

# Tutor in Touch



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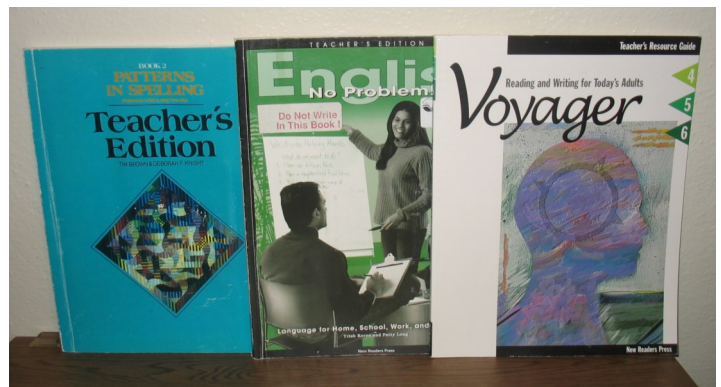
## SAVE THE DATES

Our annual Holiday Open House is on Friday, December 6, 2013, from 2-4PM this year. Stop in and enjoy a holiday treat or two and exchange holiday greetings with others. Announcement post-cards will be sent soon.

This year's conference will be held at St. John Fisher College on Saturday, January 25, 2014.. Sessions may cover topics such as lesson planning, citizenship, math instruction techniques, vocabulary development and more. More details to come as plans are finalized.

## Library Resources

Have you ever struggled trying to develop a lesson plan for activities in a workbook? Many of the structured workbook series in our library have a corresponding teacher's guide, which include lesson plans. The three workbooks pictured here are just a small sample of the teacher's guides available. These guides not only provide lesson plans, but many include scripts that correspond to activities in the student's workbook. The next time you're searching for ideas or struggling to develop a lesson plan, make sure to check out a teacher's guide.



## Instructional Ideas and resources

### “Because it sounds right”

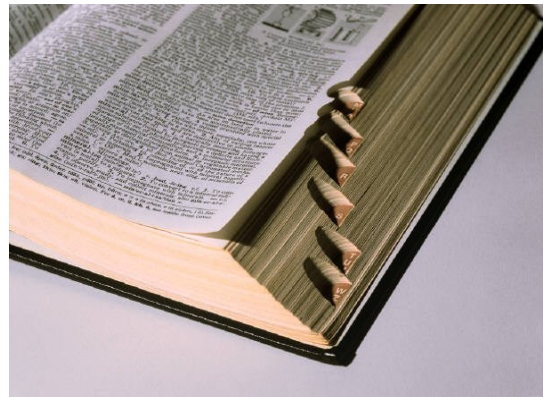
For many of us native English speakers, we know what word to use but not always why we use it. If your student has asked you why something is said or written a certain way, and your go to response is “because it sounds right”, then the link below is for you. It will provide the information you need. There are A LOT of links within this website, but it’s worth the time to cull through the list to find relevant information.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/sitemap/>

### “Let’s look it up in the dictionary”

Is this your usual response to the question of “what does that word mean?” While it may be the most expedient way of answering the question, it isn’t the most effective way of building one’s vocabulary.

For good or efficient readers, vocabulary was built through reading. It’s not only the meaning of individual words that good readers acquire, but an awareness of root words, prefixes and suffixes. For individuals who struggle with reading, they tend not to read much and therefore may have a smaller list of word meanings at their disposal and fewer strategies to guess the meaning. Struggling readers also tend to be deficient in the vocabulary related to academic topics. Below are a couple of websites with ideas on how to teach vocabulary.



<http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/vocabulary.htm>

<http://interactivesites.weebly.com/vocabulary.html>

## Conversation opportunities

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If you work with a non-native English speaking student who wishes to interact more with native English speakers, there are opportunities in our community. There's an ESL conversation group that meets at Spot Coffee on Wednesdays, at 7PM. It is not an instructional group, but a group of native and non-native English speakers who meet to enjoy each other's company and to practice English conversation skills. To learn more about this group, go to [www.meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) and search for Rochester ESL Group.

## Literacy Navigator

LVR recently started a new service for our students and the general public called Literacy Navigator. The role of a navigator is to help an individual with immediate literacy needs, such as completing a job application or creating an email address. We have volunteers in Arnett Branch Library on Mondays, from 12-3PM, the downtown Bausch & Lomb branch on Wednesdays, 10AM-1PM, and at Greece Community Education Center in Greece Ridge Mall on Tuesdays, 12-8PM and Wednesdays, 10AM-6PM.

## LVR Library Hours and Services

The normal hours of operation for our library are 9AM to 4PM, Monday through Friday. If you are unable to make it here during those times, an after hours book return mailbox is located on the north end of the building (the end facing Elmwood Ave) There are return slips in the box (along with a pencil) which need to be completed and placed with the materials being returned. You can also pick up materials from the box. Call the office and tell us what you would like set aside for after hours pick-up and we'll place it in the box for your convenience.



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