

# ESL & CITIZENSHIP

## Professional Development...



**Celebrate the Good!**



December is a time of endings and beginnings—a chance to reflect on achievements and set new goals for the year ahead. For ESL adult learners, this season is a reminder of the incredible journey they're on, filled with resilience, determination, and growth.

*"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."* – C.S. Lewis  
Embrace this month as an opportunity to celebrate progress and keep moving forward!

I have... **10 minutes**

### In 10 minutes...

This is a perfect time to reflect on learners' progress and achievements. Encourage students to set goals by creating a poster showing where they want to use English, who they want to talk with, and what topics or activities they want to explore. Have them share their posters, then display them in the classroom or keep them as reminders in their notebooks. For more ideas, see [Goal Setting](#) by Ronna Magy.

I have... **30 minutes**

### In 30 minutes...

Take a moment to listen to [What a Wonderful World](#) by Louis Armstrong and embrace your creative side through this [activity](#). Drawing offers ESL learners a powerful non-verbal way to express themselves, helping to ease anxiety and stress. It's a wonderful chance to practice listening skills in a calm and supportive environment.

[ELP Standards 1, 2, & 9](#)

I have... **1 hour**

### In 1 hour...

Teaching prefixes and suffixes is highly beneficial for English learners, as it helps them recognize language patterns, expand vocabulary, improve spelling, enhance reading comprehension, and develop critical thinking skills. Explore [engaging activities](#) to make practicing prefixes and suffixes both effective and fun!

[ELP Standards 10](#)

I have... **more time**

### If you have more time...

Make reviewing citizenship questions engaging and interactive with a fun [game of Jeopardy!](#) Use this activity to teach learners how the game works, practice answering questions, and reinforce key topics about our country in an enjoyable way. You can create your own Jeopardy game by clicking on this [link!](#)

[ELP Standards 2, 4, & 5](#)

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