

Possible Research Topics in ELT

Language Use in the Classroom	Psychological Factors in Language Teaching	Blended Learning and Use of Technology	Literature and Language Teaching	Teaching Skills, Grammar and Pronunciation	Social, Cultural Issues and Identities in the Classroom	Assessment and Evaluation	Errors in Language Learning
Use of L1 in the classroom	Motivation and its effects on language teaching/learning	Social media and its effect on language learning	Use of literary texts in language learning	Effectiveness of Feedback in Speaking/Writing	Teacher’s roles in the classroom	Student participation in assessing language learning	Analysis of spoken errors
Teacher talk	Multiple Intelligences in teaching and learning	Using the Internet in language learning	Methods of analysing literary texts	Effectiveness of teaching integrated skills	Impact of L1 on learning of L2	Analysis of the effectiveness of standardised tests in language learning	Analysis of written errors
Questioning techniques	Learning styles and language learning	Use of blogs to improve writing			World Englishes		Error correction methods
Ways of providing instructions	Anxiety and oral language production	Use of mobile phones to learn languages					
	Test anxiety						

1. Once you select your main area of interest, you will need to narrow your topic down to a researchable focus. While doing this, consider the following:
 - a. You can choose to focus on different participants (e.g. only teachers or only students) and their attitudes, beliefs, views and perceptions. For example, you may decide to focus on ELT students’ views on the effectiveness of the Multiple Intelligences Theory in language classrooms. You can also do a comparative study by collecting data from other departments and comparing the views of students on the same issue. The important point here is to choose what you are interested in as well as from whose perspective.
 - b. You can also choose to focus on a specific age/level/group of participants, such as university students, young learners, private schools, public schools, and so on. This will also narrow your research down to a specific context.
 - c. Find research studies that were done in the area of your interest and check out their conclusions. Research articles usually include “suggestions for further research,” which tells you what has not been done before in this area.