Expanding Adult ESL Learning via Mobile Devices
I’ve been volunteering with Adult ESL teachers and students to implement mobile ESL learning for several years. And I’ve been fortunate to work with HGSE students in this work. I hope that you’ll join me this fall!

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The Challenges

- Adult students with limited contact hours
  - Class: 2 – 6 hours/week, with some homework
  - No class during the summer
- Expanding learning beyond class, beyond homework
- Guiding students to drive their own instruction

- Not enough classroom spaces for all!
What is ESL Mobile?

- Helps teachers and students extend learning both within and outside of the classroom
- Develops, compiles, and tests mobile-friendly resources to complement existing curricula
- Extends the conversation beyond the project
Proposed Semester Goals

- Finish the new project website: http://eslmobile.org
- Pilot test materials with teachers and students to measure the impact of the exercises for learning
- Compile materials for upper level ESL students
- Develop teacher guides
- Blog, present, broaden the conversation
Prior Work
Draft website: http://eslmobile.org
Tailored vocabulary sets

You have created 5 sets

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Tailored vocabulary sets

- Potatoes
- Lemons
- Apples
- Asparagus
- Bell peppers
- Eggplants
- Bananas
- Tomatoes
- Chicken
- Eggs
- Fish
- Beef
- Pork
- Milk
- Juices
Tailored vocabulary sets

- train
- taxi
- truck
- boat
- car
- helicopter
Compiled pronunciation guides
Compiled resources such as Games to Learn English
Colors Pre-Test

Directions: Please circle the color that is read for each number.

1) Blue

2) Green

3) Red
There's an App for That

There's an App for That - 3 Free Apps for Adult ESL Learners

Adults are constantly on the go. They need flexible learning opportunities so they can practice learning English wherever and whenever. Check out these Apps we recommend for learning English (or many other languages) on the go.

#1 - Speak English (Android App)

*Speak English* is an excellent app that offers a variety of learning opportunities for adults learning English. Below are some of the benefits of using *Speak English*.

- It has various levels—beginner and advanced.
- Offers users a chance to learn language skills for job interviews and a work environment.
- Focuses on vocabulary for adult learners (job skills, traveling, interviewing, customer service, etc.)
- Allows users the opportunity to listen, speak, and compare their responses to
Possible Roles

- ESL specialist
- Website designer
- Curricula designer
- Graphic designer
- Researcher
- Proposal writer
- Blogger
- Project manager

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