



A Free Site for Adults to  
**Learn English and  
Study to Become a U.S. Citizen**

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# Two sides of the site:

## 1) For adult learners (usalearns.org)



## 2) For teachers or tutors (usalearns.org/teacher)



# Who created USA Learns?

- Sacramento County Office of Education  
Internet and Media Services

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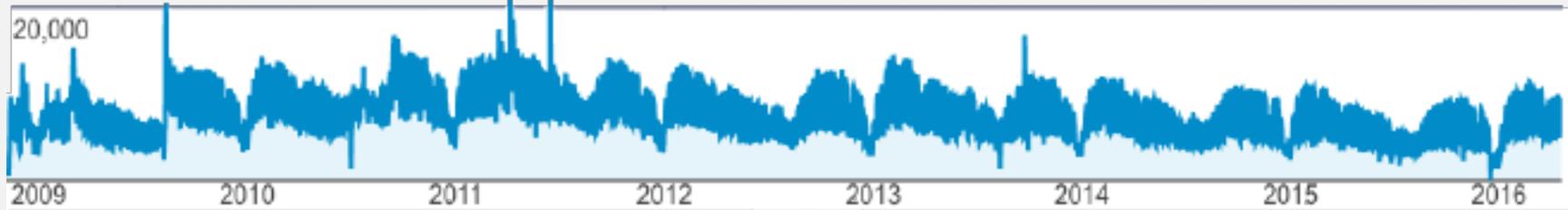
- U.S. Department of Education  
Office of Vocational and Adult Education (now OCTAE)  
with additional funding provided by Homeland Security
- California Department of Education's  
Adult Education Office

New U.S. Citizenship funded by:

- Institute of Museum and Library Services / California State Library
- New Americans Campaign
- Sacramento County Office of Education

# Site Statistics

- Total number of page views since Nov 2008: **1.5 Billion**
- Total number of users: **9.5 million**
- Accessed by every country



- Average number of pages viewed per visit: **58**
- Average time on the site per visit: **25 minutes**
- Number of Sessions per day: **11,000**

# USA Learns Features

## High Quality Video

- Video programs converted to an interactive Web-based learning system
- Interesting and humorous characters, situations and stories relevant to ESL and ABE adults



# USA Learns Features

## High Quality Images, Graphics and Audio

- Real photos used instead of clip-art
- Professional narrators



# 1<sup>st</sup> English Course



- Level: Beginner
  - Low Beginning to High Beginning ESL
  
- 20 video-based units: survival language
  - 192 lessons
    - reading, vocabulary, grammar, life skills, spelling, etc.
  - 639 activities

# 2<sup>nd</sup> English Course



- **Level: Intermediate**
  - Low Intermediate to High Intermediate ESL
- **20 video-based units: job and life skills lessons**
  - 141 lessons
    - vocabulary, grammar, comprehension checks, writing, unit test, etc.
  - *848 activities*

# Practice English & Reading

Practice English & Reading



Intermediate reading skills

- Level: Intermediate
- Real news stories and activities
- Build vocabulary, speaking and comprehension skills

# And a new course on the way!

## U.S. Citizenship



# Applicants will...

- Learn about the benefits and requirements of becoming a U.S. citizen
- Learn where to get good help
- Learn to avoid immigration fraud
- Practice for the N-400 interview
- Learn basic U.S. history and civics
- Practice English reading and writing

# Applicants will...

- Learn tips for the naturalization interview
- Practice English small talk
- Prepare for the oath ceremony
- Learn what to do after the ceremony

# Students / Learners

[usalearns.org](http://usalearns.org)



The image shows a woman with long dark hair, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, smiling and pointing at a laptop screen. The laptop screen displays the USA Learns website interface. The website has a dark blue header with the USA Learns logo on the left and navigation links: Home, Get Started, Learn English, Apps, About Us, Register, and Sign In. The main content area features a large heading 'Learn English FREE with USA Learns!' followed by a list of bullet points: 'Learn beginning and intermediate English free.', 'Watch video lessons and do 1000s of activities.', and 'Practice English speaking, listening, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, spelling, writing and grammar.' Below the list is a red 'Start Now' button and a blue 'Sign In' button. The laptop screen shows a lesson titled 'Unit 20: Recreation and Weather' with a 'Listening Match' activity. The activity includes a 'Listen' button and a 'Check' button. The background of the website is a light, blurred image of a woman's face.

**USA Learns**

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**Start Now**

Already registered?

**Sign In**

Unit 20: Recreation and Weather  
Introduction & Vocabulary

Recreation - Listening Match  
Click & drag. Choose the matching picture.

Here is some background information.

**Listen** Click on each picture to listen. Click on each picture to listen. Click on each picture to listen.

**Check**

Teachers  
Click Here

# Student Home

**USA Learns** Home Instructions Apps About Us Sign off

## My Home

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**1st English Course**

**Beginning English** with Mrs. Willis

What do you want to do?

- ▶ [Go to my next activity](#)
- [Select a different unit](#)



**2nd English Course**

**2nd English Course**

[Start this class](#)



**Practice English & Reading**

**Practice English and Reading**

[Start this class](#)

- [Messages](#)
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- [Change my email address](#)
- [Change my name](#)
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# Engaging Videos



## Story Start-Up — Let's Watch

Activity Menu

- ▶ Play the video.
- Click **Read Text** to see the script.

### Hoping for a Promotion



Read Text

# Comprehension Checks



## Story Start-Up — Comprehension Check

Activity Menu

▶ Click *True* if the statement is correct. Click *False* if the statement is not correct.



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Alejandro wants the job of waiter at the restaurant.

True

False

Check

# Listening Practice

I like to take care of customers.



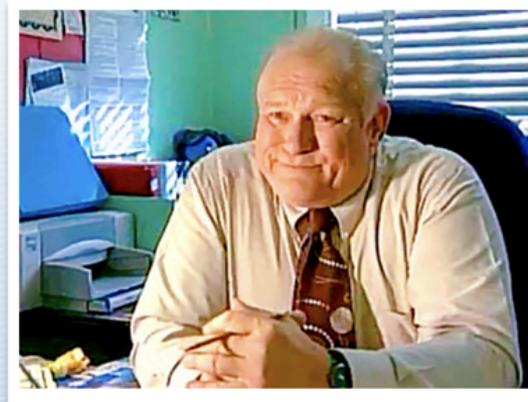
## Life Skills: Ways to Find a Job — Who said it?

Activity Menu

▶ Click Listen. Click the person who is speaking.

Listen

Who said that?



Check

# Reading



## Life Skills: Ways to Find a Job — Reading Comprehension

Activity Menu

▶ Click *True* if the statement is correct. Click *False* if the statement is not correct.

### Finding a New or Better Job

**Private job agencies** - They provide job referrals for people looking for a job. They are usually free of charge but some may charge a fee. They can be found in your local phone book. Many specialize in specific jobs, like office positions.

**Government job agencies** - They provide free job referral service to anyone looking. They post openings in many areas of work.

**Public schools** - Schools usually have job boards or job counselors who will help their students get a job.

**Friends and relatives** - They are a very good source of information for a job. A boss may hire a

Private job agencies are always free.

- True  
 False

Check

# Life Skills



## Life Skills: Ways to Find a Job — Job Ad Activity

Activity Menu

▶ Click Listen to hear the question. Click the correct answer.



Listen

- a magazine
- a help wanted ad
- a work schedule

Check

# Speaking



## Making Choices — Say it!

Activity Menu

▶ Click Playback to hear yourself.



Hide Text

To print, you need to click here.

Listen

Speak

Playback



**A once in a  
lifetime  
project...**



# **One Library's Experience with USA Learns**

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# eAprende, Café Digital

- Thanks -

- Butte County Community Development Block Grant
- The Housing Authority of the County of Butte
- Butte County Library
- Gridley Farm Labor Housing



Gridley Farm Labor Camp 1939





Mi C.A.S.A., our classroom



# E-APRENDE

Explora el mundo digital!

Computadoras!

Aprende Inglés!

Ciudadanía!

**¡AHORA!**

**LA ESCUELITA  
SALONCITO #5**

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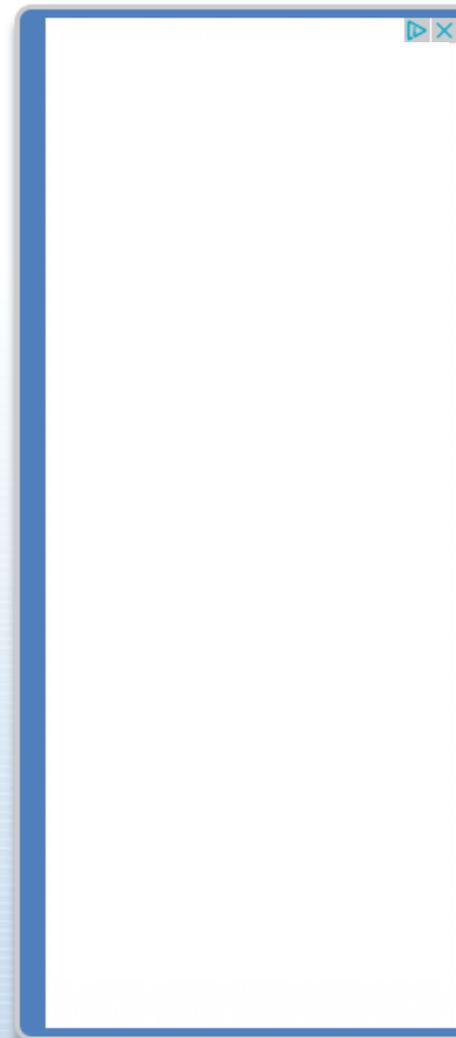


# First Visit:

- Assess their computer skills & comfort level
- Create an email account
- Introduce how to sign in
- First Lesson = Instructions

## Activity Menu

| #                           | Name   | Completed?               | Score |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------|
| <b>Unit Introduction</b>    |  |                          |       |
| 1                           | <a href="#">Welcome!</a>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | —     |
| 2                           | <a href="#">Learning Goals</a>   | <input type="checkbox"/> | —     |
| 3                           | <a href="#">Meet Miguel</a>     | <input type="checkbox"/> | —     |
| <b>Classroom Directions</b> |  |                          |       |
| 1                           | <a href="#">Learn New Words</a>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | —     |
| 2                           | <a href="#">Meaning Match</a>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | •     |
| 3                           | <a href="#">Listening Match</a>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | •     |
| 4                           | <a href="#">Say it!</a>         | <input type="checkbox"/> | —     |
| 5                           | <a href="#">Listen for it!</a>  | <input type="checkbox"/> | •     |



Empowering independent learning.



# USA Learns Works!



# Questions or just want to know more?

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