

Overview

If English is not your main language and you are looking to join an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) course, our Initial Assessment Courses will help us determine the most suitable level for you to begin your learning journey. These short, structured courses are the first step in joining our ESOL programme for the academic year 2026–2027 and are designed to assess your current English skills in speaking, listening, reading, and writing.

The ESOL Initial Assessment course will help you:

- Understand your current level of English.
- Build confidence using English in everyday contexts.
- Gain an introduction to ESOL learning and digital platforms used in our courses.
- Identify the right course level and pathway for your future learning.
- Receive personalised advice and guidance from our experienced ESOL team.

These courses run regularly from June 2026 to January 2027, at both our Barking (Ripple Road) and Dagenham (Parsloes Avenue) sites, and are scheduled flexibly to accommodate a variety of needs, including morning and afternoon sessions.

Learners who successfully complete the Initial Assessment course will be supported to enrol on a full ESOL course at the appropriate level for Semester 1 (September 2026 – February 2027) or Semester 2 (February 2027 – July 2027).

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

What will I study?

- Basic Speaking & Listening activities
- Introduction to Reading and Writing tasks
- Simple Grammar & Vocabulary
- Digital skills for learning
- Orientation to classroom and online learning
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Assessment method

- Tutor observation
- Class activities
- Initial Assessment tasks
- One-to-one discussion

Entry requirements

These courses are for adults aged 19+ who wish to improve their English and are eligible to study in the UK. You must meet the government residency eligibility criteria.

What should I bring with me?

Please bring a pen, paper, and any ESOL certificates or qualifications you already hold. You will also be expected to engage with digital materials, so basic IT skills (such as using a mouse, keyboard, and email) will be helpful.

Possible next steps

After completing the Initial Assessment course, you will be advised and supported to enrol on the most appropriate ESOL course for your level and goals.

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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