

## Webwatcher

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### Educational platforms

Federal Ministry for Education, Science and Culture (bm:bwk, Austria). Offers information on school legislation and Austrian language policy; many useful links. <http://www.bmbwk.gv.at/index.xml>

Here you can find links to the new syllabuses:  
APS and AHS: [http://www.bmbwk.gv.at/schulen/unterricht/lp/Lehrplaene\\_der\\_Allgemein2102.xml](http://www.bmbwk.gv.at/schulen/unterricht/lp/Lehrplaene_der_Allgemein2102.xml)  
BHS: [http://www.bmbwk.gv.at/schulen/unterricht/lp/Lehrplaene\\_der\\_berufsbil3577.xml](http://www.bmbwk.gv.at/schulen/unterricht/lp/Lehrplaene_der_berufsbil3577.xml)  
Teacher Training Colleges:  
[http://www.bmbwk.gv.at/schulen/unterricht/lp/Studiengaengnisse\\_der\\_Paedag1920.xml](http://www.bmbwk.gv.at/schulen/unterricht/lp/Studiengaengnisse_der_Paedag1920.xml)

Council of Europe; Common European Framework (CEF) on which new syllabuses (higher secondary level) for modern languages are based. <http://culture2.coe.int/portfolio/documents/0521803136txt.pdf>

Self-assessment grid (English): [http://www.culture2.coe.int/portfolio/documents/assessment\\_grid\\_english.doc](http://www.culture2.coe.int/portfolio/documents/assessment_grid_english.doc)

Gemeinsam Lernen. Educational platform for Lower Secondary Level with articles on current issues, such as information on National Education Standards, Austrian curriculum; many lesson plans, useful links.  
<http://www.gemeinsamlernen.at>

Austrian Centre for Language Competence (Österreichisches Sprachen-Kompetenz-Zentrum): An initiative of the Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Culture/Bundesministerium für Bildung, Wissenschaft und Kultur. Offers information on various innovative language related projects at the ÖSZ, such as the European Language Portfolio, The European Day of Languages, CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning, and many others). (Teaching) materials as downloads, references, and lots of useful links.

<http://www.sprachen.ac.at>

e-LISA Educational gateway to teachers' online resources (all subjects), „summer academy“ for teachers, online magazines (e.g. „Tel&Cal“, „Erziehung und Unterricht“), many useful links.

### Business English

<http://www.adslogans.co.uk/>  
This website has a small area which is for use by teachers – it looks at questions about ad slogans and gives examples – useful to download if you're wanting to do a lesson on advertising.

<http://www.globalworkshop.com/exreports.html>  
This website has reports on cultural aspects of various countries and is intended to give business people some tips & information before they go abroad on a business trip. Areas such as negotiating, appointments and even payment are covered. Useful for cross-cultural lessons.

<http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/lewisham/modlets2.htm>  
This is a website for native English speakers – and is a government information site giving consumers models of letters to use when wanting to complain about products and services. Could be useful for correspondence English.

<http://www.bized.ac.uk/learn/learn.htm>  
This website contains worksheets & casestudies for students in vocational training and also university level business courses. It's not easy to navigate, but you may be able to use bits & pieces of it.

### Young Learners

Interesting and useful website addresses for all those who teach English in kindergartens or primary schools.



[www.funwithspot.com](http://www.funwithspot.com)

Who does not know Spot the dog? The official Spot website is full of games and activities which entertain and educate. Great to accompany the Spot books. It also includes advice and resources for parents and teachers.

[www.under5s.co.uk](http://www.under5s.co.uk)

A great site for all those who deal with kindergarten groups. Pre-school resources, early learning worksheets, early years themes, pre-school crafts and songs and product and book reviews.

[www.funlessonplans.com/](http://www.funlessonplans.com/)

Includes pre-school lesson plans and themes which have children's games, arts&crafts and songs. Anything from maths, language, science and weather, to nursery rhymes and fun at the seaside.

[www.members.tripod.com/ESL4Kids/games](http://www.members.tripod.com/ESL4Kids/games)

A great collection of traditional children's games that are easily adapted for use in the ESL or EFL setting.

[www.abcteach.com/index.html](http://www.abcteach.com/index.html)

This site is full of useful materials for teachers: assignments sheets, crossword puzzles, printable games, theme units, bookmarks, printable awards and certificates, theme signs and labels or flashcard patterns.

[www.eslkidstuff.com](http://www.eslkidstuff.com)

Contains over 1000 flashcards, hundreds of worksheets, class tips, songs, interesting links and a lot of games.