

Useful books to aid in lesson planning:

- [Oxford Picture Dictionary \(monolingual English\)](#)
- [The Heinle Picture Dictionary \(monolingual English\)](#)
- [A Holistic Bible Study for English Language Learners, Vol. 1: Genesis](#)

Free online lesson planning resources:

- <http://www.eslflow.com/>
- <http://www.eslcafe.com/ideas/>
- <http://www.elcivics.com/esl/lessons.html>

20 basic lesson theme suggestions:

- Family – members, relationships, physical and personality descriptions
- Weather – seasons, temperature, geographic regions, outdoor activities
- Living Space – rooms, indoor activities, furniture, features of rooms, report/fix problems
- Facial Features – anatomy, facial hair, color, size, make-up, movement, expressions
- Grocery Store – aisle/sections, containers, prices, measurements, amounts
- Clothing – basic pieces, accessories, seasonal, colors, patterns, sizes, materials
- Job Interview – how to dress, scheduling, key question words, forming answers
- Work Place – coworkers, materials, tools, safety gear, uniform, precautions
- School – subjects, supplies, grades, basic instruction words, voicing question/concern
- Cleaning – products, appliances/materials, precautions, hygiene habits
- Physical Illness – symptoms, pain, home and over-counter remedies, prescriptions
- Accidents – past actions, body parts, injuries, home solutions, 9-1-1 call
- Directions – addresses, streets, maps, prepositions, command actions
- Schedule – clock, calendar, days, months, future actions, talk on phone
- Money – bills, coins, change, prices, taxes, salary, checking balance, savings
- Nutrition – food groups, food items, colors, size, description, meal preparation, recipes
- Technology – cell phone, iphone, computer, internet, television, DVD, CD, GPS
- Driving – road signs, parts of car, safety rules, commands, driver's written test
- Citizenship – U.S. history, branches/functions of government (online sources)
- Bible – parables, Genesis stories, life of David, Jesus "I am the ____" in gospel of John

Your first class:

Do not feel like you need to plan a lesson for your first meeting. Spend your first session just in introductions. Talk about your names, where you are from, where you live now. Exchange traditional greetings (bow, kiss, handshake), and common greeting statements. Write your full names. If they seem to understand, ask some get-to-know you questions. This interaction will give you a better feel for what level their English is, and how to proceed with lessons.