ESOL English language websites

British Council Learning English
Grammar
http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/grammar-and-vocabulary

Listen and watch
http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/listen-and-watch

BBC Learning English
http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish

Introducing English Pronunciation
www.cambridge.org/elt/shiporsheep

ESOL Computer help - selected links

http://visual.merriam-webster.com/communications/office-automation/laptop-computer/laptop-computer-front-view.ph

Vocabulary with audio pronunciation "laptop parts" from the Merriam Webster online visual dictionary

http://visual.merriam-webster.com/communications/office-automation/input-devices_4.php

Vocabulary with audio pronunciation "input device/ mouse parts" from the Merriam Webster online visual dictionary

http://www.learnmyway.com/sites/default/files/courses/justyourtype/index.html

"Just your Type" A well designed and accessible interactive introduction to the main features of a standard keyboard.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr

Dance mat typing from BBC bite size- one to get started or for sharing with children. Scroll down the page for more Bite size computing guides and clips.

http://www.gcflearnfree.org/labs/typing/play

Intermediate and above typing tutorials and practice from GCFlearnfree.org

http://play.typeracer.com/

Global typing completion for the competitive who have learnt to type and are up to speed!

http://www.sheepgame.co.uk/

Test your mouse skills with this game- maybe not the best but OK

https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/security/pc-security/password-checker.aspx

Online password checker from Microsoft safety and security centre

http://www.gcflearnfree.org/computers/computerbasics

An entire computer basics course from GCF learn free- some of this will be too advanced but may be useful to provide an overview and context. Modules include basic parts of a computer and understanding the cloud. Clear, interactive and with useful links.

http://www.learnmyway.com/get-started

Free online courses from the "get started section" of Learn my way – plenty of interactive resources and information that takes learners to the next step.

http://www.learnmyway.com/subjects/online-basics

Also from learn my way- gives and overview of using "public services" online, information about benefits; universal credit, blue badge scheme, NHS services, and links to local council information. Something of a simple gateway to these services in the form of course guides and top websites.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/

My web my way- making the web easier to use- an archived page from the BBC with some useful information, although no longer updated.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/accessibility/best_practice/useful_links.shtml

Links related to accessibility on the wider web

http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/

Home page of BBC webwise site with access to all resources

http://www.bbc.co.uk/webwise/0/20595791

BBC webwise resources directory- key questions and answers about IT and using it safely- rather a lot to read but most topics contain a short video clip that gives a simple overview

http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p018hhbb

BBC webwise collection of the films featured in all of these resources, and suitable for third party embedding.

https://www.digitalskills.com/

Home page of digital skills.com- getting everyone online- information and online community, resources page contains links to online tutorials and guides from a variety of sources, and a "near you" section for info about wi fi, computer access, organisations and groups.

http://digitalunite.com/guides/creating-documents/microsoft-word

Sample resource from digital unite who produce online guides and offer a community learning experience and information on digital inclusion.

http://www.learnmyway.com/get-ready/improve-your-reading-and-writing

Improve your reading and writing skills- free online course to do on your laptop or computer

http://www.parapal-online.co.uk/exercises/application_c.html

Online job application letter writing exercise

http://www.parapal-online.co.uk/mobile.html#menu1

A small selection on mobile English exercise by level advertised as working on Windows, iPhones, Android and Blackberries

http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zqmtsbk

GCSE revision activities, tests and resources from BBC Bitesize.

http://www.learnmyway.com/what-next/learn-code

Links to some other sites that offer coding activities and tutorials

http://uk.code.org/about/resources

Resources from the Hour of Code website to learn and teach computer science.

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Web links on a range of topics can also be found on the delicious site on the Learning Centres e-resources page of Moodle.