

Boost your English with Online Resources

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Part 1: Online Research Resources

**When you are in well-funded, advanced libraries
(universities, embassies, etc.) you usually have
access to powerful databases of information:**

- LEXIS-NEXIS: newspapers
- DOW JONES: business information
- PROQUEST: magazines

But what about when you're NOT at
one of those places?



Can you still get powerful information
on your own?

Sort of.
Not 100% the same...
But close!

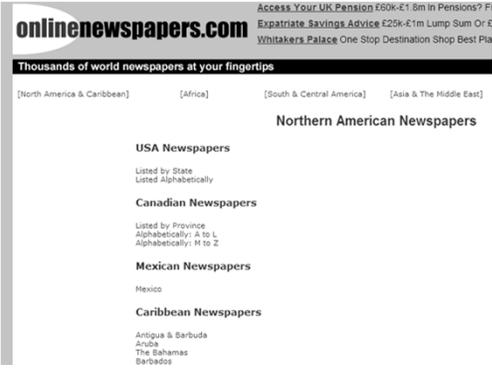
How?
Connect to free Internet
libraries & directories

Need news from all around the world?
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Free = www.onlinenewspapers.com

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Thousands of world newspapers at your fingertips

[North America & Caribbean] [Africa] [South & Central America] [Asia & The Middle East]

Northern American Newspapers

USA Newspapers
Listed by State
Listed Alphabetically

Canadian Newspapers
Listed by Province
Alphabetically: A to L
Alphabetically: M to Z

Mexican Newspapers
Mexico

Caribbean Newspapers
Antigua & Barbuda
Aruba
The Bahamas
Barbados



The New York Times
Monday, November 15, 2010 Last Update: 12:48 AM ET

U.S. Plan Offers Path to Ending Afghan Combat
By PETER BAKER and ROD WOLFSON
A phased four-year plan to wind down American and allied fighting in Afghanistan by 2014 will be presented at a NATO summit meeting in Lisbon later this week.

A School Fights for Life in Battered Haiti
By STEPHEN SCHULZ
Nonpublic schools like the Collège Classique Féminin remain largely unfunded as they struggle to rebuild.

Want to read full-text magazine articles?
\$ = ProQuest



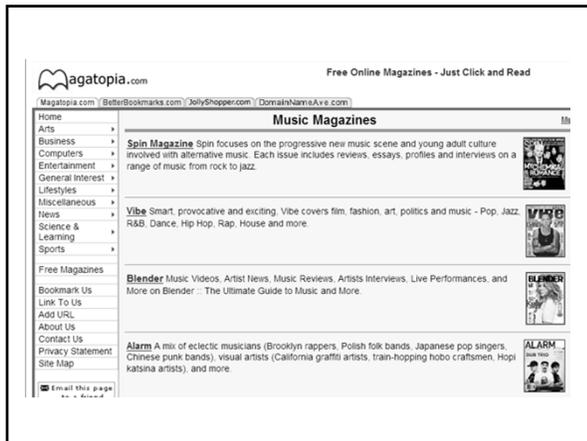
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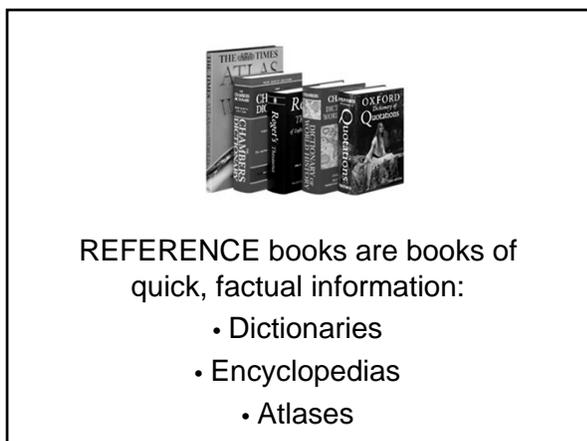
April 2009 Featured Magazines
Information Week: The online authority for breaking business technology news, business and personal technology product reviews, and technology industry



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You can also access free REFERENCE books!

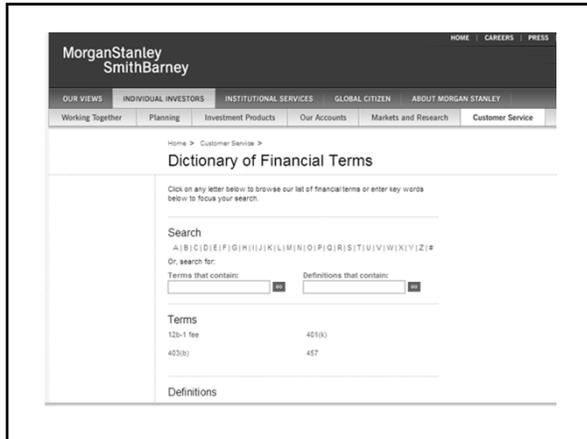


Online Reference Libraries:

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2. Libraryspot.com
3. Infoplease.com
4. Refdesk.com

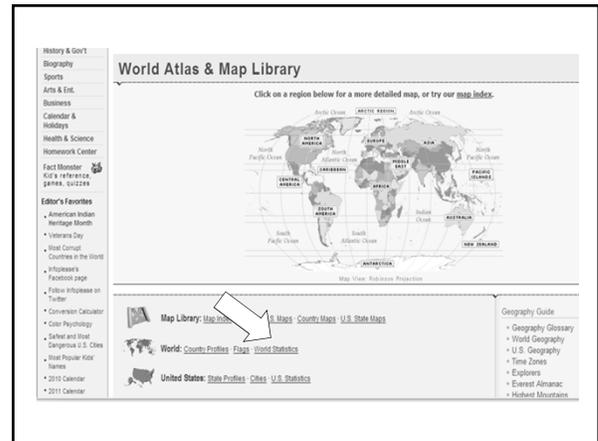
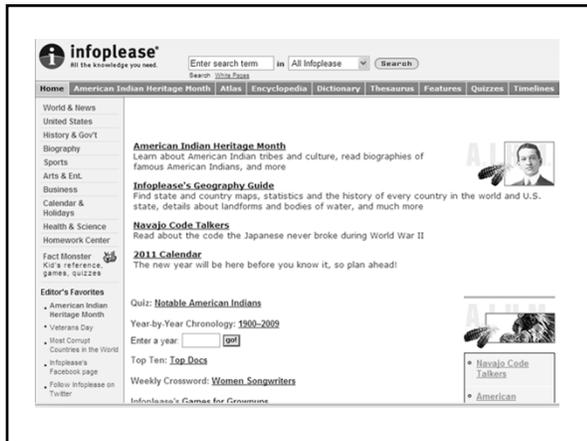
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Area and Population of Countries
(mid-2009 estimates)

Country	Capital	Area (in sq mi)	Population
Afghanistan	Kabul	250,000	33,609,937
Albania	Tirane	11,100	3,639,453
Algeria	Algiers	919,590	34,178,188
Andorra	Andorra la Vella	181	83,888
Angola	Luanda	481,351	12,799,293
Antigua and Barbuda	St. John's	171	85,632
Argentina	Buenos Aires	1,068,296	40,913,584
Armenia	Yerevan	11,506	2,967,004
Australia	Canberra	2,967,893	21,262,641
Austria	Vienna	32,382	8,210,281
Azerbaijan	Baku	33,436	8,238,672
Bahamas	Nassau	5,382	309,156
Bahrain	Al-Mandamah	257	727,785
Bangladesh	Dhaka	55,596	156,050,883
Barbados	Bridgetown	166	284,589
Belarus	Minsk (Minsk)	80,154	9,618,531

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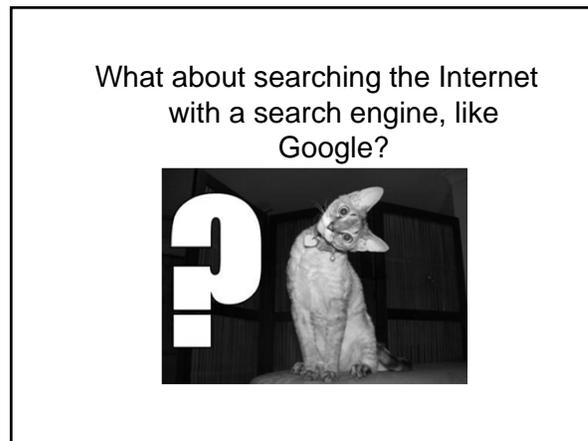
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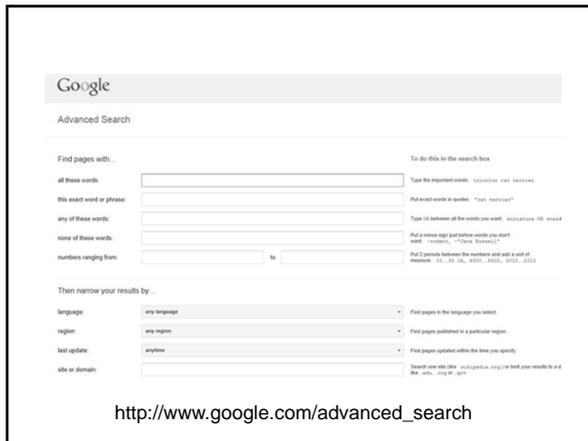
1. DMOZ.org Directory (#1!)
2. Yahoo.com Directory
3. About.com Directory



Yes, but random information from the Internet comes with RISKS of inaccuracy!

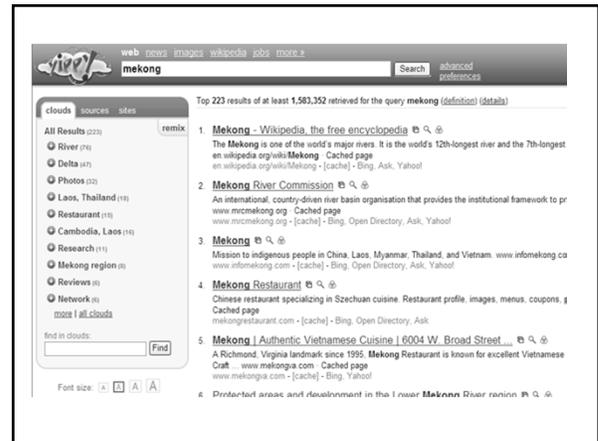
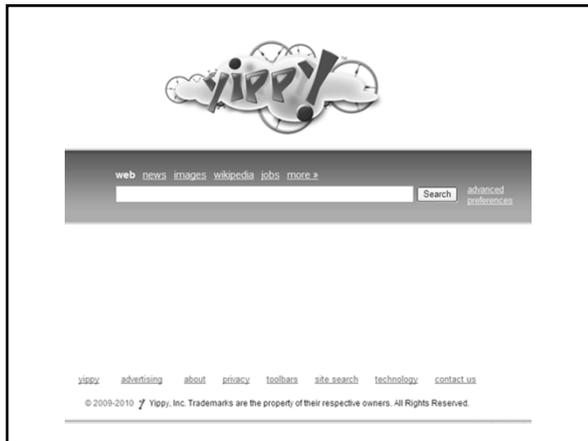
So if you DO need to search the Internet directly, at least do so with more precision!

1. Use Google advanced menu



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2. Use a competitor to Google called "yippy.com", which gives you results in categories



Good luck to you as you seek information on the Internet!



Part 2: Online English Learning Resources

I teach international students how to find information online...especially ESL information.

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Directories save you time! They give you lists of ESL websites (including specific categories)

- Reading sites
- Writing sites
- Listening sites
- Speaking sites
- Grammar/vocabulary sites

Some DIRECTORIES of ESL websites:

TESL Internet Journal Directory
<http://itesli.org/links/>

ESLcafe Directory
<http://www.eslcafe.com/search/index.html>

About Directory
<http://esl.about.com/>

DMOZ Directory
http://www.dmoz.org/Arts/Education/Language_Arts/English/English_as_a_Second_Language/

Yahoo Directory
http://dir.yahoo.com/Social_Science/Linguistics_and_Human_Languages/Languages/Specific_Languages/English/English_as_a_Second_Language/Lessons_and_Tutorials/Online/

TESL/TEFL/ESOL/ESL/EFL/ESOL Links

Maintained by **The Internet TESL Journal**

Links of Interest to Students & Teachers of English as a Second Language
There are currently 14171 registered links. (Last Update: 21-Apr-2009)

Home | Articles | Lessons | Techniques | Questions | Games | Links | Things for Teachers | Links | Activities for ESL Students

All Words | As Keywords

What's New?
See the most recently added links or use our [Daily Page for ESL/EFL Teachers](#)

Browse Links for Students

- Selected Links for Students
A short list of good places to start
- Bilingual (Pages in 2 Languages)
- Culture
- Daily Study
- Dialog
- Dictionaries and Reference Materials
- Games
 - Crossword Puzzles
 - Crossword Puzzles Requiring Frames
 - Games Requiring Flash or Shockwave
 - Games Requiring Java
 - Games Requiring JavaScript
 - Hangman

Browse Links for Teachers

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 - Listening
 - Pronunciation
 - Reading
 - Vocabulary
 - Writing
 - Not Yet Sorted
- Associations
- Bilingual Education
- Book Reviews
- Business English

STUFF FOR TEACHERS
STUFF FOR STUDENTS
STUFF FOR EVERYONE
Site Search

Dave Sperling presents the One and Only

Dave's ESL Cafe

The Internet's Meeting place for ESL + EFL teachers + students from around the World!

- Articles (19)
- Associations (48)
- Bilingual Education (9)
- Books (196)
- Business (16)
- Business English (18)
- CALL (13)
- Chat (8)
- Child Safety (5)
- Conferences (3)
- Countries (24)
- Dictionaries (22)
- Disabilities (5)
- Distance Education (10)
- Drama (2)
- Educational Technology (7)
- Email (12)
- Encyclopedias (7)
- ESP (7)
- Financial Aid (3)
- Finding People (4)

- Literature (22)
- Magazines (13)
- Mailing Lists (11)
- Meeting Other Teachers (9)
- Modules and Scenariography (12)
- Multicultural Issues (12)
- Music (17)
- News and Newspapers (4)
- Newsgroups (1)
- Novelty (1)
- Online English Courses (61)
- Online ESL Publications (42)
- Online Help (22)
- Phonics (5)
- Reading (15)
- Registration (30)
- Proverbs and Quotations (6)
- Public Speaking (9)
- Publishers (68)
- Quizzes (44)
- Resources (111)

About.com: English as 2nd Language

Home > Education > English as 2nd Language

Vote for About.com in CNET's Webware100 Awards!

Cast your vote

ESL: Start Learning | **Continue Learning** | **Teach ESL**

Free ESL Newsletter!

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Most Reads

- Free English Courses
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Kenneth Beare
ESL Guide

- Sign up for my Newsletter
- My Bio

My Blog | My Forum | Guide since 1997

the entire directory

Top: Arts: Education: Language Arts: English: English as a Second Language (855)

- Chats and Forums (9)
- Directories (29)
- Employment (57)
- Examinations (23)
- Language Schools (238)

- Online Courses (23)
- Products and Services (75)
- Publications (14)
- Student Resources (136)
- Teacher Resources (124)

See also:

- Kids and Teens: School Time: English: English as a Second Language (26)
- Reference: Education: K through 12: Bilingual Education (41)

- 1-language.com** - Includes student and teacher forums, chat, job center, multilingual helpline, links directory, resource library and, study multilingual translation help, and interactive lessons.
- A Guide to Learning English as a Second Language** - Grammar and vocabulary quizzes and tips for teachers, parents and students.
- Aburdank's English Forum** - Portal with resources for students and teachers. Interactive exercises, message boards, bookshop, school gac
- Absolteenglish** - Lesson plans and activities for grade 9-12 students learning English as a foreign language and their teachers.
- Accent Modification Training** - Provides pronunciation improvement programs for international speakers of English as well as information
- Dave's ESL Cafe** - Offers discussion forums, chat room, interactive exercises, online tutorials, and extensive web guide. Also provides tea
- ESL Papershell** - Provides many interactive quizzes, discussions forums and topic-based learning pages for students. On the teachers side, te
- ESLgold.com** - Resources for teachers and students with a variety of free learning and teaching materials, all categorized for access by skill
- English Language Learning Online** - Question bank for students, language forum, tests, language news for teachers, and an irregular verb l
- English Language Learning and UK Study Materials** - Quizzes, songs and projects for learners and teachers emphasizing Sussex local his
- English Language Self Access Centre** - Fee based learning modules for self-assessment, vocabulary and grammar which includes a free d

YAHOO! DIRECTORY

Web | Directory | Category

English as a Second Language > Lessons and Tutorials Online

Directory > Social Science > Linguistics and Human Languages > Languages > Specific Languages > English > English as a Second Language > Lessons and Tutorials Online

- Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab**
Helps ESL students improve their English listening comprehension skills through practice with audio clips and self-grading quiz pages.
www.esl-lab.com
- English Page**
Free exercises and resources for intermediate and advanced English learners.
www.englishpage.com
- English learner.com**
Interactive practice for students of English; includes tests, quizzes, crosswords, a mailing list and more.
www.englishlearner.com
- English Listening Lounge**
Features recordings of ordinary English speakers, with questions and other study aids.
www.EnglishListening.com
- English Babby**
Presents different lessons based on American popular culture, such as movies, music and films

Some example websites...

Example of ESL READING site:

www.gradereading.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/TheBeatlesStory/index.html

How much do you know about The Beatles?

Example of ESL WRITING site:

Start Writing Now

Buy Now

How To Use This Site

Writing Prompts

Take A Tour

Introducing EssayPunch.com

As students advance, to improve **essay writing skills** they need in-depth support. They need to organize their thoughts and learn to clearly communicate their ideas in writing.

However, it can be challenging for teachers to provide **personal attention** to each pupil. This is where EssayPunch fits in.

"Easy to use. My students love using it."

- Moreno Valley High School, Moreno Valley, CA

www.essaypunch.com

http://www.meritlinelearning.com - Essay Punch - Description - Microsoft Internet Explorer

WELCOME Guest User

Center

Essay Punch - Descriptions Thesis

Tip: My Progress: Introduction | Subject | Pre-Writing | Thesis | Building an Outline | Writing-Introductory Paragraph | Writing-Body | Organizing | Coherence | Writing-Conclusion | Reviewing-The First Draft | Revising-Content | Style | Sentence-Structure | Grammar | Proofreading | Publishing

The beginning of a thesis statement that could introduce the main idea of the Input box. For practice, write a sentence.

Sentence error
Please use correct end punctuation.

On the next screen you will be asked to write a statement.

Input

No one goes through life without being affected by the love of others

Example of ESL LISTENING site:

ESL Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab

Learn English in the USA TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC at low cost Private Tutoring & Small Classes www.esl-lab.com

Search this Site

English Soundings Online audio from the UK & US www.esl-lab.com

Apartment in Venice Wide selection of Apartments for your holiday in Venice Italy Apartments in Venice

Using This Site

- Add a Link
- Audio Help
- Favorite Resources RSS
- Flash Time Lines
- Media Players
- Send Feedback
- Study Materials
- Terms of Use
- Tip for Teachers
- Uncollected Quizzes

General Listening Quizzes (Listen to English Conversations with Adult and Children's Voices)

Easy	Medium	Difficult
Answering Machine A car accident Apartments for Rent Camping Under the Stars Christmas in the States	A Student Credit Card A Health Checkup A Holiday Party A New Remember A University Degree	Address Making Money A House Emergency A Free Cell Phone A University Degree A Student Credit Card

http://esl-lab.com/

Answering Machine

Level	Topic	Speakers	Length
easy	phone messages	man	00:34

I. Pre-Listening Exercises [Top]

There are many types of phone services today to choose from, including cellular, satellite, and even voice over IP phone services. Whatever service you use, learning how to leave and understand phone messages is important. What questions or requests might you hear in a telephone message (e.g., "Please call me tomorrow.")

II. Listening Exercises [Top]

Listen to the phone message by pressing the Play button and answer the questions. Press the "Final Score" button to check your quiz.

The Heine
Jan Huben
\$18.47
★★★★★
My favorite picture dictionary. Great pic.

Say it Best!
Martina Pa.
\$24.95
★★★★★
Easy-to-use textbook that prese...

American ...
Ann Cook (A.
\$18.17
★★★★★

1. What will take place at Bill's house tomorrow?
 A. a party
 B. a game
 C. a dance

2. Why does Hank have to work late?
 A. He has to attend a meeting.
 B. He has to write a report.
 C. He has to close the office.

Example of ESL SPEAKING/PRONUNC site:

www.ManyThings.org

Minimal Pairs - Lesson 21: not-nut, ...
American English Pronunciation Practice. MP3-encoded sound files in interactive Flash files.

Minimal Pair Practice & Quiz

Practice

[not] [nut]

Correct 0

Quiz

[Listen, Then Choose]

[not] [nut]

Wrong 0

[Reset the Score]

www.manythings.org

Example of ESL GRAMMAR site:

English Grammar Quizzes Using JavaScript

Grammar | Vocabulary | Other

Activities for ESL Students has over 1,000 activities to help you study English as a Second Language. This project of The Internet TESL Journal has contributions by many teachers.

Grammar

- Easy
 - Choose the Correct Form of the Verb (Larry Kelly) Multiple-Choice, Easy, 10 Questions, Grammar
 - Subject-Verb Agreement - Easy (Kerib S. Folse) 2 Choices, Easy, 20 Questions, Grammar
 - Choose the Correct Verb Form (Charles Kelly) Multiple-Choice, Easy, 19 Questions, Grammar
 - Singular, Plural or Possessive (Charles Kelly) Multiple-Choice, Easy, 12 Questions, Grammar
 - Word Choice (Charles Kelly) Multiple-Choice, Easy, 10 Questions, Grammar
 - Pronouns (Charles Kelly) Multiple-Choice, Easy, 19 Questions, Grammar
 - Superlative (Donna Tatarski) Multiple-Choice, Easy, 20 Questions, Grammar
 - Misuse of the Infinitive (Donna Tatarski) 2 Choices, Easy, 27 Questions, Grammar

http://iteslj.org/

The Masafite (A Quiz on Prepositions)
 20 Questions by Alexandra Sanchez
 An estimated 2,200 to 2,600 masafites live ___ the wild.

1 on
 2 between
 3 in

Things People Do

Paper would have offered to pay the tuition if I ___ to return to school.

a had decided
 b has decided
 c decide

This quiz has 20 questions.

Subject/Verb Agreement

Click the answer button to see the answer.

1. The use of vitamin supplements and herbs (be) ___ becoming increasingly popular among Americans.
 Answer

2. While many studies claim that vitamins and herbs can improve health, there (be) ___ a lot of controversy about their safety.
 Answer

3. The ___ and Drug Administration (FDA) (do) ___ not regulate vitamins and herbs.

Example of ESL VOCAB site:

LEARN AMERICAN ENGLISH ONLINE | Food Vocabulary

HOME YOUR TEACHER MEMBERSHIP CONTACT MERCHANDISE PHOTOS BLOG LESSONS

Fruit

 fruit	 apples	 bananas	 cherries
 grapefruit	 oranges	 lemons	 pineapples
 watermelon	 cantaloupe	 strawberries	 peaches

<http://www.learnamericanenglishonline.com/images/Vocabulary%20Images/Food%20photos/fruit/Fruit.html>

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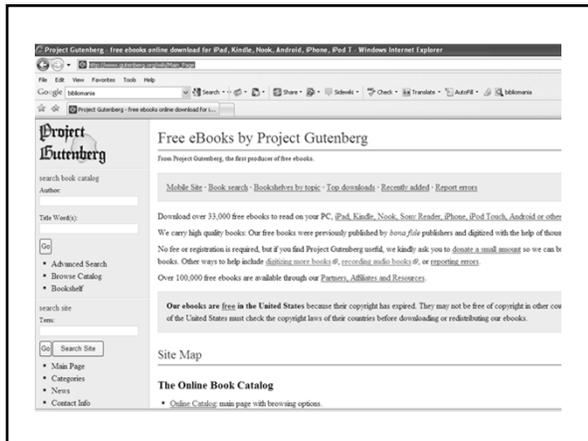
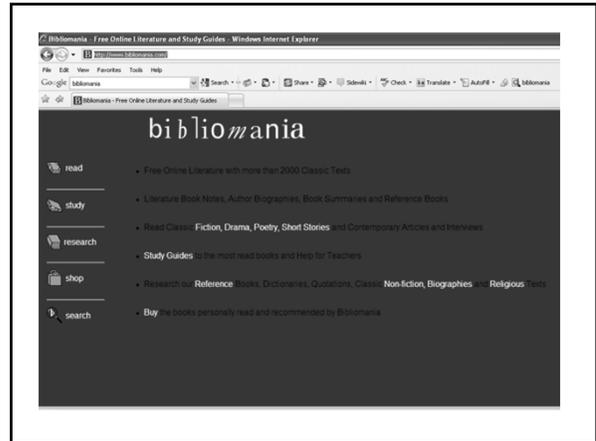
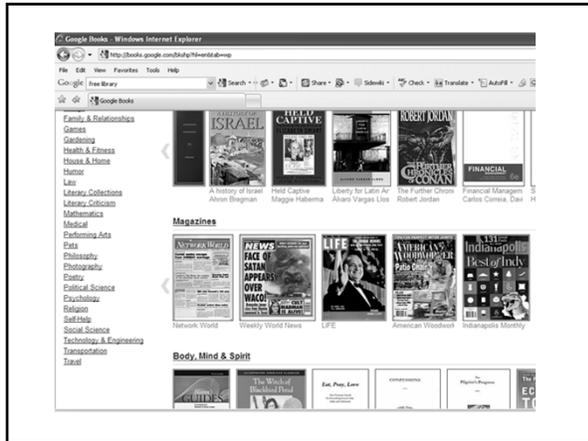
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Best wishes as you find terrific new ESL resources!

Thank you
Cám ơn !