8 Great iPad Apps for ESL Student

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When you’re talking about learning a language in the U.S., you’re generally talking about ESL which refers to “English as a second language” or the study or use of English by speakers with different native languages.

Learning a new language seems quite tough but lucky for the students of today as technology has made it a lot simpler and easier. Many schools are now making plans to increase the availability and use of technology in classrooms in order to engage students in learning English language digitally.

Students should realize that smart phones, iPads and tablets aren’t just for playing games. They are also a great tool for learning and practicing English. Today, there are millions of smartphone and iPad applications available for almost anything, ranging from apps for productivity to apps that help you manage your finances, and of course, apps for developing good English language skills.

Apple’s app store offers thousands of iPad apps for learners of any level, especially for ESL students. So, if you are also an ESL student who wants to learn English or improve his or her English language skills, these apps will be helpful for you:

**Word BINGO**

[Word Bingo](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/word-bingo/id406264088?mt=8) is basically a word game that allows learners to play with a word list. This game is an interesting way to learn new words. In this game, you have the option to play in three different modes, moving from lower to higher levels of difficulty as you go through the list of words.

**My English Coach**

Berlitz is a famous name in English language learning. Berlitz has created the “[My English Coach for iPad](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/berlitz-my-english-coach-for/id422291447?mt=8)” app for all levels of students featuring various questions, answers, phrases, and history and geography lessons in order to strengthen English language skills.

**Sentence Builder**

This is one of the most popular [iPad apps available for English language learners](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sentence-builder/id344378741?mt=8). It is the best app for students of elementary school who want to tackle grammar and vocabulary challenges efficiently. This amazing app features connector words that allow students to build grammatically correct sentences based on pictures and videos.

**Wordbook XL**

[Wordbook XL](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/wordbook-xl-english-dictionary/id364030280?mt=8) is an English dictionary and thesaurus for iPad. It is a fairly resourceful app that contains audio, synonyms, etymologies, bookmarking, anagrams and reference-saving for the ease of students.

**ESL Express**

Usually, students are confused with words that have similar sounds but different meanings. [This app is made](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/esl-express-words-frequently/id433269639?mt=8) for the ease of students who are frequently confused with such words. Through this app, students can learn many pairs of words that sound similar but have different meanings in English language.

**Intro to Letters**

[This app is really helpful for young](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/intro-to-letters-by-montessorium/id387232375?mt=8) (elementary level) students. It uses the simplest and the most effective ways of learning the English language. It uses flashcards and puzzles by which students can browse through all the alphabets of the English language. This application helps understand the meaning and use of each alphabet.

**Kidioms**

[Kidioms](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/kidioms/id475844040?mt=8) is an app designed for students who face trouble with finding the meaning of common phrases and idioms. The app features a digital notebook in which you will be introduced to an idiom. You will then be given an example with a graphic. In order to reinforce the concepts, this app even includes games for practice. It’s a perfect app which meets the needs of every ESL student, and helps them acquire vital knowledge.

**Preposition Builder**

In [this app](http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/prepositionbuilder/id413939528?mt=8), students are shown an image for which they have to complete a sentence by dragging some prepositions. Whatever preposition the student selects for completing the sentence, the image represents the sentence they have created. The purpose of this app is to teach students how different prepositions can alter the overall meaning of a particular sentence.