

# Tutor in Touch



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## YouTube: More than cute dog videos

YouTube may have a reputation of being a source of funny or cute home videos, but there is much more to the site. There is a large collection of instructional videos on a myriad of topics. Included in this edition of Tutor in Touch are a few suggestions of relevant instructional videos.



For teaching Phonemic Awareness and Phonics, the following URLs are links to the videos on YouTube.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1H5WZ5-7uPc> –This video gives suggestions on how to integrate tiles and blocks into teaching Phonemic Awareness, or the sounds of English. Phonemic Awareness is the foundational building block to reading.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLJe7IQtoeM> –This video was prepared by a Learning Disabilities specialist who presents techniques for teaching phonics using letter tiles.

To find a video presentation on a specific topic, type the topic into the search box at the top of the YouTube page and a list of related videos will appear on the right side of the screen. All videos can be viewed free of charge.

## [More YouTube Videos](#)

YouTube not only has videos with instructional ideas for teaching reading skills, but also has videos related to developing English conversation skills. The first of the two links below covers the topic of developing listening skills, which is one of the skills we measure with our ESOL students.

The second link, English with Stacy, is from an ESOL teacher who has done a series of videos, covering a wide range of topics. While these videos are targeted more to an English language learner, you might find suggestions that you can use with your learner.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EkxaoaF5wgg>-This video discusses how to increase English listening comprehension skills and the reasons why skills are not increased even when “hearing” English frequently. Very interesting perspective.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/EnglishwithStacy> -You can subscribe to the series and receive updates when she posts a new video. This is also a great student resource for home practice.

### [LVR Library Hours and Services](#)

The normal hours of operation for our library are 9:00AM to 4:00PM, 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



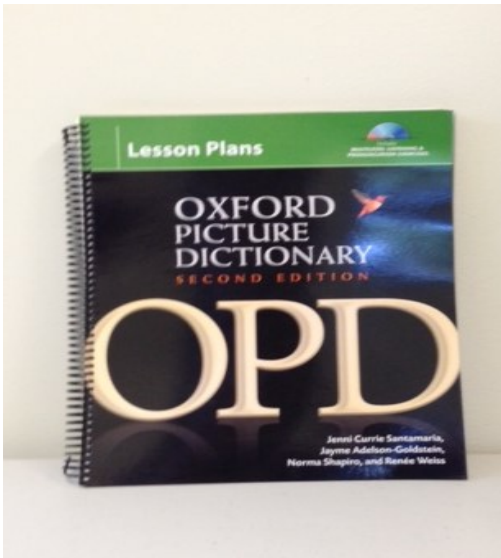
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## *Speaking of Library Materials.....*

### Oxford Picture Dictionary: Lesson Plans



This is an amazing and rich resource for developing English conversation skills; it includes DVD's that support listening comprehension and a CD-ROM with reproducible worksheets. The content covers a wide variety of topics and at different skill levels. It is well worth the trip to the office to check out this and other resources in our library.

### 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 12:00 noon to 3:00PM. We hope to expand the service to other sites but need more volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering in this position, please contact the office at

### Scam alert from US Customs and Immigration Services

In recent weeks, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) learned of a new telephone scam targeting USCIS applicants and petitioners. Scammers are using a technique called "Caller ID spoofing" to display a misleading or inaccurate phone number in a recipient's Caller ID. The scammer poses as a USCIS official and requests personal information (such as Social Security number, passport number, or A-number), identifies supposed issues in the recipient's immigration records, and asks for payment to correct these records. If you receive a call like that, USCIS urges you to say "No, thank you" and hang up immediately.

USCIS **never** asks for any form of payment or personal information over the phone. **Do not** give payment or personal information over the phone to anyone who claims to be a USCIS official.

If you have been a victim of this telephone scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/>, or report it to an appropriate state authority.