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High-Quality Distance Learning Resources for English Learners

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- To ask questions, please use the Q and A or chat feature
- Questions will be addressed by the presenters at the conclusion of the session
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Guiding Questions

When looking for distance learning materials and resources for ELs, what should guide our thinking?

- How accessible is the resource for ELs?
 - How can I tell?
 - What features make it accessible?
- Are there other alternative resources with more embedded supports for ELs?



SO...are we referring only to EL program materials?

NO!

EL program materials **are** very important. Yet, when thinking about supporting ELs, we must also be considering:

- content area resources
- accessibility tools
- materials/tools for multilingual communication with families



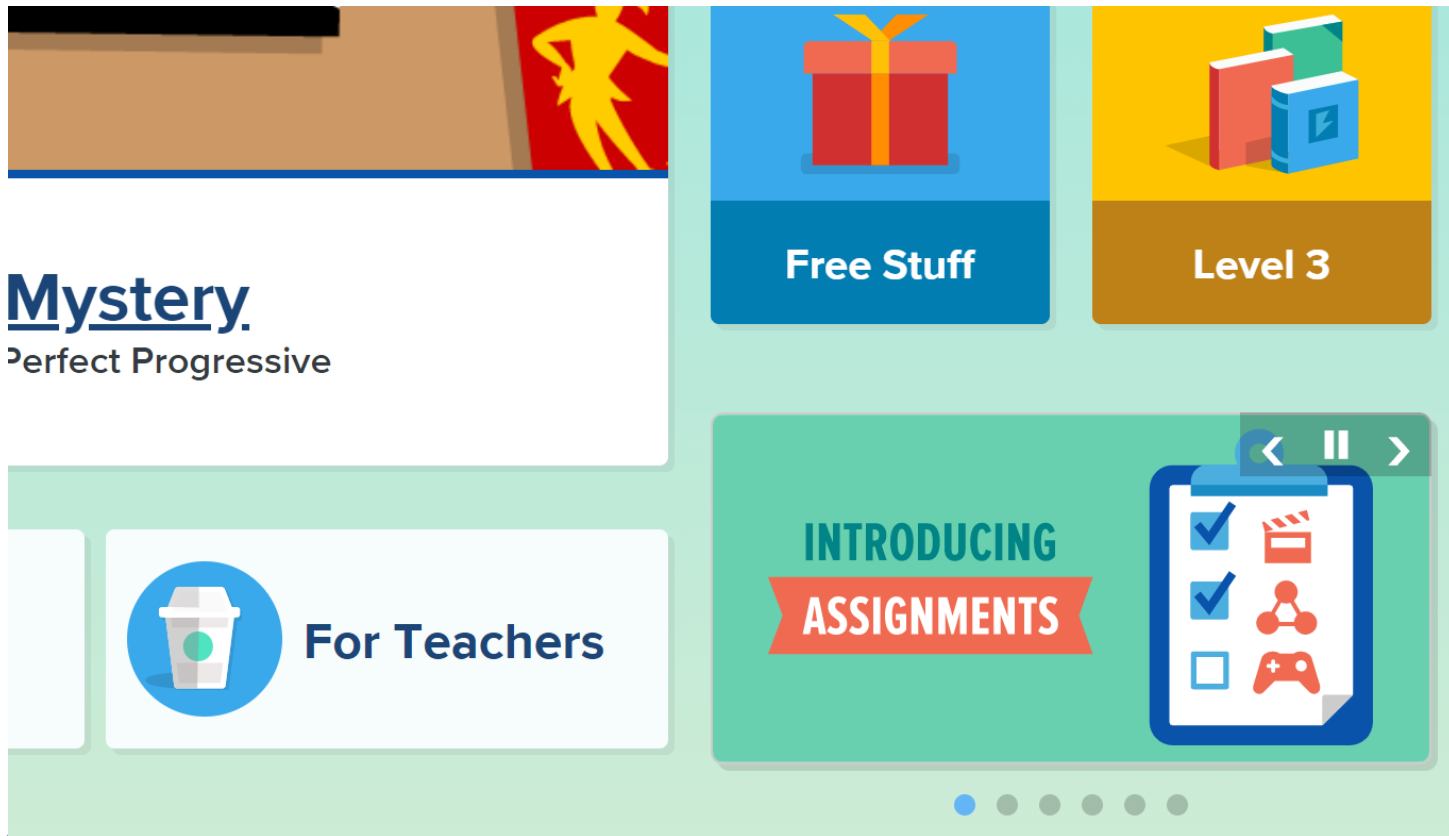
EL Program Resources

- Brain Pop ELL <https://ell.brainpop.com/>
 - What makes it great?
 - ✓ Placement test
 - ✓ Engaging content (videos, activities)
 - ✓ Self-paced or teacher assigned



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EL Program Resources

- Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab
<https://www.esl-lab.com/>
 - What makes it great?
 - ✓ Practice listening using podcasts
 - ✓ Teacher can assign podcasts with quizzes
 - ✓ Immediate quiz feedback on vocabulary and comprehension provided to students



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RANDALL'S
ESL CYBER LISTENING LAB

Home

Listening
Activities



Content Area Resources

- Unite for Literacy

<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/>

- What makes it great?

- ✓ Books for students K-6, in English and Spanish
- ✓ Narration in 43 languages



Content Area Resources

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English

Spanish (Español)

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None

Spanish (Español)

Arabic (العربية)

Chinese (中文)

Somali (Soomaali)

More languages...



Content Area Resources

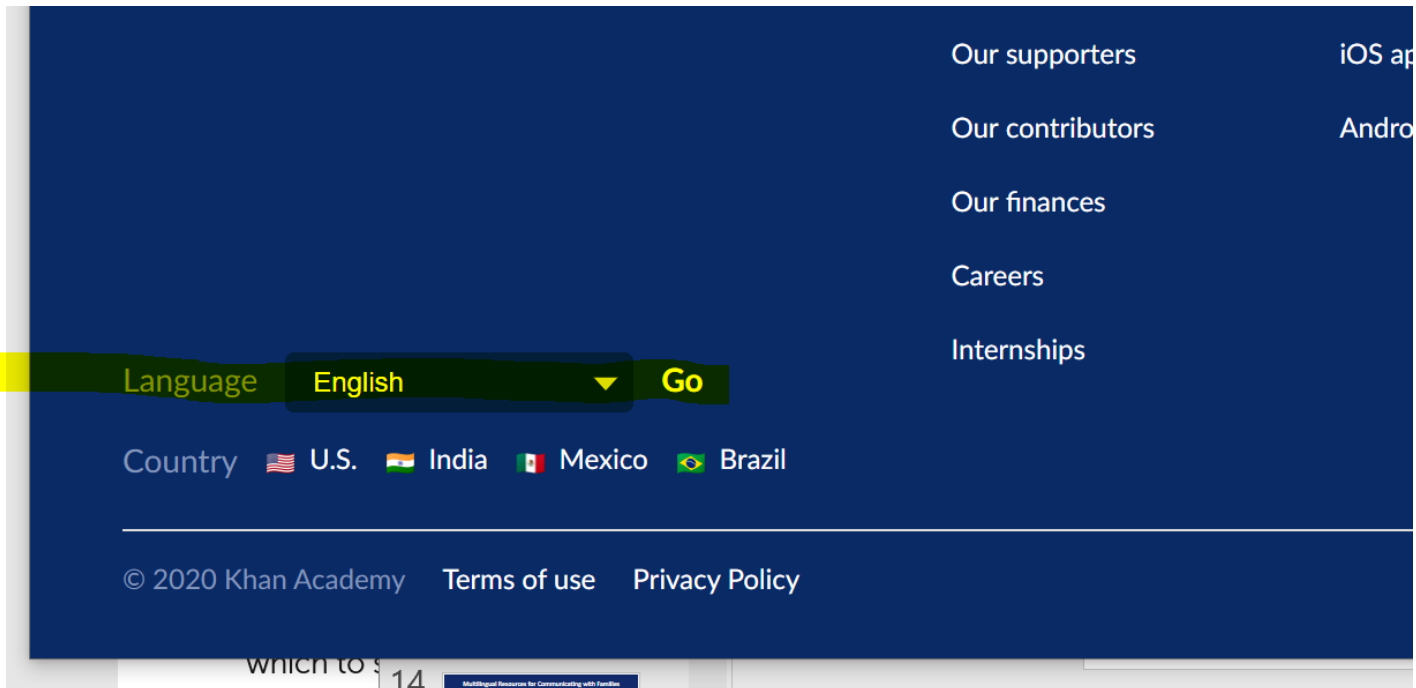
- Khan Academy
 - <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
 - What makes it great?
 - ✓ Math content offered K-12
 - ✓ AP courses in various content areas
 - ✓ Resources available in multiple languages



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Accessibility Tools

- NYU Steinhart Online Glossaries by content area

<https://research.steinhardt.nyu.edu/metrocenter/resources/glossaries>

- What makes it great?

- ✓ Content specific, grade specific academic vocabulary glossaries
- ✓ Promotes and values bilingualism/multilingualism and biliteracy/multiliteracy
- ✓ Many languages, including the most common languages in CT



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- **Elementary School Math**

Albanian, Arabic, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Dutch, French, Fulani, Greek, Haitian, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Kinyarwanda, Korean, Kurdish (Kurmanji), Malay, Mandinka, Nepali, Pashto, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Slovak, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Thai, Tibetan, Turkish, Twi, Ukrainian, Urdu, Uzbek, Vietnamese, Wolof

- **Middle School Math**

Albanian, Arabic, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese (simplified), Chinese (traditional), Dutch, French, Fulani, Greek, Haitian, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Karen, Kinyarwanda,



Accessibility Tools

- Auto Highlight

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/automatic-highlight/dnkdpcbifnmekbkchfjapfneigjomhh?hl=en>

- What makes it great?

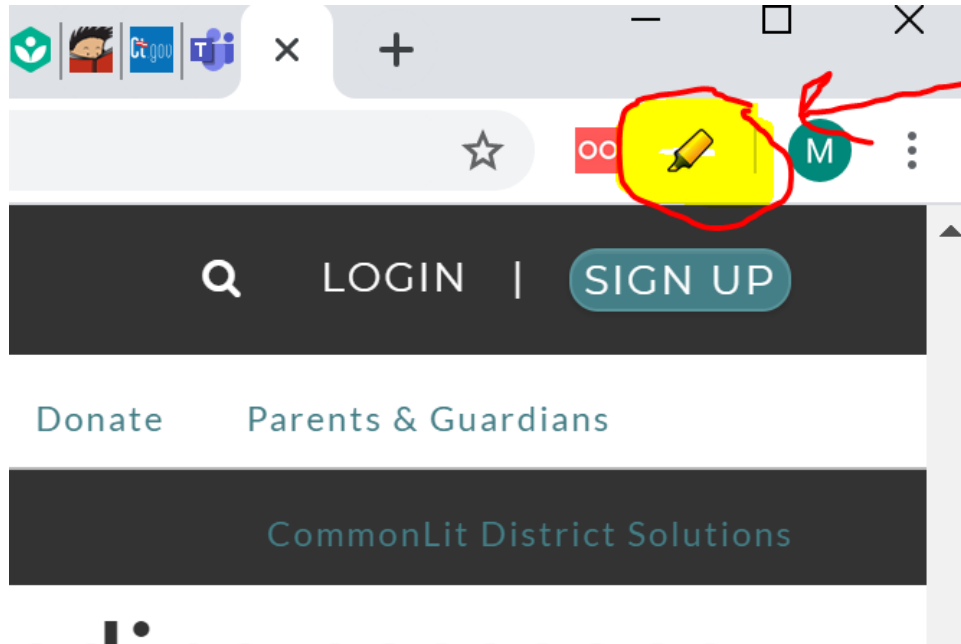
- ✓ Easily added Google extension
 - ✓ Highlights main ideas of text



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Multilingual Resources for Communicating with Families

- Change Language in Google Classroom
<https://support.google.com/accounts/answer/32047?co=GENIE.Platform%3DDesktop&hl=en>
- What makes it great?
 - ✓ Instructions for how to change language in Google account
 - ✓ Numerous languages available





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My Account, the Google Accounts homepage, is available in all Google languages. You can change the display language to your preferred language at any time.

[Computer](#) [Android](#) [iPhone & iPad](#)

1. Open your [Google Account](#)  . You might need to sign in.
2. Click **Data & personalization**.
3. Scroll down to the **General preferences for the web panel**.
4. Click **Language**.
5. Select Edit  .
6. Choose your language from the dropdown box, and click **Select**.
7. If you understand multiple languages, select **Add another language**.

Once you've changed your language preferences, close and reopen your browser.



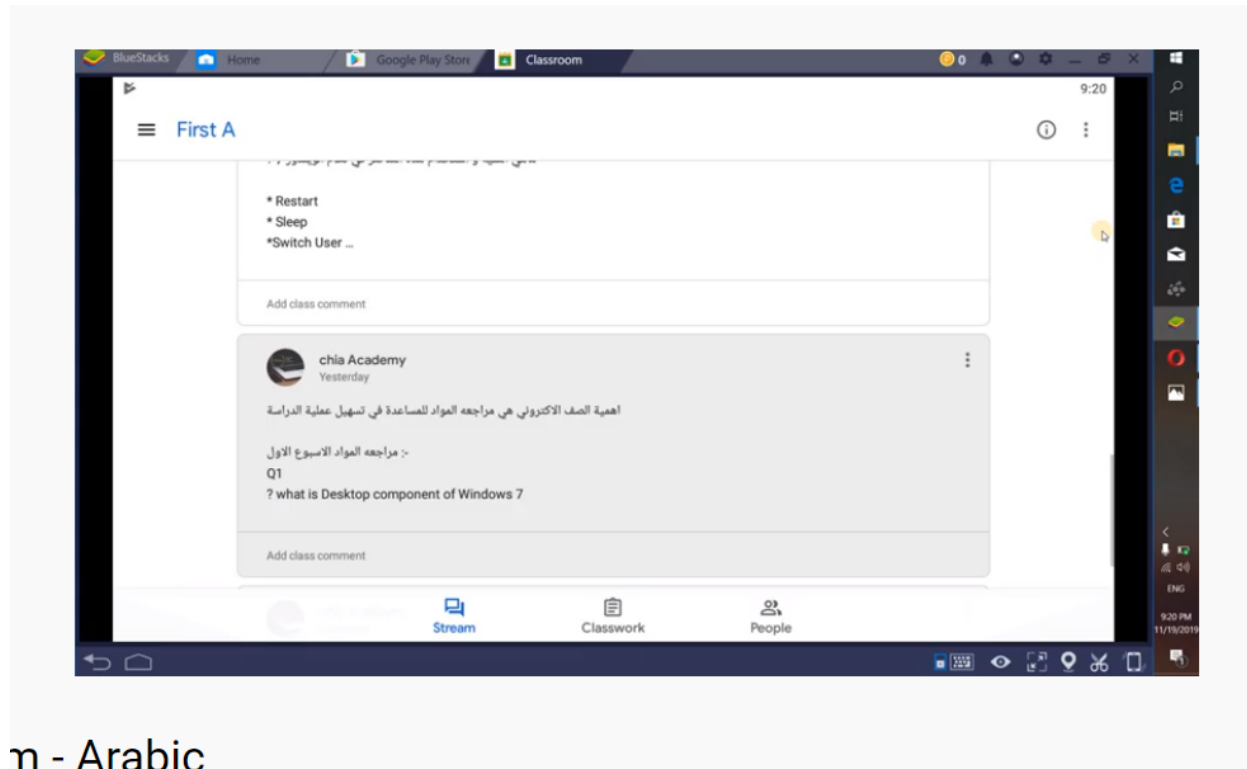
Multilingual Resources for Communicating with Families

- Google Classroom Tutorials in Arabic, Portuguese, and Spanish
 - What makes it great?
 - ✓ Provides instructions for students and families on how to use Google Classroom
- Arabic:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wppQHsaQvpw>
- Portuguese:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TTHR0VtRI8g>
- Spanish:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qo1zDxvuPSk>



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Reminders

- Engage with the contacts of programs that your district has in place already
- Try out an online professional learning on ELs, such as the Pathways to Success for ELs modules:
<https://www.aces.org/services/professional-learning/pathways-online-modules/>
- Check out the COVID-19 and English Learners pages for a variety of resources and guidance:
<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators>
<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/English-Learners/English-Learners>



Contact Information

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