



EL Example Activities

See below for examples of activities to do with your English learners and their families.

Newcomers

Inside/Outside Community Activities

English learners will take field trips to local businesses, parks, recreation centers, movie theaters, colleges and universities, and other organizations to become familiar with their community. To build on those experiences, the explorations will to places outside the local community.

Elementary Students

Readers Theater for Science or Math Instruction

Have students write a short play after reading (or listening to) a subject-specific piece of text or completing a subject matter activity. This helps increase comprehension and can reinforce language skills.

Middle School Students

Digital Literacy

Focus lessons for middle school students on how to effectively use technology in a variety of settings. Make sure English learners understand directions and how to use technology when completing activities.

Our Multicultural Community

Teach youths how to live in and support a society that welcomes the rich knowledge and perspectives that come with learning about different cultures.

Source: <https://www.carsondellosa.com/blog/7-ways-to-create-cultural-awareness-in-the-classroom/>

High School Students

Mentoring/Tutoring Culturally Relevant Literacy

High school students read to, tutor and/or mentor elementary students, using culturally relevant and diverse pieces of literature.



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Adult Learner Activities

Technology Workshops

Offer access to a variety of websites that help teach literacy and vocabulary skills.

Example: [Yes al Ingles](#)

Parent Workshops

Offer workshops on subjects like navigating the school system, understanding grading systems, and being an advocate for your child's education.

Design a Parent-Led Activity

Work with parents and families to design an activity they can lead for students.

Example: A parent-led gardening activity

Shared Family Activities

Culture and Academics

Have participants work a lesson in a content area of interest and note differences in opinion or reactions. Facilitate an opportunity for participants to reflect on the lesson.

Family Nutrition Cooking Class

Use food from a garden and substitute more healthful options in a recipe. This activity provides an opportunity for participants to connect to other cultures and to learn alongside one other about making healthful eating affordable. Food might be available through a food pantry or garden if your program is in one of the food deserts that exist in many EL communities.

Example: Within the Hispanic population, diabetes is a common health issue.

Family Cultural Dance

Have families teach other program families a dance. This activity can help address the need for physical activity as part of health.