

6 Ways
ELLevate
English Teen
HELPS
You Teach
21st Century Skills.

The Problem

Most ELL courses on the market focus on teaching students the basics - reading, writing, speaking and listening. However, few have the time or resources to venture deep into the practical English language skills that will help students in real-world situations now, and in the future.

Critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication are the four most important skills that ELL teachers strive to develop in their students beyond language proficiency. These types of language skills are essential for tomorrow's workforce.

We listened to educators and institutions from around the world describe their ELL challenges. Our research shows that the following key themes are common when it comes to teaching 21st century skills using current courseware.

● Teaching the Right Skills

Mastering the English language goes far beyond speaking, reading and writing. Teachers need to help their students develop the critical thinking, creative, collaboration and digital literacy skills needed to work and survive in today's world.

● Language Learning Focus

Much of the ELL courseware available today focuses primarily on developing language skills and doesn't always consider the 21st century skills students need for success in the future. While these courses give students a foundation in the English language, they do not address these critical future skills.

● Conversational Skills

Pronunciation, vocabulary, and grammar mastery are not enough to speak effectively. Students must also know how to manage conversations. When an ELL course does not teach conversational skills, learners can experience confusion, and misunderstanding when interacting with native speakers.



How ELLevate English Teen Helps



Designed by ELL and instructional design experts, **ELLevate English Teen**'s digital-first approach to English language learning means that it is focused on 21st century skills from the outset. The digital nature of the **ELLevate** course offers the ideal platform to support development of tomorrow's most important skills like critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration.

1 Critical Thinking
ELLevate starts each course module with a critical thinking question called the Essential Question, which asks students to think about a specific topic using a concrete example. This question is effective in developing thinking strategies among learners, asking them to push themselves linguistically as they explore issues in new ways.

2 Collaboration
Working effectively as a team, being respectful of others, and exercising flexibility are all part of collaboration. **ELLevate** regularly develops collaboration skills through a variety of activity types, including projects, problem solving, and group work.

3 Creativity
ELLevate integrates creativity in the Creative Zone through stories, visuals, presentations, texts, role plays and more. The language used is achievable and the tasks allow students to experiment and explore using their creative thinking skills at a level which both challenges and inspires.

4 Global and Local Perspectives
Through reading and discussing texts with a global focus, students will learn about the world and focus on issues that impact them most. **ELLevate**'s texts feature a local focus, allowing students to read about their own region and discuss themes central to their lives.

5 Communication
Today's students need to articulate their thoughts and ideas effectively using a variety of means—oral, written, and nonverbal communication skills—in a variety of contexts. **ELLevate**'s activities ask students to listen carefully to decipher meaning, values, attitudes, and intentions in order to go beyond the surface.

6 Conversation Management
ELLevate teaches students how to manage conversations effectively by equipping them with commonly used phrases in English necessary for perform conversation management. Students have the opportunity to apply these strategies to their own conversations by practicing with classmates and completing Student Workbook activities.

Going beyond simple language proficiency and providing real-world practice, **ELLevate English Teen** provides students with the skills they need for success in today's workforce. With critical thinking, creative and collaborative activities that support effective communication, **ELLevate** empowers learners to further develop their 21st century skills.