

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Reference Sources

Reference Sources can focus your topic by giving you a concise overview, background information, facts and statistics, definitions and correct spellings. The reference titles below are located in the Reference Stacks in the MCC Library.

Call Number	Title
REF PA-PC	Foreign Language Dictionaries: Greek, Latin, Romanian, Italian, French, Spanish, Latin American Spanish, Cuban, Portuguese
REF PF-PL	Foreign Language Dictionaries: German, Polish, Russian, Lithuanian, Arabic, Gujarati, Chinese, Kurdish, Turkish, Japanese, Hawaiian, Maori
REF PEs	English & American Dictionaries and Thesauri
REF PE 1629	Visual Dictionaries
REF PE 2835 .O95	Oxford ESL Dictionary
Reserve Desk	TOEFL Practice Guides

Books & Media

The Stacks contain books and audiovisual items that may be borrowed or “checked out” from the Library. Use the Library’s [Online Catalog](#) to determine what resources are available on your topic, and their call number and location in the Library.

Sample Searches

- ✓ English language textbooks for foreign speakers
- ✓ English language study and teaching foreign speakers
- ✓ Juvenile literature
- ✓ Readers for new literates

Reference Databases

Reference Databases provide similar information as the print reference sources above. They can be accessed electronically from the [MCC Library homepage](#) under Reference Databases. For remote access, click on the [Off Campus Access Menu](#).

Database Name	Description
Testing and Education Reference Center	career information and over 100 practice tests and courses, including the GED, TOEFL, and U.S. Citizenship

This guide has been prepared by the MCC reference librarians to assist you with research for your class. If you need further assistance, please consult with a librarian. <http://mchenry.edu/library>

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Article Databases

Periodicals consist of popular magazines, newspapers, trade and scholarly journals. To learn about the differences in periodicals refer to Researching Periodicals on the Class Handouts page. All of these resources can be located from the [MCC Library homepage](#) under Article Databases. For remote access, click on the [Off Campus Access Menu](#).

Database Name	Description
MAS Ultra School Edition	contains full text for more than 500 popular, high school magazines
Chicago Tribune	full-text of the newspaper, 1985 to present

Internet Sources

Remember to carefully evaluate information found on the Internet. Unlike most traditional print sources, Internet sources may not go through any review process before the information is made available to the public.

Web Site	Address
ESL/GED/Literacy Sites	www.mchenry.edu/library/SitesbySubjectnew/esllinks.html
Constitution Study Guide	adultbasiced.org/constitution/index.htm
Dave's ESL Cafe	www.eslcafe.com
English-Zone	english-zone.com/index.php
Naturalization: Information on Becoming a U.S. Citizen	www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis
Ohio ESL	www.ohiou.edu/esl/english/index.html