

General English Online, Adults, 16 years+

Choose **7.5** or **15** or **22.5** hour/week courses (one, two or three classes per day)

Choose **09:15 – 10:45**; and/or **11:15 – 12:45**; and/or **13:45 -15:15 UK time**, Monday-Friday

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. We have online classes from Elementary – Advanced (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 on any Monday. 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>
<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

Choose one, two or three 90-minute classes per day. Each class has a maximum of 15 students. You will normally have two or three different teachers each week (more than 7.5 hour option). The classes have a different focus, but all develop your General English skills, vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation:

<i>Class (Mon-Fri)</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Focus</i>
09:15 – 10:45	90 minutes*	We use a general English coursebook, which has a balance of skills, vocabulary and grammar. Every morning we also teach you a Phrase of the Day, to help you sound natural.
11:15 – 12:45	90 minutes*	We use a general English coursebook, which has a balance of skills, vocabulary and grammar. You'll start the class with a Cultural Question, to help you understand the cultures of the UK and other students.
13:45 -15:15	90 minutes*	These classes focus on practising the four skills: reading, writing, speaking and listening. We often have longer activities to help you improve your fluency and we use a higher proportion of authentic materials when appropriate. All materials are provided. On Fridays, all students join our weekly Conversation Club.

*There is a 3-4 minute break in each 90 minute lesson, so you can get some water, stretch your legs, and have a rest!



Other features of our online General English courses include:

1. free e-coursebook access code for lessons; plus access to our online English grammar and vocabulary exercises: <https://www.ihbristol.com/free-english-exercises/>
2. free access to our online e-learning platform, GEL, from the moment you enrol until 3 months after the end of your course (with online self-study tasks including Listening, Reading, Grammar, IELTS exercises and more...)
3. free access to our online useful English expressions: <https://www.ihbristol.com/useful-english-expressions/>
4. at least 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'
7. Access to our free online Social Programme (2-3 events per week) – so you can meet different international students and practise your English!
8. Online Study Room, bookable by email

