Evening language programme 2026/27

Course title: English for speakers of other languages (B1.1) – online

Course descriptor/objectives

The aim of the course is to help the learner to become an independent user of the target language and to develop their communication skills for social and professional purposes. Therefore, by the end of the courses, B1.1 and B1.2 (continuation from May 2027) participants will be able to:

- understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc.
- deal with most situations likely to arise in day-to-day life
- produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest
- describe experiences and events, wishes and aspirations, and explain opinions and plans

Participants will further develop reading, listening, speaking and writing skills through a series of task-oriented sessions and will be provided with informal formative feedback during contact hours. The completion level of the course is broadly equivalent to the *B1.1* level of the **Common European Framework**.

During online sessions, participants will practise English through supported individual, pair and group activities based on everyday social and professional situations. The teacher will provide language models, clear explanations and constructive feedback to help participants develop their communication skills and confidence. Participants will also be encouraged to explore useful learning strategies and practise independently between sessions.

Although this is not an exam preparation course, it may help learners prepare for the B1 English test required for settlement or British citizenship.

Language-specific information:

English is the most spoken language in the world, with over 1.4 billion speakers worldwide[1]. However, it is the third most popular native language after Standard Chinese and Spanish[2], meaning it is mostly learnt as a second language.

With so many speakers, it is an official language in 59 countries and, as such, has become a lingua franca in many professional fields. Knowledge of English, therefore, can open communication all over the world, giving speakers access to hundreds of different cultures. It's even useful for learning other languages due to its Germanic roots and Romance influences!

Prerequisite:

This non-credit bearing weekly course is intended for language learners who can already understand sentences and common expressions about familiar

topics, including basic personal and family information, shopping, places of interest and work.

You can communicate in simple, everyday tasks that require only simple and direct exchanges of information on familiar topics.

You can describe aspects of your past and matters related to your immediate needs, using simple language.

Technical requirements:

-PC, laptop or tablet with camera and microphone

-Stable internet connection

Delivery will be via Zoom

Once the course is confirmed, your teacher will send you an invitation for the first online session. You can expect to receive this invitation one day before the first session.

Coursebook and/or Learning Resources:

To be confirmed by the teacher after the first session

Proposed teacher material:

Photocopiable ESOL Activities. Entry 3 : Jo Smith : 9780521712408 : Blackwell's (blackwells.co.uk)

Collins English for Life B1 syllabus.xlsx Speaking