

## **Blogs, podcasts and websites**

Authentic online resources for learners of English



### Introduction and disclaimer

Here are some online programmes and websites you may wish to listen to or read for different examples of authentic English in action. Please choose those sites which interest you. Also please note that some blogs also promote certain products. They are on this list purely for you to read or listen to different examples of English, and for no other purpose. You don't need to spend any extra money at all, and you are responsible for deciding which websites to consult.

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I hope you enjoy finding some new websites for you to learn English!

Enjoy!

- David

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## Architecture

<http://mega-tokyo.blogspot.com/>

## Art and photography

<http://amysteinphoto.blogspot.com/>

<http://theartblog.org/>

<http://victoriaklein.net/>

<http://www.christinemeintjes.co.za/blog/>

<http://photocritic.org/>

<http://www.openorigins.com/>

<http://blogs.photopreneur.com/>

<http://blogs.photopreneur.com/>

<http://www.tipsfromthetopfloor.com/>

<http://www.earthshots.org/>

<http://paulindigo.blogspot.com/>

## Books and literature

<http://www.smartbitchestrashybooks.com>

Certainly the best blog name on here

<http://www.newyorker.com/>

Literature, reviews, news, celebrities, New York. Only thing missing is Karel Gott.

Includes link to subscribe for free to *New Yorker* podcasts. Spread the news!

## Business

<http://www.ft.com/>

The Financial Times

<http://europe.wsj.com/home-page>

The Wall Street Journal

<http://www.economist.com/>

The Economist

<http://www.mad.co.uk>

News on companies and marketing trends

<http://manvsdebt.com/>

Articles on being financially secure

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<http://www.copyblogger.com/>

Regards business and online marketing

<http://www.thesimpledollar.com/>

American blog with tips on how to save money

<http://budgetsarethenewblack.com/>

Ideas on saving money

<http://www.toprankblog.com/>

Online marketing blog

<http://www.dailyfinance.com/>

Lots of finance, technology, business and marketing articles. Bonus: at the bottom of the page there are links for some of the world's most popular business media.

<http://marketing-expert.blogspot.com/>

Marketing and PR

<http://krugman.blogs.nytimes.com/>

*New York Times* blogger

<http://indiebizchicks.com/wp/>

They say: "Business info for women who'd rather work for themselves than work for the man!"

<http://webworkerdaily.com/>

Small business, marketing. You can download the free ebook "Web work 101" too:

<http://webworkerdaily.com/web-work-101-ebook/>

<http://kevin.lexblog.com/>

Specialising in law and legal matters. News, information and insight on the use of blogs and RSS for the marketing of law firms and professional services firms.

<http://www.startupnation.com/blogs/>

Advice for entrepreneurs

<http://sethgodin.typepad.com/>

One of the most popular business trends/marketing bloggers. Seth Godin can also be found here:

[http://sethgodin.typepad.com/the\\_dip/](http://sethgodin.typepad.com/the_dip/)

<http://www.squidoo.com/seth>

Although he is advertising his books, there are links for free ebooks as well, which you can download and read with your morning doughnut.

<http://theskooloflife.com/wordpress/>

<http://www.horsepigcow.com/>

From a female perspective

<http://www.womenonbusiness.com/>

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<http://www.lipsticking.com/>

Female perspectives on business and blogging

<http://gladwell.typepad.com/gladwellcom/>

From famed author Malcolm Gladwell

<http://dealbreaker.com/>

<http://www.presentationzen.com/>

<http://www.brandingstrategyinsider.com/>

<http://www.allthingsworkplace.com/>

<http://www.thepracticeofleadership.net/>

<http://freakonomics.blogs.nytimes.com/>

<http://www.nakedcapitalism.com/>

<http://www.eurointelligence.com/>

[http://www.prospect.org/csnc/blogs/beat\\_the\\_press](http://www.prospect.org/csnc/blogs/beat_the_press)

## Dating, relationships, & social dynamics

Please note: adult themes may be discussed.

**For men: includes blogs on men's issues**

<http://www.gq.com>

Mainstream articles for men.

<http://www.entropypua.com/blog/>

American underground dating coach who promotes natural interactions.

<http://www.deservewhatyouwant.com/thechickwhisperer/>

*The Chick Whisperer* is one of the dating world's most popular dating podcasts for men.

<http://www.bouncebackfromabreakup.com/>

New web-magazine for guys on how to bounce back from their break up. Probably the best website here 😊

<http://www.tsbmag.com/>

Magazine for guys into football, relationships, beer, and the occasional photo of..um, someone famous.

<http://www.attractioninstitute.org/>

Advice for men on how to be authentic.

<http://awakeningfromthedream.blogspot.com/>

Erika's sometimes controversial blog for those in the dating community. For those who want to hear New Age ideas.

<http://artofmanliness.com/>

Articles about male identity, being a better man, and masculinity.

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<http://theartofmanhood.com>

<http://www.dumpyourwifenow.com/>

This may offend some readers for its anti-feminist views.

<http://hotalphafemale.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.succeedsocially.com/blog/>

<http://www.yangtown.com>

'Spiritual wisdom for men' says the title

<http://www.jeffreyplatts.com/>

### **For women: includes blogs on women's issues**

<http://personallifemedia.com/podcasts/229-just-for-women>

Just For Women: Dating and relationships. Adult themes.

Note: for other topics and programmes you can search here: <http://personallifemedia.com/>

<http://www.cosmopolitan.co.uk/>

Fresh idiomatic language is one reason to look at this magazine even if you don't usually like such articles.

<http://ladyraine.wordpress.com/>

Feminist blogger who appears to be against the men's 'underground dating community.'

<http://www.howtoseduceaman.net/>

<http://www.baggagereclaim.co.uk/>

<http://www.feministe.us/blog/>

<http://www.sex-lies-dating.com/>

Dating in New York

<http://mssinglemama.com/>

Dating, motherhood and humour

<http://theurbandater.com>

For men and women

Also: [www.howcast.com](http://www.howcast.com) has amusing as well as serious videos on all sorts of topics.

Teachers may be interested to use these short videos in class to spice up a topic and give practice for listening for specific information.

## **Eccentric**

<http://www.hencam.co.uk/>

<http://whatiftheydid.blogspot.com/>

## Entertainment: cinema, culture, pop, celebrities

<http://www.slashfilm.com/>

Blog about film and entertainment.

<http://perezhilton.com/>

<http://andrewsullivan.theatlantic.com/>

From *The Atlantic*. For proficiency learners.

<http://popwatch.ew.com/>

<http://www.neatorama.com/>

<http://idolator.com/>

Find out what Ke\$ha, Susan Boyle, and Britney are up to.

<http://nymag.com/>

*New York* magazine has style, celebrities, news, and fashion.

<http://www.hecklerspray.com/>

<http://www.myspace.com/thesessionsuk>

Music

<http://www.popsugar.com/>

Get your gossip fix here

<http://thedailyobsession.net/>

Shopping and style

<http://evolvedfashion.com/>

## Environment, eco-living, and climate change

<http://victoria-e.com/>

<http://www.alternativeconsumer.com>

<http://www.figandsage.com/>

<http://climateofourfuture.org/>

<http://endangeredspace.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.thecrunchychicken.com/>

<http://everydaytrash.com/>

<http://www.urbanecoist.com/>

## Fashion and style

<http://thesartorialist.blogspot.com/>

One of the most influential fashion blogs out there. Nice photos of real folk in the street.

<http://iamfashion.blogspot.com/>

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<http://www.whowhatweardaily.com>

<http://www.fashionologie.com>

<http://www.garancedore.fr/en/>

French-English fashion blog with stylish and contemporary photos and commentary.

<http://www.thepersonalstylist.com/>

<http://www.denimhunt.com>

If you like jeans, you have found your paradise!

<http://www.berkleymagazine.co.uk/>

<http://www.denimology.com>

More denim!

<http://stylebubble.typepad.com/>

<http://littlemissbeauty.blogspot.com/>

All you ever wanted to know about makeup

<http://navarrostudio.com/blog/>

<http://womenmanagement.blogspot.com/>

For women 'to expand the definition of beauty'

<http://stray-souls.blogspot.com/>

<http://theorganicbeautyexpert.typepad.com/>

Organic beauty

<http://www.jessicaclaire.net/>

## **Health, food, and fitness**

<http://zentofitness.com/>

<http://www.nerdfitness.com/blog/>

Fitness for regular guys

<http://rawfoodswitch.com/>

Promoting raw foods

<http://www.fitnessspotlight.com/>

For men and women

<http://smittenkitchen.com/>

Don't read this when you're hungry.

<http://www.seriouscats.com/>

Food and humour. Includes recipes. Yum.

<http://www.emusicality.com/>

Mainstream pop. Lots of links to your favourite teenage stars.

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## News media (not listed elsewhere)

### BBC

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/>

An enormous variety of podcasts, whether it be the latest news, comedy, drama or soap operas.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/081222\\_download.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/081222_download.shtml)

Learning English downloads can be found here (with PDF) transcripts

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/communicate/blog/student/>

BBC learning English student blog

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/communicate/blog/teacher/>

BBC teacher blog.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/flatmates/>

BBC animated stories (with Youtube)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/language/>

BBC looks at vocabulary from the news.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute/>

A favourite among some learners at the British Council. Includes a podcast you can subscribe to!

### Newspapers and magazines

#### UK

<http://www.independent.co.uk/>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk>

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/podcasts>

One of the UK's quality newspapers has its very own podcast.

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/>

Tabloid stories, expect a different style of English

<http://www.scotsman.com/>

Scotland's main broadsheet

## **Ireland**

<http://www.independent.ie/>

<http://www.irishtimes.com/>

## **Australia**

<http://www.theage.com.au/>

The Melbourne Age

<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/>

The Australian

<http://www.smh.com.au/>

The Sydney Morning Herald

## **Canada**

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/>

Canada's national newspaper.

## **USA**

<http://www.latimes.com/>

<http://www.nytimes.com/>

<http://www.slate.com/>

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/>

## **Prague**

<http://praguemonitor.com/news>

<http://www.radio.cz/en>

<http://www.thepraguepost.com/>

<http://brnonow.com/>

Daily blog for Brno

## TV Networks

<http://www.thedailyshow.com/>

Satire from the US. Regarded as a 'liberal' programme.

Top TV networks:

<http://abcnews.go.com/> (USA)

<http://www.nbc.com/> (USA)

<http://www.cbsnews.com/> (USA)

<http://www.sbs.com.au/>

Australia's Special Broadcasting Service aims to bring news in better detail than most networks.

They also offer podcasts in English and in other languages:

<http://www.sbs.com.au/podcasts/>

And World News Australia:

<http://www.sbs.com.au/news/>

Other sections include food, documentaries, and reviews of films and books. Well worth a visit!

<http://www.abc.net.au/>

Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Some really interesting links here. Science, health, international, arts and more.

## ABC Australia Learn English resources:

<http://australianetwork.com/learningenglish/default.htm>

Includes suggested programmes for each level. Listen to the language of Nicole Kidman, Mel Gibson, Kylie Minoque, the Veronicas and David Adkins. Includes podcasts, quizzes, and vodcasts (videos) too!

<http://australianetwork.com/learnenglish/vodcast/>

## Opinion, politics and social issues

Please note that I have tried to find blogs expressing different viewpoints.

<http://www.anncoulter.com/>

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/>

<http://www.politico.com/>

<http://www.politico.com/blogs/bensmith/>

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/>

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The number 1 blog as listed on Technorati

<http://hotair.com/>

<http://www.businessinsider.com/>

<http://www.urbanconservative.com/>

<http://rightwingnuthouse.com/>

<http://rightwingnews.com/>

The title says it all

<http://michellemalkin.com/>

<http://www.imao.us/>

<http://www.democraticunderground.com/>

<http://www.dailykos.com/>

<http://crooksandliars.com/>

<http://www.rawstory.com/>

<http://www.eschatonblog.com/>

<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/ezra-klein/>

<http://newsbusters.org/>

<http://www.politicsdaily.com/>

<http://www.fivethirtyeight.com/>

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog>

<http://www.indecisionforever.com/>

Comedy Central

## **Prague expat community**

<http://www.expats.cz>

Ideas on how to meet foreigners in Prague.

## **Soap making**

<http://thesoapseduction.blogspot.com/>

You're curious, aren't you?

## Self-development

Even if you're not a complete fan of self-development websites, there are some interesting and original ways of using English on them:

<http://www.illuminatedmind.net/>

Includes a link to the free ebook "The Zero Hour Workweek."

<http://www.positivityblog.com/>

Articles about being positive.

<http://chrisquillebeau.com/3x5/>

About designing the lifestyle you want.

<http://www.tonyrobbins.com/Home/Home.aspx>

One of the most famous – or infamous – self-help gurus

<http://www.stevpavlina.com/blog/>

Blogger and self-development author

[http://www.happiness-project.com/happiness\\_project/](http://www.happiness-project.com/happiness_project/)

Includes ideas which are featured in the new book on how to be happy

<http://zenhabits.net/>

Famed blogger Leo Babauta. Material is uncopyrighted.

<http://www.succeedsocially.com/blog/>

Ideas on improving social skills

<http://www.abundancetapestry.com/>

Promoting ideas about abundance

<http://unclutterer.com/>

How to unclutter

<http://www.trainingzone.co.uk/>

All things coaching

<http://www.lifehack.org/>

## Science and technology

<http://www.wired.com/>

<http://www.wired.com/gadgetlab/>

<http://eurekaalert.org/>

<http://www.shinyshiny.tv/>

Cool gadgets'n'stuff

<http://www.techdigest.tv/>

<http://geekgirlfriends.com/>

Women go crazy for gadgets

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<http://mashable.com/>

<http://www.engadget.com/>

<http://www.physorg.com/>

## Sports

<http://www.sportingnews.com/>

From the U.S.A.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/sport/blog>

From the London *Guardian*

<http://blog.sport.co.uk/>

Specialises in UK and European sports' events

<http://www.cricket.mailliw.com/>

Cricket

<http://www.offthepost.info/>

Soccer ;)

<http://www.f1minute.com/>

Formula 1

<http://therepublihofmancunia.com/>

Manchester

<http://gunnerblog.com/>

More soccer

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/sport>

Gateway to BBC sport – try not to spend the next 15 hours just on this site...

<http://urbanflyfisher.com/>

Fishing

<http://car-japan.blogspot.com/>

Cars

## Technorati

<http://technorati.com/>

One of the blogosphere's most important sites. Features news, entertainment, and a directory of the world's most popular blogs.

You can search for areas that interest you.

<http://technorati.com/blogs/top100/>

The Technorati Top 100 blogs.

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## Travel

<http://phileasblog.net/>

<http://bruceandfran.wordpress.com/>

Two Brit migrants write about life in Australia

<http://www.msadventuresinitaly.com/blog/>

Blogger in Italy

<http://www.hobotraveler.com/blogger.html>

<http://www.notesfromspain.com/>

<http://perceptivetravel.com/blog/>

<http://indietravelpodcast.com/>

<http://www.tourist2townie.com/>

<http://www.contemporarynomad.com/blog/>

<http://mega-tokyo.blogspot.com/>

<http://soultravelers3.com/>

<http://london-ban.blogspot.com/>

London

<http://www.thelongestwayhome.com/>

<http://france-grenoble.blogspot.com/>

<http://guide-best.blogspot.com/>

Cool images

<http://picture-of-the-day.com/>