

Step – Useful online reading resources

Task

Below are four useful resources that teachers can use to create interesting and level-appropriate online reading lessons for their learners, as well as websites that learners can access themselves. Click on the link to each one and answer the following questions.

- What level of learner is it appropriate for?
- What age of learner is it appropriate for?
- Does the site provide a complete reading lesson or do you need to build a lesson around a text?
- Might it be useful for your learners?

[Breaking News English](#)

[News in Levels](#)

[Learn Kids short stories](#)

[Cambridge Assessment English – Learning English](#)

Answers

Breaking News English is a website that teachers can use to prepare lessons. Full lesson plan materials are provided along with texts aimed at different levels. These are for teenagers or adults rather than children.

News in Levels is a website which takes authentic news stories and simplifies them for mid and lower levels. While audio/video is available, the written texts provide useful vocabulary in bold. These lessons are probably better suited to teens and adults.

Learn Kids is a website for young learners. The short stories section has videos of short stories with accompanying materials such as the story written in text and activities, e.g. games, discussions etc. It is great for teachers to use in class but students could also watch the videos or read the stories at home.

Cambridge Assessment English has some free material for learners of different levels. Teachers could adapt this material for classroom use. The activities are usually short and last 5–10 minutes, and are best suited to teenage or adult learners.