

General English Online, Adults, 16 years+

2.5 hours/week (one class per day, 17:30-18:45 UK time)

Monday & Wednesday students at B2-C1 level; Tuesday & Thursday B1 level

Levels

When you have booked your course, we will send you a one-hour English placement test, so we can decide the best level for you (minimum numbers apply).

Aims

The General English online courses help students improve all their skills (speaking, listening, reading and writing) and learn the grammar, vocabulary and cultural knowledge necessary for using English in an international context. There is an emphasis on practical, effective and natural communication.

The syllabus

Each course has a flexible syllabus to allow students to join in any week. Therefore, our syllabus is designed to be flexible to help us teach you according to your needs. We cover a wide range of important areas. Here is a list of the areas and some examples of the things we often do in each area:

| <i>Language area</i> | <i>Examples</i> |
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| <u>topics</u> | life in the UK, technology, health, going out, music, personality |
| <u>grammar</u> | tenses and verb structures, conditionals, modal verbs, determiners |
| <u>vocabulary</u> | collocations (words which naturally go together), phrases, idioms |
| <u>pronunciation</u> | word stress, difficult sounds, natural pronunciation and phonology for listening |
| <u>the four skills</u> | reading, writing, speaking & listening, to improve your communication skills |
| <u>effective communication</u> | formal/informal language and politeness, linking sentences together in texts |
| <u>functional language</u> | agreeing/disagreeing, giving advice, giving opinions, suggesting |

The classes

There is one class twice a week, making 2.5 hours per week. Each class has a maximum of 15 students. You will normally have one main teacher each week. The classes have a different focus:

| <i>Class</i> | <i>Focus</i> |
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| Daily class: 75 minutes | These classes focus on practising & developing the four skills of speaking, listening, reading & writing – with a special focus on speaking and listening. You'll start the class with our Phrase of the Day to help you sound more natural. There is also a grammar and vocabulary focus each week and we choose from a wide range of resources to suit each group of students. |

Other features of our online General English courses include:

1. free e-coursebook access codes for all your classes
2. free access to our online English grammar and vocabulary exercises: <https://www.ihbristol.com/free-english-exercises/>
3. free access to our online useful English expressions: <https://www.ihbristol.com/useful-english-expressions/>
4. ten pieces of language per class (on average) to help you improve your English
5. daily homework, plus suggestions about how to learn more effectively
6. Our 'Cultural Project' worksheets each Monday, for example, 'Humour and Jokes', or 'Families'

