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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  
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  
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  
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.  

**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


**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


**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 issue 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 phonic 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  
Pricing 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  
Pricing 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  

**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

**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

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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

**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

**Diaphoric 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  


**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

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/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.

**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

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: Adult, 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 phonetic 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 waveforms 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  

**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

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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.

Aprenda 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 Portuguese 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

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_Vol33No3.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.

**Lexica 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
Measuring Up
Machine: Win
Publisher: Protea Textware See also Wida
Approximate single-unit price: $115
Level: Beginning For: All but K-6

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.freedownloadscenter.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  
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.kyotosu.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  


**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  

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

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, synonyms 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

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).

**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

**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
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/sec/](http://www.textworld.com/sec/). 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](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](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

**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.flashcardscenter.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, colour, 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: Adult, 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: All but 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, synonyms 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  

**Check My Words**  
Machine: Win  
Publisher: CompuLang  
Approximate single-unit price: $50  
Level: Intermediate, advanced  
For: All but K-3  
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
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
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 95/98/2000/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

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

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

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

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/freecd/.

**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 accomodate 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  
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; Jeloze, to create gap-filling exercises; JCross, to create crossword puzzles painlessly; JM Mix, 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 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  
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 wordprocessor. 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 linkst 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

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. North 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 are 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.
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