

Evening classes in Norwich for adult learners: General English Course

Levels: ELEMENTARY TO ADVANCED

Course description

The English Experience offers General English courses from Elementary to Advanced level. These are all-year round courses designed to help students communicate in English successfully. Classes are held in the evening; from 5.45 to 9.00pm at 8-10 Upper king St, Norwich. The classes run for three hours with a fifteen minute break half way through.

In addition to this, The English Experience also offers: a placement test to find out your level of English at the start of the course, full student support, needs assessment to find out about your needs and interests, course certificate, fully qualified teachers, small classes (maximum 15 students, but 8 students on average).

Course objectives

Courses have a strong focus on developing your conversational skills, we cover the areas of grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. The core objectives are to:

- improve knowledge and use of grammar.
- enhance vocabulary.
- improve pronunciation, stress and intonation.
- develop speaking and listening skills.
- consolidate writing and reading skills.
- improve idiomatic expressions.
- develop colloquial language.
- develop intercultural awareness.
- highlight independent learning.

Course methodology

The teachers use a wide variety of methods and approaches to make sure they suit your learning style. Pair and group work activities are used to maximise your opportunities for practising the language in class while appropriate tasks are set to ensure you use English outside the class. Process writing techniques are encouraged and the reading of semi-authentic and authentic materials is used throughout the course.

Course materials

At The English Experience we use a wide variety of materials. You will have access to our library and the teacher will provide you with all the handouts and worksheets in class. For some long-term courses, you may have to buy the core coursebook.

Assessment

Your progress is measured on an on-going basis and you will be formally assessed by means of tasks and progress tests to check your learning. Homework is a very important component on these courses and you need to devote some time outside class to your English studies.

Sample timetables:

PRE-INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Students at pre-intermediate level (A2) can:

- understand frequently used expressions connected to them
- communicate in simple tasks and exchange information
- talk about their background, immediate environment and needs

	Monday week 1	Monday week 2
5.45 to 7.15 pm	Speaking <i>Plan your dream holiday</i>	Vocabulary <i>Things you take on holiday</i>
	Skills development <i>Working with a song</i>	Speaking <i>Game – practising holiday items plus pronunciation</i>
7.30 to 9.00 pm	Grammar <i>Intentions and wishes (going to, planning to, would like to, would prefer to)</i>	Listening <i>The holiday from hell</i>
	Writing <i>Writing a postcard</i>	Reading <i>Holiday adverts</i>
		Skills development <i>Working on a film clip</i>

UPPER-INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Students at Intermediate level (B2) can:

- understand main points of input in work, school, leisure, etc
- with the target language deal with situations met in everyday life
- describe experiences, dreams, hopes with reasons and opinions

	Monday week 1	Monday week 2
5.45 to 7.15 pm	Reading <i>'Friends for life' Reading for gist and vocabulary development</i>	Vocabulary <i>Question forms - auxiliaries and main verb, questions with prepositions</i>
	Skills development <i>Learning strategies - using dictionaries</i>	Speaking <i>Game – situational questions</i>
7.30 to 9.00 pm	Speaking <i>Discussing famous people</i>	Listening <i>Anecdotes about friends</i>
	Pronunciation <i>Word stress in sentences</i>	