

English for Life and Work

Intermediate Online Course Overview

Who is this course for?

This is a general English course for students at B1/B1+ level who want to gain confidence in their English language skills: writing, reading, listening, speaking and elements: grammar, vocabulary, pronunciation, discourse). A key focus of the course will be to introduce students to more authentic texts, so they are better able to cope with the kind of English they will meet outside the classroom. This course will help you to

- Speak more spontaneously in a variety of familiar settings through real-life role plays, formal and informal language through discussion.
- Widen your range of vocabulary to incorporate 'chunks' of language: collocations and fixed phrases.
- Notice grammatical patterns and seek to incorporate these into your output
- Develop your listening and reading strategies to enable you to make sense of more authentic texts through real-life dialogues, interviews, stories and conversation with model pronunciation.
- Write more confidently in a range of different genres: emails, formal letters, blogs

How will I learn?

We offer One-to-One, One-to-Two, Group classes. You will be placed in an online class with people of a similar language level as you.

You teacher will use a textbook but adapt it to your learning needs and progress in mind.

You will have 72 hrs of live online group lessons with your teacher in a virtual classroom.

You will have 36 hrs of guided self-study work that includes individual and group project work to provide variety. Your teacher will provide you with audio and video support.

You will have access to LLF-Online, our online learning platform and use a wide range of digital resources for extra practice.

How will I know how well I am doing?

Your teacher will assist you to create an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and will support you to achieve your learning goals throughout the course.

You will receive recorded or live feedback on all four skills and provide you extra support.

You can arrange 9 one-to-one tutorials with your teacher to receive targeted support that will help you to achieve your leaning goals.

Will I need to do extra work at home?

Your teacher will assign homework and additional self-study tasks throughout the course and you can use the one-to-one tutorials to discuss your work or submit your answers through LLF-Online, our online learning platform to get feedback from your teacher.

What will I need to study?

We will provide you the course book, and other self-study materials through LLF-Online platform. You will require

- A desktop computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone
- high-speed reliable internet connection
- An integrated microphone in the device you are using or an attached headset to take part in lessons.

What are the costs?

The course cost (£240) and Admin fee (£60)

This course comprises of three stages. You can pay the full course fee or pay in 3 instalments at the beginning of each stage.



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What do I expect to learn?

The course uses a book called *Speakout Intermediate 2^{nd} Edition*. It is divided into 10 units.

Each unit starts with an overview followed by two main input sections that cover grammar, vocabulary and four skills. Section three covers functional language for everyday situations matched to their CEFR level. An important feature of the book is the inclusion of podcasts with native speakers and BBC TV clips, aimed at helping students enhance their four skills by using authentic materials in section four. Each unit ends with a Lookback page to revise key language. At the back of the book there is a useful Grammar Summary and practice exercises to help review. There is also a Vocabulary Bank, providing an extra vocabulary focus.

Intermediate A (Units1-4)
Duration 8 weeks
24 hr of live online sessions
12 hrs Guided self-study
3 one-to-one tutorials

Topics - relationships, stories, technology, jobs

Vocabulary – family, relationships, types of story, the news, communication methods, idioms, say/tell, the news, personal qualities, business, gradable adjectives.

Language – question forms, review of simple and continuous tenses, present perfect, narrative tenses, future forms (plans and predictions), modals of obligation, 'used to' and 'would'.

Functional Language – introducing yourself, interview advice, telling anecdotes, dealing with misunderstandings, reaching agreements.

Intermediate B (Units 5-7)
Duration 8 weeks
24 hr of live online sessions
12 hrs Guided self-study
3 one-to-one tutorials

Topics – solving problems, emotions, success and achievements

Vocabulary – technology, Word building: adjectives, multiword verbs, problems and solutions, collocations, life events, success, ability, qualifications.

Language – comparatives, superlatives, question tags, zero, first and second conditionals, present perfect simple and continuous, present and past modals of ability.

Functional Language – polite requests, giving good and bad news, clarifying opinions.

Intermediate C (Units 8-10)
Duration 8 weeks
24 hr of live online sessions
12 hrs Guided self-study
3 one-to-one tutorials

Topics – communities, the past, the world and global issues

Vocabulary – compound nouns (Getting on), the internet, history, Collocations: time periods, describing people, the environment, reporting verbs, airports, describing places.

Language – third conditional, articles and quantifiers, relative clauses, past hypothetical conditional, active versus passive, reported speech, verb patterns.

Functional Language – being a good guest, apologising and accept apologies, expressing uncertainty, giving advice, warning people about something.