Resources for ELL students working remotely during a pandemic:

Please keep in mind you may have to do a Google Meet to help the students get started on programs they are not familiar with.

IXL.com, Language Arts (ixl.com/ela) (grades Pre-K – 12)

Use the ACCESS for ELLs scores or WIDA Screener to determine the English language level that may be appropriate for the student. It may be best to start out lower than to start too high and discourage students. The grade levels may not match with the student's English language level, so you may have to go down 1-3 levels.

ESL ReadingSmart (eslreadingsmart.com) (grades 4-12)

Students take a placement test prior to entering the program. Once the student completes the placement test, the program places the student on the appropriate level. If a student shows adequate progress in a level, the program advances them to the next level. It is self-paced with internal supports such as translation tools and dictionaries.

Additionally, teachers and students can use the following resources to maintain regular contact:

Google Classroom

Set up a Google Classroom. You can make one for each student if you do not have a lot of ELL students. A teacher will need to "own it" so the student knows where to go. The main classroom teacher may be best if the ELL teacher is not available. Students should have an ESL Google Classroom for weekly assignments and messages from their teacher. They can communicate with their teacher through this platform, as well as their school email. Teachers should use Google Translate to assist them if they do not share the student/parent home language.

Google Meet

Set up a weekly Google Meet with a set day and time. Students are invited to the meet through Google Classroom and email. Students are encouraged to attend and are sent reminders to attend.

School Issued Device, Account and E-mail

Students should have a school-issued device for their schoolwork and students should have a school account and email.

Google Translate and https://talkingpts.org/ are resources that can be used to communicate with students and families in their home language.

20 Online resources for ESL Lessons:

https://www.learningchocolate.com/ (pre-K – 6)

http://www.peepandthebigwideworld.com/en/

https://ell.brainpop.com/ (K-6)

https://jr.brainpop.com/ (K-6)

https://www.funbrain.com/   (Pre-K through 8)

https://www.fredisalearns.com/ (beginners to intermediate)

https://breakingnewsenglish.com/   (7 levels)

https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/

https://www.encantosbrands.com/learning/learning-canticos/   (English and Spanish, PreK - 1)

https://en.e-learningforkids.org/math/

https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/childrens-stories (1-6)

https://www.duolingo.com/

https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/

abcmouse.com (the school would have to buy a subscription, but it has tons of lessons)

http://www.esl-galaxy.com/ (lots of downloads available)

https://www.storyplace.org/

https://www.englishwsheets.com/ (lots of downloads and free printables)

https://www.elcivics.com/worksheets/esl-worksheets.html (I use this a lot – even my 7th grade 1st year students can do some of these)

https://www.learnenglishfeelgood.com/esl-printables-worksheets.html (free ESL printables)

http://www.esltower.com/vocabularyteachers.html (free ESL printables)