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Preface

The world is truly our oyster as what children learn is no longer limited to what is being taught in formal classes and schools. In line with the advancement of ICT, resources for learning can now be obtained through the Internet and media. Due to this, parents often find that it is overwhelming to search for materials that are age-appropriate, enjoyable and contain sufficient educational values.

The authors hope that this book can help to simplify the parent’s herculean task of choosing the right materials for their children by providing suggestions and recommendations of valuable books, top websites, recommended movies as well as the most enjoyable board games that are not only entertaining but also will enhance English language learning. The book is arranged according to the different types of resources and age group. Reviews and learning advantage are provided to allow parents to decide on which materials that would benefit their children the most.

For the books suggested, they are chosen because they have captured the imaginations of independent readers for the last 10 years. The list encompasses both the best of the best and the books that did the best job getting children to read. They cover books for boys, books for girls, school stories, reluctant hero tales, delicious dark humour, moments of extreme resourcefulness and great childhood adventures.

Movies are fun and children love them. They have the power to affect children’s mental, emotional and physical development. By making informed decisions about the right kind of movies to expose to children, they would be able to thrive in a world increasingly dependent upon the media and technology. Thus, the top 30 recommended movies for pre-schoolers, young children and pre- teens would ensure that your children would learn English in a fun and entertaining way.

With the increased amount of internet used by children, many parents share concern in the need to create a safer web environment. Despite the concern, the internet has become an invaluable tool particularly in the aspect of facilitating learning for children. Whether searching for educational activities, places to promote the growth of social skills or just pure entertainment, it is hoped that the suggested websites would
cater to your child's wants and needs.

For families who enjoy spending some quality time with their children, the authors have provided suggestions on the most enjoyable board games in the market. These board games are not only child-friendly, age-appropriate and educational, they are also great fun for the adults too.

The authors have taken great care in choosing materials that are not only for entertainment purposes but are also educational in the aspect of enhancing your children's English language proficiency. SO have fun exploring the recommended resources and be rest assured that you are providing the best educational experience to your loved ones.
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'RECOMMENDED RESOURCES TO ENHANCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING' is the second book in the PERMATA INSAN series, 'Bringing Out The Best: Nurturing Your Child’s English Language Intelligence'. This book offers useful suggestions and reviews on children's books, movies, websites and board games for parents who are interested to develop their children's ability to master English in a fun and entertaining way. Following the suggestions would not only add variety to the child's language learning, but also provide constant exposure to English, alongside ensuring the young children to be motivated in learning the language.