

Overview

If English is not your main language, you can study a course with us to help you improve your English skills. Our ESOL (English for Speakers of other Languages) courses will help you to improve your speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. Attending ESOL courses will also help you improve your vocabulary, grammar, spelling, pronunciation, and fluency.

Improving your English language skills will make it easier to:

- Get on in your daily life such as talking to doctors and teachers or to socialise with people.
- Understand the laws and customs of the UK.
- Apply for a settlement in the UK or British citizenship.
- Find a job or get a better job.
- Prepare for further studies or higher education.

The ESOL programme is flexible to fit around your personal commitments and circumstances with morning and afternoon classes available at either our Barking (Ripple Road) or Dagenham (Parsloes Avenue) site.

ESOL courses are delivered over two semesters for 17-18 weeks unless stated otherwise. Semester 1 courses are from September 2026 till February 2027; Semester 2 courses are from February 2027 till July 2027.

Courses are offered from Entry/Foundation level to Level 1. We offer Ascentis qualifications in Entry Level Awards (Entry 1-Entry 3), and Level 1 awards for reading, writing, speaking, and listening. We also offer additional courses for grammar, conversation skills, spelling, and digital skills for ESOL.

ESOL courses are usually free for most students subject to submission of suitable evidence at enrolment.

What will I study?

- Speaking & Listening
- Reading
- Writing & communication skills
- Pronunciation & Conversation skills
- Spelling
- Grammar

Assessment method

- Tutor observation
- Classwork
- Homework

- Mock Exams
- End of Course Exams

Entry requirements

Entry to courses is via an ESOL Introduction course where your level of English will be determined or via progression from another ESOL qualification course. Learners must meet the government resident eligibility criteria.

What should I bring with me?

Pen, paper, or electronic device and any ESOL certificates you already hold. You will be expected to download, complete, and print off work that will be sent to you electronically. You will need IT skills such as working with a keyboard, mouse and use of email.

Possible next steps

Following the successful completion of your course, you will be supported to enrol on to the most suitable level course for you.

Contact us

Please visit our website for more information. Our friendly staff are always happy to give you further advice and support, please see our contact information below.



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