher: MN-Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

This Tetris-like game starts by showing a word, then drops letters from the top while the player moves them into the right spacing at the bottom. The word is written off to the side for reference. At higher levels, the reference word is no longer available. The higher levels also feature letters that you don't need and letters that are backwards, upside down, etc. Only a few levels are available in the free version; register to be able to add words and change the settings. Download from http://mn-software.freepage.de/Spell_It.htm

Spell Mell

Machine: Win

Publisher: AHA! Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Purchase options: free to use; pay to author

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Over 15 games modules are supplied ; check the website for more. Includes trivia quizzes and word puzzles for a range of ability levels. Free to use; register and pay the fee for authoring capability. Download from <http://www.familygames.com/share/spel.html>

Spelling Blaster: Ages 6-9

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Knowledge Adventure See also Amazon.com, other mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: lab, site, T version

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 3-6

Special use: elementary

Multimedia drill with game elements for spelling practice. Teacher editions include 2 copies of the software plus teacher materials. Mac OS 9 and below, Mac OS X, Windows 98/2000/XP/Vista,

Spelling Fusion

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants

Approximate single-unit price: \$150

Purchase options: network

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3

Words are arranged in topics and displayed in sentences. Sounds, animation, photographs, and drawings help clarify the meaning. Problem-solving exercises, games, and tests are also included, along with pronunciation work on each word.

Spelling Fusion

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware

Approximate single-unit price: \$160

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Teaches spelling, pronunciation and sight recognition of over 3500 words, arranged in topics. British, North American, and Australian versions. Includes word games and spelling tests and listening recognition tests for every topic. Worksheets, tests, and reports can be printed out. Record-keeping. Windows Me, 2000, 2003, XP, Vista, 7.

Study Prof Flashcards

Machine: Win

Publisher: Felling Software Development

Approximate single-unit price: \$25

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, T

Vocabulary practice program that offers study and test modes, including grammar exercises and completion tests. Students can set up a learning agenda, with target dates for learning specific words. The program also allows learners to collect words while they are using other applications, then import them into the program. Vocabulary files are available both with the program and in an online archive. Words can be saved as linked primary or secondary (derivatives) lists. Lists can be imported from Excel and exported as HTML. The program allows multiple uses on the same computer, each with his/her own files and record-keeping system. A demo can be downloaded from <http://www.flashcardcenter.com/>. Runs best on Windows 7 and Vista, though also runs on XP and earlier.

Super Solvers Spellbound

Machine: Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Includes various activities (including word searches, crosswords, flash card and jumbled words) to practice present lists (arranged by topic) as well as up to 100 lists entered by the teacher. Teachers can also edit all preset lists. After each set of words has been practiced, there is a spelling bee. Words to be spelled are either spoken or flashed on the screen. Windows 95/98; not verified on XP or Vista. Mac OS 7-9. Check the product specifications carefully to be sure they match your compute. Knowledge Adventure titles are now sold only via third party vendors.

SuperMemo

Machine: Win

Publisher: SuperMemo USA

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-3

This program helps users memorize vocabulary (or other memorizable items, such as spelling lists and irregular verb forms). It spaces repetitions of items in such a way as to maximize learning. ESL version available. Teachers can add their own databases of items for their students to learn. Runs under DOS or Windows.

Talk Now

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: EuroTalk See also World of Reading, Clarity

Approximate single-unit price: \$35

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Beginning For: All

Vocabulary building program with a record option that compares the learner and native speaker pronunciations. Nine topics: first words, food, colours, phrases, parts of the body, numbers, time, shopping and countries. Includes interactive games. Help is available in more than 100 languages. Audio can be downloaded to an iPod. Windows 2000/ME/XP/Vista; Mac OS X.

Taste for English, A

Machine: Win

Publisher: Educational Software Products

Approximate single-unit price: \$74

Purchase options: £40; lab

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: K-8

Learners help Fred the frog find nice tasty flies for him to eat, in the form of words that fit into a set, while avoiding words that don't fit. Authorable. British English in the words included.

Tortoise and the Hare

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also World of Reading

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: bilingual, elementary

Colorful and interactive storybook. Students can hear the story read in both English and Spanish. Each page is filled with surprises to entertain and motivate new readers. Requires a CD-ROM drive. If this program is used on an IBM or compatible, it requires an MPC-compliant machine.

TotalDeletion

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: PerLingua Software

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Teacher

Students reconstruct a text. They are guided by lines where the letters used to be. They type a word and if it is in the answer, it will appear in the proper place. Authorable. Freeware. Windows XP/Vista; Mac OS 9/X.

Videoster

Machine: Win

Publisher: Edulang

Approximate single-unit price: \$230

Purchase options: Titles also available separately.

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-3

Four titles with a focus on General English. Each title contains 15 to 25 minutes of video showing scenes of everyday life. The video can show subtitles. Additional activities include comprehension, grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, reading, and writing activities and tests.

Videoster- English for Business

Machine: Win

Publisher: Edulang

Approximate single-unit price: \$620

Purchase options: Titles also available separately.

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adule, HE

Six titles, each volume with 30 minutes of video and 250 exercise screens, which show authentic situations filmed in well-known companies. The video, if required, can be subtitled to assist comprehension and a glossary of the words used is available.

Vocaboly - Vocabulary Builder

Machine: Win

Publisher: Vocaboly Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Vocabulary practice with five elements: SAT, TOEFL, GRE, GMAT, and VOA Special English. Each has 12,000 words, with definition, phonetic spelling, and pronunciation. Users can create their own "books" of words. Each book contains eight flash cards for focusing on specified words. Each word can be assigned to a difficulty level of 0 to 5. Each user has his or her own study record and software setting, which is saved automatically when you quit the program. Study methods include a word ticker, recall, spelling, listening, multiple choice, memory game, and a Star Wars game. A demo can be downloaded from the website. See a CNET review at <http://www.download.com/Vocaboly/3000-2279-10304079.html?tag=lst-0-9#cnetReview>. Windows XP/Vista/7.

Vocabster

Machine: Win

Publisher: Edulang

Approximate single-unit price: \$390

Purchase options: Also available for single levels.

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All but K-6

Vocabulary exercises related to daily life and the contemporary environment. At the end of each level, there are 5 tests for reviewing and evaluating progress achieved. Windows2000/ XP/Vista; not verified for Windows 7. Trial download by request from the website:

http://www.vocabster.com/?page=voc_download&langue=en

VTrain (Vocabulary Trainer)

Machine: Win

Publisher: VTrain.net

Approximate single-unit price: \$25

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All, teacher

Multimedia flashcard creator; ready-made translating flashcards are available between English and over 40 other languages. Powerful editor: voice recording, image edition, smart keyboard switch between 2 languages. \$25 shareware. Download from the website at <http://www.vtrain.net/down.htm>. Also on the website is a free tool for collecting words and phrases called WordClip. Windows XP/Vista/7.

Whirlwords

Machine: Win

Publisher: AHA Software

Approximate single-unit price: freeware

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Vocabulary game where users change one word into another by changing one letter at a time. Some lines say to change a letter, and some ask you to move a letter. Every line must spell a real word. With the whirl of a few words, "hot" will be "cold." This is a fun vocabulary game, especially since it's free. Download from <http://www.familygames.com/>. Windows 98/XP/Vista.

Word Smart ESL

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Wordsmart Corporation

Approximate single-unit price: \$180

Purchase options: sets, network, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

'Discussions' describe each word's synonyms, antonyms and derivations. Audio available in word lists and discussions. Five types of exercises: flashcards, column matching, laser review, and multiple choice involve synonym matching, while sentence completion requires typing in the best word from the set being studied. The ESL set includes 3 CD-ROMs and a DVD explaining how to use the system. Windows 2000/XP/Vista/7; Mac OS X.

WordCommand

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lexio

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Allbut K-8

Vocabulary drills, but with a variety of formats. Includes vocabulary via the screen saver; pop-up windows throughout the day; pop quizzes; sound cues; flash cards; information cards with examples, definitions, synonyms, and antonyms; and quick reference printouts. Authorable lists. Download a free trial from the website at <http://www.wordcommand.com/product.htm>.

Wordsearch Creator

Machine: Win

Publisher: Centron Software Technologies

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: All

Creates three types of word search puzzles: standard wordsearch (target words are hidden in a grid of letters), clues puzzles where students see clues to the hidden words, and fill-in-the-blank puzzles where students see a paragraph with the missing words found in the puzzle. Can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

Wordsmith Tools

Machine: Win

Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Purchase options: £55; site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Integrated suite of programs for looking at how words behave in texts. WordList shows a list of all the words in a text, set out in alphabetical or frequency order. Concordancer shows any word or phrase in context, and KeyWords finds the key words in a text. Various smaller tools and extensive on-line help also included. Download the software at <http://www.lexically.net/wordsmith/version5/index.html>, then purchase a license.

WordWise

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Attainment Company

Approximate single-unit price: \$99

Level: Beginning For: Adult

Everyday vocabulary. Uses graphics, voice recording, human quality speech, and quiz, presentation and print-out options. Create a word list for each student, save it and add new words anytime. Six programs: People, community, house, outdoor, actions, adjectives with 80 words apiece. Has IntelliKeys overlays for students with limited manual dexterity. CD-ROM.

World of Words

Machine: Win

Publisher: Discovery Educational Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: site

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-8

Special use: literacy, bilingual (Sp., Fr., Ger.)

English vocabulary through pictures program. Point to the image to see the word, click to hear it. Listen to sentences about the pictures. Self-tests in comprehension and reproduction of vocabulary, with progress reports available. major topics are "Home and Family," "Education and Leisure," "Out and About." Help is available in English, French, Spanish, Polish, or German. A demo can be downloaded from the website.

Skill: Writing

Achieve: Writing and Language Arts

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Learning Company, The

Approximate single-unit price: \$12

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: 2-6

Special use: Elementary

Designed to meet a third through sixth grade language arts curriculum- grammar and spelling, parts of speech and sentence structure, Isynonyms and antonyms, build vocabulary. This incorporates Word Munchers, Schoolhouse Rock/Grammar Rock, Writing Trek. Designed for native speakers, but useful for ELLs. Windows XP; unknown Mac OS.

Business Writing

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants

Approximate single-unit price: \$180

Purchase options: lab and site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Special use: business

Practice in writing for business, focusing on writing clearly and appropriately, with correct vocabulary and grammar. The program includes working on model documents, listening to short talks, podcasts, writing and formatting exercises, and writing responses to letters and email. The program links into a website with a library of model writing. Includes international English, North American English, and Indian English.

CGEA CD-ROM, The

Machine: Win

Publisher: Protea Textware

Approximate single-unit price: \$115

Purchase options: lab pack

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

Teaches and tests a wide range of skills covering all Learning Outcomes at Levels 2, 3 and 4 of the Reading and Writing, Oral Communication and Numeracy and Mathematics Streams of the Australian CGEA test. Australian English. Windows 98/ME/2000/2003/ XP,/Vista, Win 7.

Check My Words

Machine: Win

Publisher: CompuLang

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

Microsoft Word add-on toolbar that explains common errors made by nonnative speakers of English and shows how words combine in English. Online link adds pronunciation and other information. Windows 2000, XP, Vista; Word 2003, XP, 2007.

Churchill House First Certificate Program

Machine: Win

Publisher: Churchill House

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Download this free software program to help students revise for the tricky "spot the error" question on the Cambridge First Certificate Exam (FCE). It's also suitable for intermediate and advanced students who want to work on their grammar. Available at http://www.easyfreeware.com/first_certificate_english_program-11195-freeware.html

Daedalus Integrated Writing Group

Machine: Win

Publisher: Daedalus Group

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

Extensive writing environment, with a set of six tools: prewriting, word-processor, peer review, internal email, real-time written communication, and citation tools. Windows 95/98/NT 4.0 SP3/2000/XP; not verified for Vista or Windows 7. Requires a local area network and server. A free trial is available from the website.

Easy Letters

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: WriteExpress

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Purchase options: downloaded; CD is more

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Special use: business

Designed for native speakers, the program offers expert advice, step by step instructions, and sample sentences for writing business and personal letters on more than 500 topics. Includes over 2000 sample letters. A demo can be downloaded from <http://www.WriteExpress.com/download.html>. Windows 7, Vista, XP, 2000, 98, 95, NT, or Me; Mac OS X.

Easy Writer

Machine: Win

Publisher: Software for Students

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Intermediate For: All but K-6

This software was developed by an ESL teacher and features all authentic writing. It uses more than 85 essays written by ESL students in which the user has to find and correct the grammar errors. Essays range from high beginner to high intermediate. Users who want more help with grammar can access grammar help pages which will explain the rules and hyperlink to other sentences and paragraphs which exhibit the same type of error. Additional exercises and examples are in the accompanying text, "The Grammar HELP! Student Handbook," available from the author/publisher. New Easy Writer Deluxe includes audio stories as well. XP/2000/98, NT, and ME.

Electronic Business Letter Writer

Machine: Win

Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK See also Wida

Purchase options: find on Amazon.com

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Special use: Business

Business correspondence package. Over 200 model texts cover all forms and subjects of business correspondence, and extensive help is also provided. British English. Available through Amazon.com

Essay Express

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Fable Vision

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate For: All

Writing skill-building using interactive strategy-based exercises with stories, humor, and music to teach students how to structure a successful short essay. About four to six hours of self-paced learning and practice. One theme is the on-going saga of The Rotten Green Peppers, a dysfunctional rock band who are hired to write rock videos that teach about essay writing strategies. Windows 98/2000/ME/XP/Vista; Mac OS 9, X.

Expressways

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Purchase options: Free with Houghton-Mifflin text

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-8

14 modules on paragraph- and essay-writing that cover how to write a topic sentence, develop and arrange details, and use sources in addition to different rhetorical styles from process paragraphs to persuasive essays. Free when packaged with a Houghton-Mifflin text.

FreeMind

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: FreeMind Team

Purchase options: Freeware

Level: Any For: All but K-3

Mind-mapping software that runs under Java. If Java is not installed, it may take some technical sophistication to install the appropriate version. Extensive help is online at the website, along with examples of mind maps. Learners would need some help getting started with this, but should find it useful when brainstorming and preparing to write. Download Mac and Windows versions from http://freemind.sourceforge.net/wiki/index.php/Main_Page. This is open source software licensed under the Gnu Public License, so freely copiable.

Hollywood

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

A creative writing CD-ROM, which lets you or your students write, direct, and play your own animated shows with talking characters. You select the scene, you direct the actors, you write the dialogue, you choose the music and special effects. You can screen it in the theater by clicking on the projector. There's even an Idea Machine which provides story starters, plot twists, and dialogue suggestions based on the scene you've chosen and the specific personalities of your characters. Uses computerized voices; sometimes you have to fiddle with spelling to get them to sound right. (SA) Formerly sold by Theatrix, it is good to see this title reappear. Windows 95/98/ME; Mac OS 8,9, X classic.

Hollywood High

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Tom Snyder Productions

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Like its predecessor Hollywood, Hollywood High has students write and direct an animated show with talking characters. The settings and characters are high school-oriented, so this is more attractive to teens but less useful for adults than Hollywood. Students select the scene and characters, place and move the actors, write the dialogue, and choose the special effects. Because it uses synthesized rather than digitized voices, they can be odd. It's possible to tweak the spelling to improve the pronunciation, but the point of this is the dialogue among the learners creating the show, not the end result itself. This is not recommended as a listening skill builder, but it's a great tool for discussion at the computer. CD-ROM. Formerly sold by Theatrix, it is good to see this title reappear. Windows 95/98/ME; Mac OS 8,9, X classic.

How to Write for Everyday Living

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$160

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate For: Adult

Topics include writing skills for resumes, employment forms, business letters, lists, memos, social security applications, bank account applications, and driver's licenses. Some voice instructions. Also offers an Internet link to useful websites. CD-ROM.

Inspiration

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Inspiration Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$70

Purchase options: \$195 site license

Level: Advanced For: All but K-6

A pre-writing program that allows students to organize and arrange ideas in outline or diagram form. Useful for making flow charts to show the logical progression of ideas. Most frequently used for concept mapping and story webbing.

Kiran's Typing Tutor

Machine: Win

Publisher: Kiran Reddy

Approximate single-unit price: freeware

Level: Any For: All but K-3

Extensive typing program with games, exercises, and tests. Includes a module for children; supports multiple users. Freeware: download from <http://www.kiranreddys.com/products/typing/>

Mark My Words

Machine: Win

Publisher: CompuLang

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Level: Teacher

Microsoft Word add-on toolbar. The program lets teachers insert comments with links to online resources and generates a summary of all comments. Potential common errors are highlighted based on the part of speech of a word. Requires Internet access. Windows 2000, XP, Vista; Microsoft Word XP/2003/2007.

MarkUp

Machine: Win

Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel

Approximate single-unit price: \$5

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6

Students practice punctuation and capitalization rules by finding and correcting errors in paragraphs or longer text. The bottom of the screen shows a list of the missing punctuation marks and the number of capital letters. While some exercises come with the program, teachers are expected to add more of their own material. It works well to use students' own work as the basis for exercises. Available for a small fee from <http://www.lulu.com/content/multimedia/verbalist/7825756>

Master Key

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: MacinMind

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Purchase options: network

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Description: Typing tutor with game. This can use the drills that are included or add plain text files and ebooks. Record-keeping; individual or network use. Windows XP/Vista; Mac OS X. Download at <http://macinmind.com/?pid=2&progid=2&subpid=1>

Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing!

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

This typing program offers a step-by-step tutorial (written for native speakers, so not very useful by beginners or intermediate level students without a teacher's help getting started), record-keeping so that learners can start up again where they left off, and game options for further practice. The road race typing game is very popular with some learners. Sometimes sold bundled with Correct Grammar by mail order vendors.

Paragraph Punch

Machine: Win

Publisher: Merit Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$70

Purchase options: lab, network, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-6

Learners choose from a menu of topics to develop an idea and write their own topic sentence, body, and conclusion. Sections include cause and effect, reasons, details, examples, and sequencing. Designed for native speakers but usable for ESL. Record-keeping. Windows 95/98/2000/XP; not verified for Vista. A demo is available from the website, <http://www.meritsoftware.com/>.

Print Shop Deluxe

Machine: Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$25

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Create greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. Different versions work on different types of computers, so take care when selecting the version. Windows 95/9/2000/ME; Windows XP/Vista.

Read&Write Gold

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Texthelp Systems

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Adds a customizable toolbar to applications including Microsoft Word, Internet Explorer, and Adobe Reader, allowing students to access support tools from within mainstream software programs. It highlights and reads text aloud using natural sounding voices and also includes a comprehensive set of support tools for reading, writing, studying, research, and test taking. Features include word prediction, talking dictionary and calculator, screenshot reader, online fact mapper, speech input, PDF reader, and more. Windows 2000, XP, Vista, 7. Mac OS 10.4 and above.

Sequitur

Machine: Win

Publisher: Higgins, John and Muriel

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Students practice arranging sentences of a paragraph in correct order. The computer presents the first line of a text and three possible continuations. Authorable. Teachers can enter texts into the program that students have worked with in class for students to practice on in computer mode.

Sound-Write

Machine: Win

Publisher: American Literacy Council

Purchase options: Freeware

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: All

Special use: Literacy

Sound-Write corrects spelling errors on the spot while simultaneously letting the pupil hear what he/she spelled. Includes a 50,000 word vocabulary, implicit help with homonyms, simple 'language experience' queries, and secret tracking of the user's nonstandard spelling. The DECTalk Speech engine from Fonix Corp is included. It provides a human voice that says words in real time, spells them aloud, and reads sentences after they're typed. The previous version was called Spell-Well. Now a free download from the website.

Spelling Depot

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Class One Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Purchase options: lab, hybrid versions

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

Spelling program. The student hears the word as recorded by the teacher or other student and then must spell the word. When finished, the student sees his score and can opt to retake the whole test or just the missed words. Word lists can be generated within the program or imported from a word processor document. Each word can, optionally, include the word's definition. Word lists can be of any length. The test creator may also record his/her voice speaking the word. After taking a spelling test within the program, any words missed by the student are added to the student's Personal Word Bank.

Stanley's Sticker Stories

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Edmark Corporation/Riverdeep

Level: Beginning For: K-3

Special use: elementary

Create animated storybooks. Mac OS 9 (not OS X); Windows 95/98/2000/ME/XP Pro; Vista/7 in Compatibility Mode.

Storybook Weaver

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also Smart Kids Software, Learning Services, Amazon.com

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Level: Literacy, beginning, intermediate For: K-6

Special use: literacy, bilingual, elementary

A creative tool for kids to write and illustrate their own storybook. Students can choose from hundreds of images and scenery combinations, plus a variety of borders and type styles. They can also add sounds and music to their stories. Story Book Weaver Deluxe on CD offers more graphics and animation, spoken word narration, and both English and Spanish writing capabilities. MECC titles are now sold by Learning Company School.

ThoughtOffice

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: ThoughtOffice Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$150

Purchase options: network, site license

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6

Now known as ThoughtOffice, this is an upgrade of the original IdeaFisher. An idea generator and outliner with a very large database of ideas and suggestions to link up with prompts. This includes words and associations and keyword-tagged image associations to help develop ideas. Also included are eXpertTopic Modules with set-ups, questions, images, links and references. Windows XP/Vista; Mac OS X.

Type to Learn

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Sunburst Technology See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: lab, network, school

Level: Beginning, intermediate For: All

A typing program recommended for beginning typists, used at the University of Kansas. Complete keyboarding course that includes spelling, grammar, composition, and punctuation work. Two reading levels. Designed for native speakers. Available on CD-ROM or download.

Ultimate Writing and Creativity Center

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Riverdeep

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: network, site license

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: K-6

Special use: Elementary

Word-processor with graphics, sound, and animation add-ons. An interactive cartoon character prompts students through the prewriting process. Best for children, due to the nature of the graphics included. Comes on CD-ROM.

Ultrakey

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Bytes of Learning

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Purchase options: site, lab

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

UltraKey is a keyboard skills tutorial that is more appropriate for ESL users than many on the market. The explanation about proper posture at the computer is well done and accessible to at least intermediate level ESL students. The excellent use of graphics and visual prompts also helps. Finally, in the skill check section students have an option of typing in whatever text they desire. This enables students to practice writing sentences at their appropriate level while at the same time building keyboard speed. A demo version is available at the website (<http://www.bytesoflearning.com>). Hybrid Windows/Mac CD-ROM, or separate disks versions. Windows 98SE/ME/NT/2000/XP/Vista/7; Mac OS X. Will also work on netbooks.

Wordsmith Tools

Machine: Win

Publisher: Oxford Univ. Press UK

Approximate single-unit price: \$80

Purchase options: £55; site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All

Integrated suite of programs for looking at how words behave in texts. WordList shows a list of all the words in a text, set out in alphabetical or frequency order. Concordancer shows any word or phrase in context, and KeyWords finds the key words in a text. Various smaller tools and extensive on-line help also included. Download the software at <http://www.lexically.net/wordsmith/version5/index.html>, then purchase a license.

Write a Novel

Machine: Win

Publisher: WriteExpress

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

Step-by-step help for creating writing. Choose a title and write a one-line summary; choose a category of novel, create and classify characters, describe settings, and get help putting it all together. Designed for native speakers, but could be useful to encourage creative use of vocabulary for English language learners. Windows Vista, XP or 2000

Write On Plus

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: Sunburst Technology

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Purchase options: each level priced separately; lab, site

Level: Literacy, beginning For: K-12

Special use: Literacy, elementary

Writing activities. Different CDs for K-3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12. K-3 includes children's literature and literacy activities; 3-6 includes editing, sentence combining, punctuation activities; 6-9 has process writing and literature skills; 9-12 includes more advanced writing activities. Windows ME/2000/NT/XP; Mac OS 9.

Writing Process Workshop

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$250

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: All but K-3

A prompted writing program with pre-writing, drafting, revising, editing, and proofreading exercises. The four domains: persuasive writing, report on information/observation, autobiography, and evaluation can be purchased separately or as a complete series. Separate domains are \$70 each. CD-ROM.

Skill: Authoring

Author Plus

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants See also World of Reading, NAS

Approximate single-unit price: \$75

Purchase options: \$150 for 5, \$375 for 20

Level: Teacher

This CD-ROM-based program lets teachers create several different activity types--multiple choice, free practice, gap fill/cloze, drag and drop, proofreading, and target spotting--with hints, a feedback function that responds to students' errors, an introductory text option, and on-line help. Vocabulary can be added with sound. The program uses a simple type and click system to make it easy to author. Exercises can be linked. Context-sensitive help is available on each screen. Request a free copy of Author Plus Lite at www.authorplus.com/freed/.

Authoring Suite

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$685

Purchase options: Titles also sold separately.

Level: Teacher

This is an update on Wida's established authoring range incorporating Storyboard, Gapmaster, Testmaster, Matchmaster, Choicemaster, Pinpoint and Vocab into a single program for Windows. Users pay only for the titles they want. Authors can enhance text activities with graphics, sound, video and rich text. Students can use the notepad to give a comment on the activities and teachers can call up and respond to these messages. Programs can share common glossaries. 'Convert' facility automatically converts files previously authored with Version 2.0. Windows 95/98; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

Choicemaster

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: site

Level: Teacher

Produces multiple choice tests with feedback for right and wrong answers. Now included in Wida's Authoring Suite. Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT supported.

Exercise Generator Plus

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants See also World of Reading, NAS

Approximate single-unit price: \$150

Purchase options: \$50 each level separately; lab, site

Level: Teacher

Former Title: Automatic Exercise Generator. This program, created in conjunction with Oxford University Press, generates and prints paper-based text and vocabulary exercises. It is based on a pool of 50 specially-written multicultural texts. Teachers select a text from the list of texts, choose an exercise type, and decide on the length of the exercise. The program generates the exercise. If it looks satisfactory, the teacher can print a student copy and teacher master copy (the license includes unlimited photocopying of all material). Exercise types include gap fill, sentence matching, jumbled words (anagrams), word search, proofreading, sentence gaps, sentence matching, word forms, vocabulary in context, and sentence organiser. A demo can be downloaded from the website at www.ClarityEnglish.com

Gapkit

Machine: Win

Publisher: Camsoft

Approximate single-unit price: \$47

Purchase options: UK£25; lab, site

Level: Teacher

Flexible gap-fill/multiple choice authoring program. The teacher can copy and paste texts and clipart into GapKit from any application; create new gapped texts using GapKits's word-processing facilities; create gaps in any text simply by clicking and dragging the mouse; specify a range of up to 30 alternative answers for each gap, create multiple-choice exercises with specified or randomised distractors; specify if incorrect punctuation and letters typed in the wrong case should be penalized; include an optional 'hint line' for each gap; decide whether the hint line is to appear before or after the student attempts an answer; link a sound file with any gap; link a graphic image with any gap; resize the program window to accommodate any screen definition. A demo version can be downloaded from the website at www.camsoftpartners.co.uk/gkdemo.zip. See <http://www.camsoftpartners.co.uk/gapkit.htm> for more information.

Gapmaster

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

A cloze generator that can import text from other programs and print out. Also included in Wida's Authoring Suite. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

Hot Potatoes

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Half-Baked Software

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Teacher

A suite of programs for creating exercises that will run using a web browser, either online or offline. Programs include JQuiz, to make multiple choice and short-answer quizzes; Jcloze, to create gap-filling exercises; JCross, to create crossword puzzles painlessly; JMix, for scrambled sentences; and JMatch, for matching exercises. Graphics and audio can be added easily. Menus (and content) can be in English or any of several other languages. The real power of the program is that it is so easy to create exercises that students can create them for each other. Version 6 includes the option of subscribing to a web-hosting service. Version 6 is now a free download from the website.

HyperStudio

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Software MacKiev

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Purchase options: school, district licensing

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, Teacher

Sophisticated authoring program with an easy interface and a lot of built-in graphics and other resources, including video narration, iLife® integration (Mac version), podcasting support, and integration of Web cams. This was originally an alternative to HyperCard; current versions have been updated and run on Mac OS X and Windows XP and above. Now distributed by Software MacKiev.

HyperStudio

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: Roger Wagner Publishing

Approximate single-unit price: \$90

Level: Teacher

Multimedia authoring program that is relatively easy to use, though it provides a lot of flexibility. CD-ROM.

Lersus Easy Content

Machine: Win

Publisher: DELFI Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$500

Level: Teacher

Full-bodied authoring system to create web-based tutorials and courses. Assists in the integration of Flash animation, video, audio, and Java applets, as well as text. Tests can also be created. The results (text, Word document, PDF, HTML, XML, SCORM) can be exported directly to a number of learning management systems, including WebCT, Moodle, and others. LERSUS does not require experience in programming.

Lingonets Puzzle Editor

Machine: Win

Publisher: Lingonet Oy

Approximate single-unit price: \$45

Level: Teacher

Create vocabulary puzzles where the words are thematically linked, in the Lingonets format. Download free sample puzzles from the website at <http://www.lingonet.com/web/fin/products/lpe/samples/> or try them online at <http://www.lingonet.com/web/fin/products/lpe/samples/>.

MaxAuthor

Machine: Win

Publisher: University of Arizona

Purchase options: free for non-commercial use

Level: Teacher

MaxAuthor is used by an author to associate multimedia with text to prepare it for use by students using the MAX family of lesson activities: MaxBrowser, Listening Dictation, Pronunciation, Multiple Choice,

Vocabulary Completion, and Audio Flashcards. The author records separate audio for both sentences and words and has the option of recording audio in the training language only, but can also record translations or paraphrases in any other language or dialect. The author can either manually define the word and sentence boundaries or let MaxAuthor choose the boundaries automatically. Download from the website at <http://cali.arizona.edu/docs/wmaxa/maxadown.htm> Windows 95/98/NT/2000/Me/XP/Vista (32-bit only)

Mindpoint Quiz Show

Machine: Win

Publisher: Pearson Assessments

Level: Teacher

Game show format with items from ExamView test banks. Use ExamView to create your own Quiz Show question sets. Simply create a bank or test in ExamView and have your students open the file in Quiz Show. Can be used with Pearson's Classroom Response System wireless pads, as well. Windows 98, Me, 2000, XP or a more recent version; Mac OS 8,, 9, 10.2 or higher.

Quandary

Machine: Win

Publisher: Half-Baked Software

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Teacher

Tool to create web-based action mazes (like a create-your-own-adventure book). With each screen, the user has a set of options. Depending on the choice, the user will be taken to one of several next steps or situations. The action maze can be used simply as a game, but it can also be used to teach the steps in a process. Quandary simplifies some of the many record-keeping details and linking issues involved in creating this type of branching activity. Version 2.4 of Quandary is now a free download from the website.

Question Mark Perception

Machine: Win

Publisher: Question Mark Computing

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Teacher

Assessment management system designed for teachers to author a range of items and organize them into exams, quizzes, tests or surveys. Assessments can be set up to be available on a specific schedule and delivered in a variety of ways. The program provides a number of different report types for the assessments. Assessments can be delivered online, via CD-ROM, on PDAs, or on individual machines.

Storyboard

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Eurocentres, Athelstan, RDA

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Whole-text deletion program. Also included in Wida's Authoring Suite. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

TaskMagic Authoring Software

Machine: Win

Publisher: MDLSOFT

Approximate single-unit price: \$185

Purchase options: site

Level: Teacher

Authoring tool. Input text, images and sounds into a template. Each template automatically generates a range of games and exercises based on your input. Templates include Text Match, Picture Match, Sound Match, Pic-Sound, Grid Match, Mix and Gap, Dialogues, and Multi-Choice, See the website for more information, screenshots and free a trial download.

Testmaster

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, Eurocentres

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users

Level: Teacher

The teacher types in a question or cue and the answer is programmed as a complete cloze with clues. You can also program up to around 21 variations for one answer. Also included in Wida's Authoring Suite. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

TexToys

Machine: Win

Publisher: Creative Technology

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Purchase options: lab, site licenses

Level: Teacher

A suite of two authoring programs, WebRhubarb and WebSequitur. The programs are used to create web pages (HTML documents) which contain interactive language-learning exercises. The exercises are based on the Rhubarb and Sequitur programs originally developed by John and Muriel Higgins. Purchase includes one year's free subscription to the hosting and results server at www.hotpotatoes.net.

Toolbox

Machine: Win

Publisher: Discovery Educational Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$28

Purchase options: site license

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Teacher

Makes a variety of printed puzzle worksheets from words or text you type or paste - crosswords, wordsearches, scrambled words and text, text mazes and coded text. Download a 15-day free trial from the website: http://www.discoveryeducationalsoftware.co.uk/toolbox_e.htm.

Vocab

Machine: Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, RDA, Eurocentres

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users

Level: Teacher

This offers six different word game activities from word lists entered by teachers. Also included in Wida's Authoring Suite. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

VTrain (Vocabulary Trainer)

Machine: Win

Publisher: VTrain.net

Approximate single-unit price: \$25

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All, teacher

Multimedia flashcard creator; ready-made translating flashcards are available between English and over 40 other languages. Powerful editor: voice recording, image edition, smart keyboard switch between 2 languages. \$25 shareware. Download from the website at <http://www.vtrain.net/down.htm>. Also on the website is a free tool for collecting words and phrases called WordClip. Windows XP/Vista/7.

WebCALIS

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Humanities Computing Lab

Purchase options: freeware

Level: Teacher

WebCALIS is an experimental Java version of WinCALIS for PC, Mac, Linux/UNIX platforms. It supports over half the features of WinCALIS, and also includes numerous additional features, support for the World Wide Web as a browser applet; multiple hardware and software platforms; and HTML pages. The current version can be downloaded from <http://www.humancomp.org/webcal.htm>.

WinCALIS

Machine: Win

Publisher: Humanities Computing Lab

Approximate single-unit price: \$150

Purchase options: see website for details

Level: Teacher

Family of programs for authoring; interfaces with audio, video, and videodisc; Windows version of CALIS (Computer-Assisted Language Instruction System). Full range of multimedia presentation. Differs from other authoring environments by supporting complex string matching with author use of wild cards; automatic "SpellMarking" of student answers; observing Unicode conventions, i.e., all languages of the world (including IPA) uniquely identified and distinctively encoded. Contact the publisher or see the website for detailed price and ordering information.

WordOrder 2

Machine: Mac/Win

Publisher: PerLingua Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$5

Purchase options: shareware

Level: Teacher

You provide the sentences and Word Order 2 does the rest. A great feature is that you can easily choose how the sentences are broken up. Students click on words in buttons to make a sentence. Feedback is instant; both visually (the word is added to the screen) and aurally (there are sounds for correct and incorrect choices). Free demo is limited to 5 sentences; \$5 shareware for full version. Windows XP/Vista; Mac OS 9/X..

Skill: Teacher Utility

Basic Mouse Skills

Machine: Win

Publisher: Grey Olltwit

Purchase options: \$20 membership to download all pgms

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Easy-to-use, non-threatening program to help computer beginners gain familiarity with moving, clicking, and double-clicking a mouse. It works by having the user click on progressively smaller boxes that move around the screen. Excellent for adult learners as well as for children. A website membership fee allows the download of about 100 different programs, at least 15 of them good for English language learners.

Collocate

Machine: Win

Publisher: Athelstan

Approximate single-unit price: \$45

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Teacher, HE

Find collocations or terms in a corpus. Search for a word or phrase within a set span, such as 4 words; produces collocations from the corpus and n-grams (lexical bundles).

Crossword Creator

Machine: Win

Publisher: Centron Software Technologies

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Crossword puzzle maker. Includes a thesaurus to help in generating clues. This package received several recommendations and was praised for being easy to use, though it helps to read the documentation in order to take advantage of all the features. Puzzles can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor. Can be downloaded or ordered on CD. Windows, including Windows 7.

Digital Language Laboratory

Machine: Win

Publisher: Sun-Tech

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Teacher For: All, Teacher

Multimedia language laboratory software system. Offers pronunciation practice, video presentation, audio discussion and exercises. Software needs to be installed on student computers. Windows 2000/ XP.

English Word Builder

Machine: Win

Publisher: Caltrox

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All, Teacher

Word find puzzles - word building from a collection of letters in a game format. Includes hundreds of built-in common English words, a timer, and a computer-based way to check words. Download a trial version from the website, then register for the full version. Windows 95/98/ME/ NT/2000/XP/Vista/7.

Last Minute ESL/EFL Lesson Plan and Activity Guide

Machine: Win

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Teacher

Dozens of lesson plans & activities in PDF format, most between 40 and 60 minutes in length. For a variety of skill areas and for three levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

Learning Styles Inventory

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Educational Activities Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: lab, network

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-3

Students go through this questionnaire to analyze their learning styles. The program offers suggestions to enhance studying based on the learner's profile. The profiles for whole class can be stored, so that comparisons of an individual to the teacher or to the class can be printed. Windows and Mac versions have a new interface. Includes spoken questions in both English and Spanish.

Mark My Words

Machine: Win

Publisher: CompuLang

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Level: Teacher

Microsoft Word add-on toolbar. The program lets teachers insert comments with links to online resources and generates a summary of all comments. Potential common errors are highlighted based on the part of speech of a word. Requires Internet access. Windows 2000,, XP, Vista; Microsoft Word XP/2003/2007.

Markin

Machine: Win

Publisher: Creative Technology

Approximate single-unit price: \$40

Purchase options: shareware

Level: Teacher

Markin is a teacher's tool created by Martin Holmes for marking student writing in electronic form. A student's text can be pasted into Markin from an e-mail message or a word-processor file. The teacher can then annotate the text using a set of buttons, footnotes and other kinds of feedback. The marked text can then be exported as a World Wide Web page in HTML format, and sent back to the student. The student, opening the page in a Web browser, will see that parts of the text have been made into links. Clicking on a link will take the student to the teacher's comment or error diagnosis. The program will also automatically compile

error statistics for each piece of work which is marked. Download as shareware. Only short texts can be marked up without paying and registering.

MonoConc Pro

Machine: Win

Publisher: Athelstan

Approximate single-unit price: \$85

Level: Intermediate, advanced, teacher For: Teacher, AE, HE

Concordance program. Can load multiple files totaling several million words, then view contents from within the program. Searches can be case-sensitive or case-insensitive, have wildcards, and include non-letter characters such as '-' or apostrophes. A word list function with a frequency count and calculation of the frequency of collocations is also included. The program comes with an extensive manual that covers basics of concordancing as well as use of MonoConc Pro. Concordance Pack II and Concordance Pack III include extensive additional corpora plus MonoConc Pro. A demo is available from the website. Windows 98/XP; not tested on Vista.

ParaConc

Machine: Win

Publisher: Athelstan

Approximate single-unit price: \$95

Level: Advanced, teacher For: Teacher

Bilingual or multilingual concordancer, useful in contrastive analyses, language learning, and translation studies/training. The software is accompanied by a 110-page book ParaConc and Parallel Corpora in Contrastive and Translation Studies.

Print Shop Deluxe

Machine: Win

Publisher: Learning Company, The See also online/mail order

Approximate single-unit price: \$25

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All

Create greeting cards, signs, personalized letterhead stationary, banners and calendars. The program comes with lots of interesting pre-made graphics which students can use in the creation of their projects. Different versions work on different types of computers, so take care when selecting the version. Windows 95/9/2000/ME; Windows XP/Vista.

Question Mark Perception

Machine: Win

Publisher: Question Mark Computing

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Teacher

Assessment management system designed for teachers to author a range of items and organize them into exams, quizzes, tests or surveys. Assessments can be set up to be available on a specific schedule and delivered in a variety of ways. The program provides a number of different report types for the assessments. Assessments can be delivered online, via CD-ROM, on PDAs, or on individual machines.

QuizMaker Pro 2010

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Class One Software

Approximate single-unit price: \$25

Purchase options: lab, hybrid versions

Level: Teacher

Test authoring system. Generates, administers, scores, and archives tests or quizzes with up to 10 different types of questions within a single test. The program can be used to print multiple versions of a single test with answer keys for each version. QMPro will administer your tests and provide detailed score analysis by individual, class, or test. In the new version, tests can be placed online for downloading and taking by students. Windows XP/Vista/7; Mac OS X.

SuperMemo

Machine: Win

Publisher: SuperMemo USA

Approximate single-unit price: \$30

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-3

This program helps users memorize vocabulary (or other memorizable items, such as spelling lists and irregular verb forms). It spaces repetitions of items in such a way as to maximize learning. ESL version available. Teachers can add their own databases of items for their students to learn. Runs under DOS or Windows.

Teachers Value Pack

Machine: Win

Publisher: Centron Software Technologies

Approximate single-unit price: \$45

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Teacher

CD-ROM with Puzzle Power and Test Creator. Includes lots of puzzle types. Windows 95/98/ME/XP/Vista/7.

Teachers' Voices 8

Machine: Win

Publisher: NCELTR

Approximate single-unit price: \$28

Level: Teacher

DVD to accompany a book by Anne Burns and Helen de Silva Joyce about teaching practice - latest in the series of publications on action research projects by teachers.

Teaching Templates Quiz Maker

Machine: Win

Publisher: Tac-Soft

Approximate single-unit price: \$25

Level: Teacher

12 different quiz templates, including multiple choice, cloze, fill in the missing letters, flashcards, and mastermind. The program creates HTML files and can compile a set of quizzes into a web archive (.mht file) to keep images and sounds with the text, an .exe file, or an eBook. Quizzes can be encrypted, timed, and submitted to the teacher via email or PHP. Windows 95/98/ME/NT 4/2000/XP. A demo can be downloaded from the website.

Testmaster

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Wida Software See also Athelstan, Eurocentres

Approximate single-unit price: \$110

Purchase options: £75 for 1-5 users

Level: Teacher

The teacher types in a question or cue and the answer is programmed as a complete cloze with clues. You can also program up to around 21 variations for one answer. Also included in Wida's Authoring Suite. Windows 95, 98, NT; not verified for XP, Vista, or Windows 7.

ThoughtOffice

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: ThoughtOffice Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$150

Purchase options: network, site license

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced, teacher For: All but K-6

Now known as ThoughtOffice, this is an upgrade of the original IdeaFisher. An idea generator and outliner with a very large database of ideas and suggestions to link up with prompts. This includes words and associations and keyword-tagged image associations to help develop ideas. Also included are eXpertTopic Modules with set-ups, questions, images, links and references. Windows XP/Vista; Mac OS X.

Tidy Up

Machine: Win

Publisher: Grey Olltwit

Purchase options: \$20 membership to download all pgms

Level: Beginning, intermediate, advanced For: All

Easy-to-use program to help computer beginners gain familiarity with moving, clicking, and double-clicking a mouse. Users click on various household articles to move them back where they belong (hence the title). Excellent for adult learners as well as for children. A website membership fee allows the download of about 100 different programs, at least 15 of them good for English language learners.

Total Recorder

Machine: Win

Publisher: High Criteria

Approximate single-unit price: \$20

Level: Teacher

Convert audio to digital form - records streaming audio, microphone and line-in input, CDs, and DVDs and saves the files to the hard drive. The program also converts various digital audio file formats. The Professional version offers more features. A demo version can be downloaded from the website.

Wordsearch Creator

Machine: Win

Publisher: Centron Software Technologies

Approximate single-unit price: \$15

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Beginning, intermediate, teacher For: All

Creates three types of word search puzzles: standard wordsearch (target words are hidden in a grid of letters), clues puzzles where students see clues to the hidden words, and fill-in-the-blank puzzles where students see a paragraph with the missing words found in the puzzle. Can be solved on screen, printed out, or exported to a word-processor.

Xclass

Machine: Win

Publisher: Sun-Tech

Purchase options: Contact publisher

Level: Teacher

Classroom control software that creates a virtual lab, where each computer screen can be seen and controlled from the teacher's station. Standard and Professional versions (Professional includes controller for video and other media) available. XCLASS Professional version: Windows 98/ Me/ NT/ 2000/ XP/ 2003/ Vista; Standard version: Windows XP, 2000.

Skill: Test Preparation**Alexis, the Encomium TOEIC Test Preparation System**

Machine: Win, Mac

Publisher: Encomium Publications

Approximate single-unit price: \$100

Purchase options: lab, site

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Special use: business

Practice for the TOEIC, a test often used to assess readiness for work in business in English speaking countries. CD-ROM. An online version is also available by subscription. Contact the publisher or see the website for details.

Pass First Certificate CD-ROM

Machine: Win

Publisher: wds/Pass-English-Exams

Approximate single-unit price: \$60

Purchase options: CHF69

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Pass First Certificate is a multimedia software program for students preparing for the Cambridge FCE exam. It contains over 500 exercises in grammar, reading, listening and writing. 5 'mock' exams and a 5,000-word exam-specific multilingual audio dictionary are also included. Demo versions can be downloaded from the publisher's website at <http://www.pass-english-exams.com>.

Study Skills Success

Machine: Win

Publisher: Clarity Language Consultants See also World of Reading, NAS

Approximate single-unit price: \$75

Purchase options: Each area sold separately; lab packs

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: 9-12, HE

This English for Academic Purposes program is designed for students facing difficult course assignments in English. The eight units are reading, writing, speaking, listening, research, visuals, grammar, and vocabulary. Presentation activities and practice in an academic context for each area. International English version has a range of accents and IELTS practice. Nother American version includes only North American Accents. Authoring and record-keeping are optional add-ons for extra cost. This replaces Read It Study Skills. Windows 2000/XP/Vista. The online version is Mac compatible as well.

Test Mountain

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: DynEd International

Purchase options: Contact publisher for pricing

Level: Advanced For: All but K-8

Special use: TOEIC

Game-format practice for the TOEIC and other standardized tests of English. Best for students at TOEIC 600+. Includes questions, text for listening questions, and explanations for reading questions.

TOEFL Grand Slam

Machine: Win

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$50

Level: Advanced For: HE, Adult

Special use: TOEFL

This six-CD-ROM set provides two computer-based practice tests and four workbooks for enhancing English reading, writing, structure, and listening skills. The practice tests gauge skill level prior to writing the exam, while the workbooks provide instruction, tips, and practice. Test packs are also available separately, with customized versions available for speakers of French, Spanish, Korean, Japanese, German, Chinese, Hindi, Portuguese, and Russian.

TOEIC Quick Start

Machine: Win/Mac

Publisher: ESL Pro Systems

Approximate single-unit price: \$70

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: Adult, HE

Special use: TOEIC

This bundle includes three practice computer-based tests, two workbooks for enhancing English listening and reading skills, and TOEIC® Tips, Traps & Strategies. The practice tests gauge skill level prior to writing the exam, while the workbooks and Tips, Traps, & Strategies provide instruction, tips, and practice. The workbooks are in Adobe PDF format, allowing the student to work directly on screen, or print a portable paper copy.

Top Score (also Mindstorm TOEIC)

Machine: Mac, Win

Publisher: Mindstorm

Purchase options: contact publisher

Level: Intermediate, advanced For: HE

This CD-ROM prepares students for the TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication), a test with a focus on English for Business. The CD contains not only practice with the multiple-choice test but also test-taking hints, listening practice with famous speeches, and a multimedia game called Maze where learners have to answer grammar and vocabulary questions to escape. Help sections are in French, Spanish, English, Korean, Japanese, and Indonesian. A site from the Japanese education ministry contains useful shockwave-based vocabulary learning activities: <http://mindstorm.org.uk/EW>. Reviews by Mac People, LeMonde, Yomiuri Shimbun and others can be found at <http://www.iac.co.jp/~minds/art.html>; a review of the older version is at <http://www.chorus.cycor.ca/Duber/toEIC.html>. The program seems to run on older Windows machines; not tested on XP or later.

Publisher List

Publishers are those mentioned in the Software List.

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Titles: Accent Master

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Titles: Twisted Tails; Spell Mell

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<http://www.textworld.com/>

Titles: Simple Concordance Program

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<http://welcome.eslreadingsmart.com/>

Titles: ESL ReadingSmart

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Titles: ParaConc; MonoConc Pro; Collocate

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Titles: WordWise; Picture Cue Dictionary; Looking for Words

Auralog

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Email: See website

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Titles: Tell Me More Kids ESL; Tell Me More Education Online

Autoskill International

Email: See form on website.

<http://www.autoskill.com/>

Titles: Academy of Reading

Better Accent

Tel: 877-825 3628 (toll-free in US)

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Titles: Better Accent Tutor

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Titles: Gapkit; Fun With Texts

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Titles: Wordsearch Creator; Teachers Value Pack; Puzzle Power; Crossword Creator

Churchill House

Downloads available online

http://www.easyfreeware.com/first_certificate_english_program-11195-freeware.html

Titles: Churchill House First Certificate Program

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