For students whose entry level is between A1 and A2/B1, there are several things you can do to help improve your English outside your university course. Below you will find some recommendations of materials and websites. Please note, we are not promoting any website or learning material on behalf of publishing houses or organisations. The list is there for you to consult and decide whether or not to use according to your own personal circumstances. You may find many other useful resources while doing some research yourself.

**Note to all students**: many of the websites currently available also offer activities for improving English in general, whatever your level. You can select the activity level appropriate for you (e.g. basic, intermediate, proficient).

**Grammar reference books:**

* Essential Grammar in Use with answers and interactive eBook – a self-study reference and practice book for Elementary Learners of English (Cambridge: Raymond Murphy)

N.B. There is also **an Italian edition** of this text which provides support for Italian learners of English.

* Oxford Practice Grammar – Basic Student’s book with Key (Oxford: Coe, Harrison, Patterson)

You may also have a grammar reference book from school which can still be used.

**Websites for learning English online:**

* BBC Learning English – [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

This site offers 6-minute Grammar, a Basic Grammar reference, 6-minute Vocabulary, pronunciation, podcasts and videos, an App you can download to your phone, and more.

* British Council – [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org) or [www.britishcouncil.it](http://www.britishcouncil.it)

As well as Learn with British Council online (Teacher-led courses – subscription necessary), there are free online courses (MOOCs) with the Future Learn Platform – you have to sign up, and most of these require at least an A2/B1 level to follow.

Also useful are Learn English with Apps – downloadable: podcasts, videos, Grammar Word challenge, Grammar (UK & US editions), Sounds Right (for pronunciation)

* Cambridge English, useful also for students who do not intend to prepare for a language certificate – [www.cambridgeenglish.org/learn-english/activities-for-learners](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learn-english/activities-for-learners)

Here you can find free resources related to Skills, Grammar, Listening, Pronunciation, Reading, Speaking, Vocabulary, Writing. You have to select your level – Basic, Independent or Proficient and the time you have available. Appropriate activities will then be shown.

Even spending a short period of time every day on any of the above can help you improve – do as much as you can in the time you have and enjoy your learning opportunities. Have fun!