

English courses for speakers of other languages (ESOL) – starting April 2025



There are a variety of courses to meet the needs of adults who use English as a second language. The courses are aimed to help people who are new to English as well as more confident learners. You will find opportunities which support you to progress and prepare for work in the UK, or gain an English qualification. We will work with you to understand your current skill level to ensure you are enrolled on the correct level of course.

New to English

Complete beginners - Learn English for those who speak another first language. This course is for people who have no or very low English speaking and listening skills.

Everyday English - Speaking and Listening

This course is for people who can already speak a little English and who want to build their skills to enable them to listen and speak clearly in simple situations.

Everyday English - Reading and Writing

This course is for people who are already able to speak and listen in simple situations and who can read and write very simple key words. During this course you will continue to develop your speaking and listening skills whilst developing their reading and writing skills.

Moving on with English - Speaking and Listening

This course is for speakers of other languages who already have a basic level of English and are ready to increase their speaking and listening skills.

Moving on with English – Reading and Writing

This course is for people who have achieved a basic level of speaking and listening skills and who can already recognise a limited number of key words and read simple sentences.

English for work

English for Work is for people who use English as a second language and want to know how to look and apply for work in the UK. The course will familiarise you with the words and terms used when job searching and completing job applications and will help prepare them for the workplace.



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*To be eligible to enrol on these free courses you need to:

- be over 19 years old as of 31st August 2024
- have lived in the UK or EU for at least the last three years, or:
- be a refugee (or asylum seeker and lived in the UK for at least 6 months)
- be a Homes or Families for Ukraine visa holder
- be an Afghan ARAP or ARAC visa holder
- be a Hong Kong BNO visa holder (only for English for Speakers of Other Languages courses)
- be unemployed, or working and earning less than £25,000 a year

For more information about our eligibility criteria please visit our website [ACL Eligibility criteria](#).

