



Literacy handout 4: supporting literacy development with Off2Class resources

As you guide your ELs through their literacy journey, Off2Class offers a variety of resources to enrich their learning experience. This handout outlines how you can leverage these tools to maximize your students' literacy development.

Homework assignments as reinforcement:

- Each foundational literacy lesson includes a homework component
- Homework exercises reinforce the skills and concepts covered in the lessons
- Writing tasks provide opportunities for students to apply their literacy skills in context
- Teachers can access and assign homework through the Off2Class platform

The homework and writing exercises included in the Off2Class foundational literacy lessons are designed to extend student learning beyond the classroom. By completing these tasks, students can practice and strengthen their literacy skills independently, while teachers can monitor their progress and provide feedback.

Newcomer step-by-step curriculum:

- Off2Class offers a step-by-step curriculum specifically designed for newcomers with little to no English proficiency
- The curriculum covers basic English language topics such as the alphabet, numbers, greetings, and school-related language
- Lessons are designed to be accessible for students who may be pre-literate in their L1
- The curriculum focuses on vocabulary and lexical chunks, with minimal explicit grammar instruction

The newcomer step-by-step curriculum is a resource for supporting the literacy development of students who are new to the English language and the U.S. school system. By incorporating these lessons alongside the foundational literacy curriculum, teachers can provide targeted instruction in basic English language skills and help students build a strong foundation for further learning.



Speaking for newcomers lessons:

- Off2Class offers a series of stand-alone speaking lessons aimed at lower-level students, including newcomers
- Lessons cover level-appropriate topics and themes, targeting Entering and Emerging levels
- Each lesson focuses on a specific topic and provides scaffolded support for building speaking skills
- Lessons feature authentic, level-appropriate conversations and opportunities for repetition and personalization

The Speaking for Newcomers lessons are an excellent resource for helping students develop their oral language skills alongside their literacy development. By engaging in these lessons, students can build confidence, accuracy, and fluency in speaking about relevant topics, which can support their overall language development.

Reading for newcomers lessons:

- Off2Class provides a series of stand-alone reading lessons designed for lower-level students, including newcomers
- Lessons feature level-appropriate texts, meaningful context, and a range of reading skills practice
- Each lesson offers opportunities for students to respond to the content of the texts, both orally and in writing
- Lessons cover engaging and relevant topics, making reading meaningful for students

The reading for newcomers lessons are designed to be the logical next step once students complete the foundational literacy curriculum. The foundational literacy curriculum will give your students everything they need to progress in their reading practice by using the reading for newcomers lessons.

Next Step: [Open the first literacy homework assignment](#) in Off2Class.

Consider whether your students will need teacher support to complete the assignment. Plan accordingly to use the homework assignments to extend your students' learning and monitor their progress.

You're now fully trained to use the Off2Class foundational literacy lessons. With the knowledge and tools you've acquired, you're all set to effectively implement these lessons in your classroom.