

Online English lessons help break the language wall

Adult language learners now have a free resource to improve their English using CBC Radio One news and feature stories with online written lessons. The news is read at a slower pace to help with listening and understanding.

Details of the program:

- CBC Radio One will provide three stories on the news every week and one feature story every month.
- Each audio file will be accompanied by written lessons that will help with listening, reading, writing, and speaking English.
- Lessons can also be used by teachers to create materials for their students.

The Alberta Government funds English classes for adult learners through language drop-in centres and educational institutions across the province. The new online English language project is an addition to existing programs to help learners who prefer to learn at their own pace and time and others unable to attend lessons in a regular classroom setting.

English lessons can help immigrants gain confidence in handling everyday situations like shopping, banking, talking to their doctor or their child's teacher. Having strong English skills also helps newcomers get jobs, make friends and settle into life in Alberta.

As Canada's public broadcaster, CBC has an important role to play in helping all citizens receive the information they need to participate fully in society, be engaged and be successful.

Download audio files and written lessons at www.breakthewall.alberta.ca

Facts about Alberta:

- In the last five years Alberta has welcomed over 120,000 newcomers.
- Sixteen percent of all Albertans are foreign-born.
- Albertans report more than 100 different ethnic backgrounds

For more information about supports for newcomers

- Visit our website www.employment.alberta.ca
- Contact Communications at 780-427-5585
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