



History of ELLIS

ELLIS (English Language Learning and Instruction System) is designed to help both teachers and learners of English as a second language (ESL) as well as English as a foreign language (EFL).

ELLIS has a tradition of offering solid instruction through the best technology and teaching methods. A pioneer in technology and learning, ELLIS was the first educational product to use video and learning on the computer. The foundation and methodology of ELLIS instruction was originally developed over years of research and development with millions of dollars in grants from the ***Department of Defense***.

ELLIS was started in 1990, following years of research. In the 1970s and 80s Dr. Frank Otto worked on projects to develop effective technology tools for language instruction. The projects involved government grants for funding and IBM contributions in research and development. Ultimately computers developed to the point that they could handle much of what Dr. Otto and his colleagues wanted to do. In 1990 they decided to make ELLIS available to the public. Today ELLIS is known for producing top of the line research-based English language instruction programs proven to help learners succeed!

From those experiences, ELLIS was founded to bring better technology into education and English language instruction. It is the ELLIS blend of sound teaching methods combined with current technology that has made ELLIS the multiple winner of leading technology in education awards. Currently ELLIS is used in schools and learning centers across the US and throughout the world.

ELLIS has always sought to use solid teaching methods along with current technology. This blend provides schools and teachers with the tools for a learning environment that equals success.