

*Greater Columbia Literacy Council
Annotated Computer Lab Instructional Software List*

*Connected Speech
English as Second Language Software
(New Readers Press, www.newreaderspress.com)*

Six interactive CD-ROM modules and tutorials at three levels teach a wide range of pronunciation skills. Includes 27 video clips with a range of accent models and speaking styles, plus over 300 hours of interactive language and pronunciation activities. Speech recognition software allows students to receive feedback as they imitate model speech.

*Road to Citizenship
(New Readers Press, www.newreaderspress.com)*

This CD-ROM provides useful information and interactive exercises to help qualified individuals prepare for and pass the citizenship interview. This includes step-by-step help for completing the naturalization application. All text in the program can be read and heard in clear, prerecorded speech. Students have the opportunity to record and compare their own speech to the model.

*Easy Writer for ESL Students
Grammar HELP! Student Handbook
(Software for Students, www.softwareforstudents.com)*

These are young adult and adult programs. There are high school ESL programs, two- and four- year college ESL programs, and intensive English programs. The population includes ESL and EFL students, native speakers who require remediation, students taking TOEFL and GED tests, and anybody who wants to improve his writing, editing, and grammar skills. It uses authentic language from real ESL and remedial writing students.

*Learn American English for Beginners
(EuroTalk, www.eurotalk.com)*

The special features of this software include speech recording, where one compares his/her voice with native speakers. It is “intelligent” software that remembers words you get wrong and targets your weak points. There are four quiz levels that test what has been learned. The automatic localization lets you choose the language you learn from more than 100 that are available.

*Learn American English for Intermediates
(EuroTalk, www.eurotalk.com)*

This intermediate software is for those who have mastered the basics in a language and want to improve their conversation skills. The special features include a TV-style quiz

game in your chosen language where you challenge a friend to compete against you. Or, you may pit your language skills against an on-screen opponent. There are “real-life” situations to test your comprehension and/or speech. For instance, you might have to navigate to the bank in your chosen language. And there are speech recording and dictation writing practices.

Multisensory Reading, Spelling, & Penmanship Program
(New Readers Press)

Interactive CD-ROM program uses visual, auditory, and kinesthetic elements to build an association between symbols and sounds in the English language. Based on the principles of Orton and Gillingham: ideal for students who have a learning disability, have an attention deficit disorder, or cannot decode new words.

How to Prepare for the GED High School Equivalency Exam with CD-ROM
(Barron’s Educational Series, Inc., www.barronseduc.com)

Barrons’s popular high school equivalency test preparation manual includes a diagnostic test with answer keys, answer analyses, and self-appraisal charts. The book features extensive reviews in all test areas, which include English grammar, essay writing, social studies, science, arts and literature, and math. An accompanying CD-ROM presents computerized practice tests similar to those encountered in actual test-taking circumstances, complete with automatic scoring.

A+dvanced Learning System
(American Education Corporation, www.amered.com)

This instructional software is a modular core curriculum that gives educators the flexibility to create lesson plans, assess study skill deficiencies, and edit curriculum content. The subjects included in our lab are comprehension, vocabulary, word analysis, mathematics, and writing skills; but modules for other content areas such as science are available. Modules can be purchased individually, by levels, or by content area. We purchased the levels appropriate for grade equivalents 3-5.

Phonics Tutor Classic
(www.phonicstutor.com)

Phonics Tutor Classic is a computerized method of teaching students to read and spell phonetically. It provides step-by-step instruction from the beginning of phonogram recognition until a student can read any word from “scholastic” or “synthetic” to “atrocious” or “ferocious.” The lessons include single letter consonants, short vowels, consonant diagraphs, ending blends, beginning blends, long A, long E and long I. Also included are long O and long U, multi-letter consonant phonograms, phonograms and letter names.