

Materials for Teaching English Reading and Writing by the Hickey Method

TeachEnglishLiteracy.org (the Hickey website) contains all the free materials you need to teach a beginning or struggling English learner how to read (decode and comprehend words and texts) and write (form letters and spell words) in English.

The Hickey Method is a systematic, multi-sensory phonics-based method that is extremely effective for all learners. The ability level of the learner determines the pace at which they can progress. Many learners who have been left behind in their classrooms succeed with this approach.

Good luck and enjoy!

Background and Overview

- Background Booklet: [Training Course: Using the Hickey Method to teach EFL to Students with Language Learning Issues](#)

Assessment

[Assessment Document](#): Pages for performing an assessment of basic English skills to help you get to know an individual student.

- pp. 1-7: A form for you to copy for each student. All the writing is done on this form, and you need *one copy for each learner* whom you assess.
- pp. 8-11: Pages from which you or the student will read during the assessment. You only need *one copy* of these pages (you can reuse them for every assessment.)

Lesson Preparation Materials

- [A Hickey lesson planning form](#).
- [The Hickey lesson order](#) - this tells you which new material to teach in each Hickey lesson, gives ideas for clue words, and lists important exception words.
- [Hickey word list, by lesson](#) - a comprehensive list of the words that can be written using the letters and combinations that have been learned through this lesson.
- [Lined writing practice sheet](#) for writing letters and words with correct letter placement (sky, grass and ground) to laminate.
- Print the version for the language your learners speak: [Pink Rule Cards, organized by lesson, English and Hebrew](#) or [Pink Rule Cards, organized by lesson, English and Arabic](#). Text of rules, patterns, and tips to English to copy onto blank pink cards (and English text, for your own knowledge) to create the rule cards you prepare for students each lesson.
- [Wh Question Cards](#) - Glue the page/s onto card stock (lamination optional) to create a set of question cards that you will use to review the meaning of each story you read with the learner. (These are good questions to ask after reading any passage to enhance comprehension.)
- [Modified Cursive](#) - (Optional, per you and your learner's preference) - Upper- and lower-case print forms, modified cursive lower case forms of letters (chosen to look the most like the printed form).
- [English Vocabulary Words](#) - "Bands" 1,2,3 required by the Ministry of Education (sorted by English patterns)

Pages for students

- [Letter Checklist for Student](#) - print or copy each page of the checklist as the student reaches it.
- [Daily Home Practice check-off sheet](#)- For learner to keep a record of daily card review and practice.
- [Long Vowel Choices and examples](#) - The alternative ways to spell long vowel sounds, in order of frequency, color-coded with examples of words.
- [Patterns for Dividing Syllables](#) - The four syllable division patterns that will be learned via pink rule cards.
- [Syllable Types Table](#)- The seven syllable types that will be learned via pink rule cards.

Games and Game Templates:

Games are the best way to practice - they're fun and motivating!

Every Hickey lesson on the website includes a game you can prepare to play on paper, plus there are online games you can play with your learner on the computer. (See links in each lesson.)

Colorful card and matching games to print and laminate, for all learners (or to practice what Hickey learners have learned to date):

- [Rules Games](#): review and practice the spelling and meaning patterns of English.
- [Past Tense \(regular and irregular verbs\)](#)
- [Prefixes and Suffixes](#)
- [Adding -ing to words \(spelling changes\)](#)

Create games to practice and integrate the material of any lesson. There are many [game ideas and templates](#) on the website.

Individual Lesson Materials on TeachEnglishLiteracy.org

Sample: Lesson 1:

- [Teaching New Material, Lesson 1a](#)
 - [Teaching New Material, Lesson 1b](#)
 - ["It is I!" - Lesson 1 story, word list, and game](#)
- Find materials for [individual lessons 1-99](#). As you need them, you can browse and print more lesson materials from the Individual Lesson Materials tab on TeachEnglishLiteracy.org.

More resources:

Patterns of English - Animated videos from The English Club app, on YouTube, channels:

- [English narration](#)
- [Hebrew narration](#)
- [Arabic narration](#)

The English Club is a set of materials, app and books, that follow the Hickey Method through 50 levels of material.

[The English Club app](#), for smartphones and tablets. (Available free now on Apple, Android returning shortly. Price will be 10 NIS in near future.)

- [Installation instructions, English](#)
- [Installation instructions, Hebrew](#)
- [Installation instructions, Arabic](#)

[The English Club books](#) -order Original, Traditional Jewish Dress, or Arabic versions. Free worksheets on the website.

[The English Club for Charedi Boys books](#) - free worksheets on the website. Videos on YouTube with model of teaching from the books.

[English Tutors Training Program at David Yellin](#) - Q&A session on Zoom, October 8, 2024, 20:00 - register [here](#)