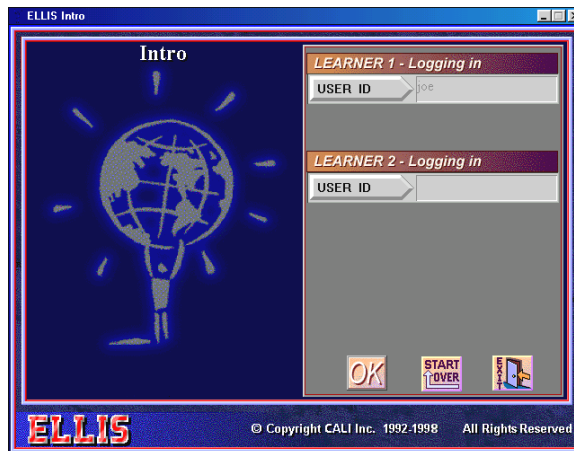## What is ELLIS Intro?

ELLIS Intro is a multimedia program designed to teach basic English survival skills. Learners watch and listen to a variety of social situations on a video. They can stop or repeat a scene and view the text of the scripts as they are acted out. They can also record their own voices for comparison with those of native speakers. In addition, learners can look up words or phrases, study culture, practise their pronunciation, and access grammar taught in each lesson.
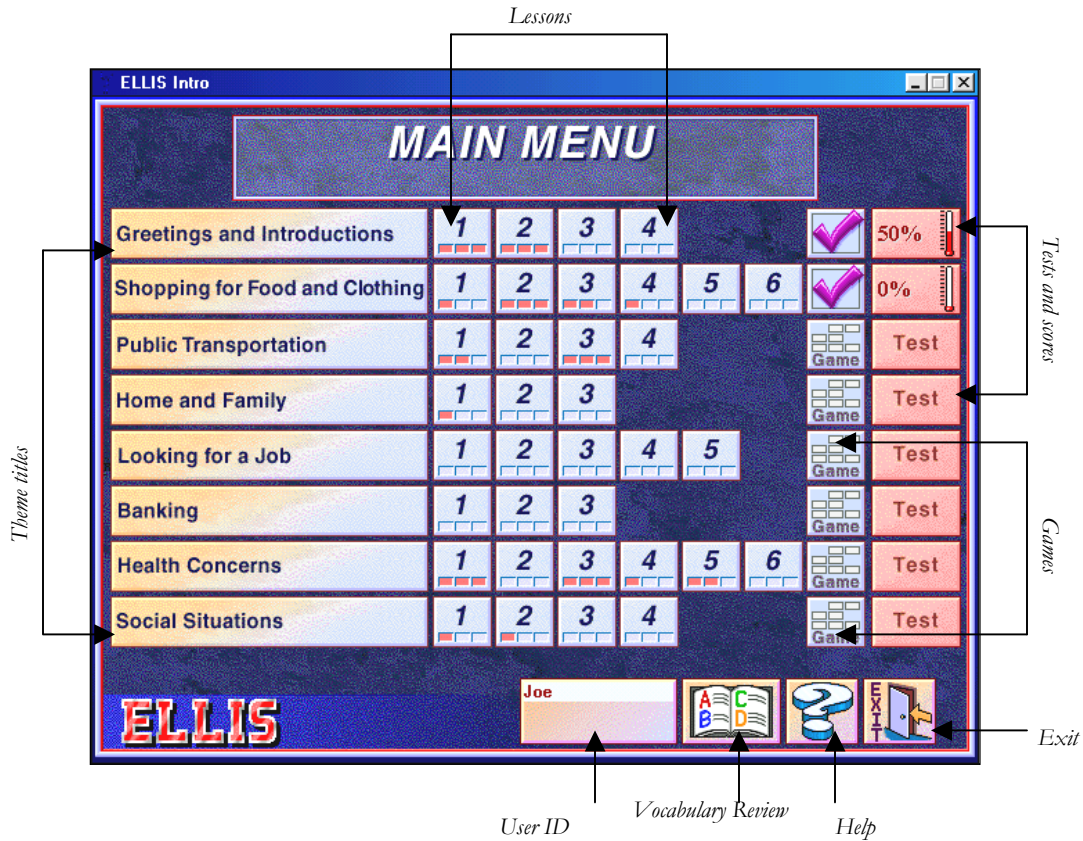
Features

LOG-IN MENU

In order to access the Main Menu, learners must type in a User ID. If they have been registered with Instructor Utilities they will have their own unique User ID, which the program uses to keep records of their activities. If they have not been registered, they can use the generic User ID, **joe**. After typing a User ID, the learner must then press **Enter** and click **OK**.

MAIN MENU
■ The Main Menu contains eight themes:
- Greetings and Introductions
- Shopping for Food and Clothing
- Public Transportation
- Home and Family
- Looking for a Job
- Banking
- Health Concerns
- Social Situations

Each theme contains from three to six lessons, and each lesson has three video segments. Red boxes under the lesson number indicate how many of the video segments the learner has seen. After completing the lessons in a theme, learners can play a game by clicking on the game box associated with that theme. Tests are also available for each theme.
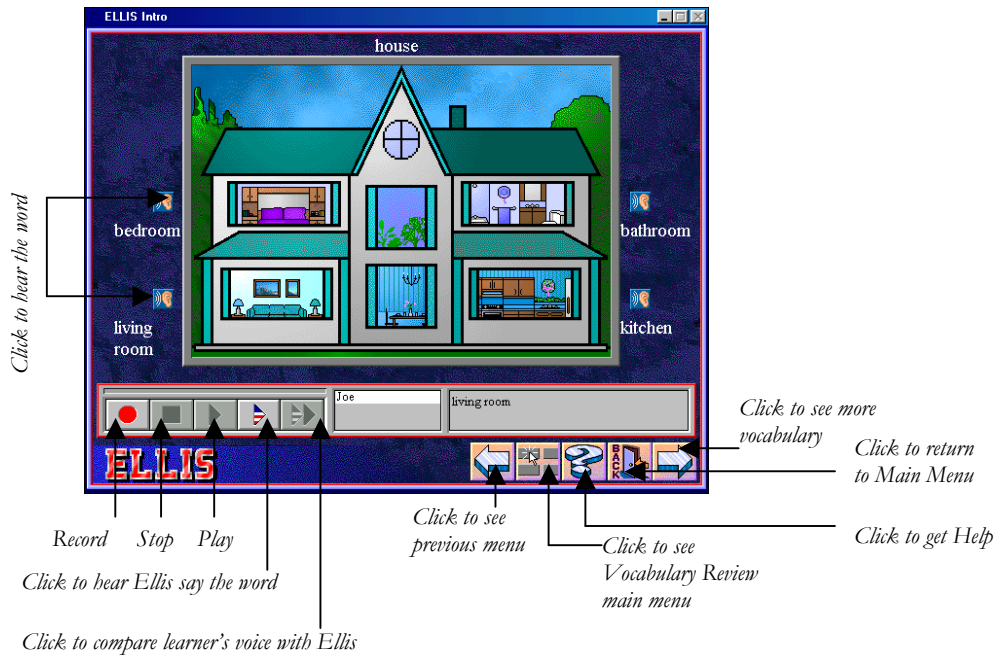
VOCABULARY REVIEW MENU

Clicking the **Vocabulary Review** button on the Main Menu opens the Vocabulary Review menu. This feature of ELLIS Intro allows learners to study the vocabulary for all Intro themes. Clicking on the up or down arrows in the scroll bar on the right accesses vocabulary subjects.

■ **Vocabulary Review Window**

Clicking on a subject allows learners to see and hear words associated with that topic. As well, the learner can record his or her own voice and compare it with ELLIS. To get back to the main menu the learner must click **Back**.

Click to hear the word

Record   Stop   Play

Click to hear Ellis say the word

Click to compare learner's voice with Ellis

Click to see previous menu

Click to see Vocabulary Review main menu

Click to see more vocabulary

Click to return to Main Menu

Click to get Help

HELP

Clicking on the **Question mark** in the Main Menu opens the Help feature. Once it has been activated, the learner can click on areas of the screen to hear explanations. Clicking on the icon containing **Flags** opens a list from which the learner can select a language for explanations. To return to the program, the learner must click the **Question mark** again.

Click to get Help in another language

Click here to open Help

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How to use Ellis Intro with LINC One Learners

At this level, learners need to know how to open the program, log-in, and how to use the Vocabulary Review section and its recorder controls. The help feature that is available in other languages is also valuable. As well, they need to become familiar with navigating in Vocabulary Review and exiting the program. The suggested Skills Checklist at the end of this section provides step-by-step instructions on how to access the above functions.

We recommend that you use "joe" as User ID for LINC One learners. Since this level only introduces learners to ELLIS, there is no need for record keeping by the program.

We recommend the Vocabulary Review items listed below as follow-up to themes being taught in the class. Demonstrate to the class how to access, listen to and record vocabulary items, and then assign specific vocabulary items for study.

Curriculum-unit-related activities

The following table suggests items from ELLIS Intro that could be used when teaching units from the LINC One Curriculum Guidelines.

Unit	Topic	Vocabulary Review Item
Canadian Society	Canadian System of Government	Cities in Canada, Cities/Provinces
	Environment	Temperature, Weather
Commercial Services	Banking	Coins
	Shopping for Clothing, Household items, Furniture and Appliances	Coins, House, Living Room, Bathroom, Kitchen, Clothes
Family Life	Family Structures and Relationships	Family
Health and Safety	Nutrition and Food Preparation	Meat, Dry Food, Dairy Foods, Fruit, Vegetables
	Seeing the Doctor or Dentist and Keeping Well	Doctors, Body Parts, Ailments, Symptoms
Housing	Finding a Place to Live	House, Living Room, Bathroom, Kitchen, Bedroom
	Neighbours and Neighbourhoods	Directions, Town
Transportation	Getting Around by Public Transportation	Transportation, Directions, Location

Skills Checklist for Learners

Function	How to...
Open ELLIS Intro	Insert CD, click **Start**|**Programs**|**Ellis**|**Ellis Intro**.
Log-in	Type **joe.** Press **Enter.** Click **OK**.
Return to the Main Menu	Click **Back**.
Exit ELLIS Intro	Click **Exit**.

Mouse Skills

Point	Move mouse on screen until the desired area is highlighted.
Click	Press and release the left mouse button.

Help

Open Help	Click **?** |Click on an area on the screen
Open Help in learner's language	Click **?**|**Flags** icon. Choose a language. Click an area on the screen.
Close Help	Click **?**

Vocabulary Review

Open Vocabulary Review	Click on the main menu. Click a menu item.
Scroll the menu	Click the scroll arrow.
See next screen	Click ➡
See previous screen	Click ⬅
Hear the word	Click 👂
See the Vocabulary Review menu	Click
Close Vocabulary Review	Click **Back**.

Recorder Controls

Record voice	Click ●
Stop recording	Click ■
Play back voice	Click ▶
Hear ELLIS	Click
Compare voice with ELLIS	Click