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English for Students

The following types of materials are available in this library:

- **Nonfiction** - the classification for any factual information based work. The author/editor has responsibility for the truth or accuracy of the events, people, and/or information presented within the work
- **Fiction** - is a literary genre, a narrative or creative account, usually in prose, such as a novel, novella or short story
- **Dictionaries** - books or electronic resource that lists the words of a language, subject or place (typically in alphabetical order) and gives their meaning, often also providing information about origin, pronunciation and usage
- **Handbooks** – handbooks are a type of reference work, or other collection of instructions, that are intended to provide quick and easy access to standard answers to questions on a given subject, or place
- **Year books** – a year book, also known as an annual, is a book published annually to record, highlight, and commemorate the past year of an organisation, institution or topic (i.e. 'The Statesman's Yearbook')
- **Encyclopaedias** – encyclopaedias provide general background information; they are a good place to start researching a topic that you know little about. They usually arrange articles alphabetically by topic
- **Digital media** – in the UKH Library these can come in the form of DVD films, audio books, dictionaries, catalogue hyperlinks to internet pdf documents, language practice tests and textbook support material
- **Reference** – is a type of nonfiction which can only be accessed in the library. It is not available for loan. Examples of all of the above will be reference material

Where to find English language and related materials on the Library shelves:

- English dictionaries - 423
- English usage - 428
- English grammar - 425
- Essay and report writing - 800/810
- Referencing styles - 808.02/808.06
- Fiction ranging from romance and modern fiction to block buster spy thrillers - housed under the stairs and across the length of mezzanine. These are arranged in alphabetical order of the author's last name
- Graded readers - housed under the stairs. These are arranged by level, beginners, intermediate, and advanced

We would be delighted to see you in the library at any time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask, and the staff will be more than happy to assist you.

Sites with subject related information that are available via the library webpages at <http://www.ukh.edu.krd/resource.php> then click on online general reference sources or databases for:

- Dictionary - the 'Oxford English Dictionary' provides standard usage of English - <http://www.oed.com/>
- Guide to Grammar and Writing - this contains scores of digital hand-outs on grammar and English usage, over 170 computer-graded quizzes, and much more useful information - <http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/grammar/>
- Dictionary - 'YourDictionary' is a free online English dictionary which gives you definitions, thesaurus entries, spelling, pronunciation, and etymology results for your word - <http://www.yourdictionary.com>
- Critically Analysing Information Sources - a selection of research skills webpages - <http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/skill26.htm>
- JSTOR - has over 2,000 academic journals, nearly 20,000 books, and 2 million primary source objects. This service is IP authenticated and accessible only within the university. (See the library guide)
- [Ebscohost Academic Search Premier](#) - this has nearly 4700 full-text journals. (For access off the campus please consult with library staff or see library guide)

Sites with subject related information that are not listed on the library webpages include:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/genre/learning>
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/user/bbclearningenglish>
- https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbWU6mSH_3iwigshkuyV25A
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iw0TfWFTZQ8>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfBPHWnQINM>
- Index to 9 YouTube channels that target learning English
<http://www.fluentu.com/english/blog/learn-english-esl-youtube/>

The level of access to free material may be limited. Some material found may only be accessible with payment at point of use. Other useful sites and webpages, related to research generally, listed on the library website include:

- Citation and Referencing section on the Library webpages at <http://www.ukh.edu.krd/citationandreferencing.php>
- Middle East and Arabic Countries Copyright Law Handbook - <https://books.google.iq/books?id=TTsV0kbtbfUC&pg=PA7&lpg=PA7&dq=copyright+information+for+middle+east&source=bl&ots=4jOJyAm2hL&sig=EqBXE1s2usEbjukmup8hHweVLJ4&hl=en&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwiwzK6btjPAhXCyRQKHWTHA4AQ6AEITDAJ#v=onepage&q=copyright%20information%20for%20middle%20east&f=false>
- Evaluating Web Sites: Criteria and Tools - a selection on research skills web-pages
<http://www.library.cornell.edu/olinuris/ref/research/webeval.html>

Some tips to remember when conducting searches:

- To achieve effectiveness and efficiency in your searches in the Internet, it is necessary to plan and organise your search terms in advance. This will save you time by not repeating your searches and may help in identifying possible sources of information before you start unnecessary reading
- When searching, SPELLING COUNTS – if you are getting no results, but you think you should be, check your spelling

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- Some search engines will allow you to use quotation marks to help you narrow down results
- Search engines generally ignore capitalisation (Taiwan = taiwan)

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