VISAS Language Consultant Program Resources

© Engaging Conversation Starters

- 200 Questions to Get to Know Someone A collection of questions designed to spark meaningful conversations and help you connect with your partner(s): https://conversationstartersworld.com/
- **ESL Discussions** Thought-provoking questions for deeper discussions: https://www.eslconversationquestions.com/
- ESL Conversation Questions More questions for conversation, organized by category: https://esldiscussions.com/
- Would You Rather Advanced Edition Complex and fun questions for discussion: https://www.eslconversationquestions.com/would-you-rather/
- **BBC Learning English 6-Minute English** Short, engaging discussions on current topics: https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/features/6-minute-english
- Philosophy & Ethics: Morality, social issues, future concerns. <u>Philosophical</u> <u>questions</u>

Listening & Speaking Practice for Academic & Professional Settings

- ELLLO (English Listening Lessons Library Online) Authentic conversations with comprehension quizzes: https://elllo.org/
- ESL Cyber Listening Lab Practical listening exercises for real-world interactions: https://www.esl-lab.com/
- **TED Talks with Subtitles** Inspiring talks on diverse topics, great for discussion and comprehension: https://www.ted.com/talks

Pronunciation & Effective Communication

- Rachel's English Practical pronunciation lessons with clear explanations: https://www.rachelsenglish.com/
- YouGlish Search and hear words in real-life speech through YouTube: https://youglish.com/

• **BBC Learning English – Pronunciation Tips** – Bite-sized lessons on academic and professional pronunciation:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/features/pronunciation

Advanced Vocabulary & Grammar Resources

- Quizlet Interactive flashcards and games for academic and professional vocabulary: https://www.quizlet.com
- **Perfect English Grammar** Clear explanations and advanced grammar exercises: https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/
- Merriam-Webster Learner's Dictionary Definitions with examples tailored for English learners: https://learnersdictionary.com/

Academic & Professional Reading & Writing

- News in Levels News articles rewritten at different proficiency levels: https://www.newsinlevels.com/
- The Conversation News and analysis written by academics for an educated audience: https://theconversation.com/global
- Write & Improve (by Cambridge) Al-powered feedback for improving academic writing: https://writeandimprove.com/

Medical English

- MedlinePlus Medical Terminology Guide Understand medical terms and patient communication: https://medlineplus.gov/medicalwords.html
- English Health Train Medical English courses and patient dialogue examples: https://www.englishhealthtrain.com/
- **Talking With Your Patients** Medical conversation guides for non-native English speakers: https://www.nap.edu/resource/2195/clinical.html

Legal English

- TransLegal Legal English for Lawyers Professional legal English training: https://www.translegal.com/
- **USCourts Glossary of Legal Terms** Common legal terms explained: https://www.uscourts.gov/glossary
- ABA Free Legal Research Tools Legal articles and documents for practice: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/

STEM English (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math)

- Cambridge English for Scientists Scientific writing and presentations:

 https://www.cambridge.org/us/cambridgeenglish/catalog/business-professional-and-academic-english/cambridge-english-scientists
- NASA's STEM Engagement Science resources and academic English practice: https://www.nasa.gov/stem
- Academic Phrasebank Sentence starters for research writing: http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/