

## General English Online, Adults, 16 years+

15 hours/week of morning classes (two classes per day, **09:15-12:45 UK time**, Monday-Friday);  
or 15 hours/week of afternoon classes (two classes per day, **14:00-17:30 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

There are two 90-minute classes per day, making 15 hours per week. Each class has a maximum of 15 students. You will normally have two different teachers each week. The two classes have a different focus:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Focus</i>
Class 1	90 minutes, plus break before class 2	These classes focus on practising & developing the four skills of speaking, listening, reading & writing. You'll also start the class with our Phrase of the Day to help you sound more natural.
Class 2	90 minutes	These classes have a grammar and vocabulary focus and we choose from a wide range of resources to suit each group of students. You'll start the class with a Cultural Question to help you understand the cultures of the UK and the other students in your group.

### 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 useful English expressions: <https://www.ihbristol.com/useful-english-expressions/>
3. at least ten pieces of language per class (on average) to help you improve your English
4. daily homework, plus suggestions about how to learn more effectively
5. Our 'Cultural Project' worksheets each Monday, for example, 'Humour and Jokes', or 'Families'

