

# **ESL WORKSHEETS & LESSON PLANS**

## **Supplementary Lessons**

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These worksheets have been developed to supplement English-as-a-Second-Language textbooks and curriculum--not to replace them. They are meant to enhance and bring variety to an already-existing school English language teaching program. The worksheets are designed to be duplicated and distributed to students. The worksheets can be used at home, school, or in any other independent setting. They can also be used to make overhead transparencies or be projected onto a whiteboard or smart board on which students can see the worksheet and write directly onto the projected image. Each worksheet is accompanied by a detailed step-by-step lesson plan and suggested teaching techniques to assist the instructor in providing an interesting and successful lesson. The lessons can also provide a useful resource for substitute teachers and tutors.

# INTRODUCTION

Reproducible worksheets have unquestionably played a prominent role in education beginning with the invention of the ditto machine or spirit master, photocopier, overhead projector, and now the “smart board.”

Worksheets serve as an important tool in supplementing, reinforcing, and expanding your lessons. No matter how good or complete the content of your textbook or curriculum may be, there will always be a need to fill in the gaps in knowledge and skills your students need to learn.

The value of worksheets in teaching English as a Second Language is clear.

Worksheets help students:

- review and understand already-taught materials in a new way
- learn through a variety of different methods
- develop writing and spelling skills
- have fun in doing challenging grammar and vocabulary building assignments
- keep their minds active and engaged
- learn new words and phrases on a topic
- make inferences, evaluating choices, and drawing conclusions
- refresh and help retain grammar points and vocabulary they have just learned
- visualize the new words through photos
- continue learning outside of the classroom

Crossword puzzles help teachers:

- supplement textbooks and curriculum
- extend and reinforce existing lessons
- keep students' interest
- provide extra homework or classroom assignment to improve English skills
- employ additional methods of presenting grammar and vocabulary
- reinforce already-taught structures and vocabulary words
- review and test students with a less intimidating and threatening tool

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