



## **\*ESOL - Level 1 (A)**

### **Extra title field**

In order to ensure the safety of staff and learners, the way we can provide courses in the Autumn Term has changed. See details below. There may be further changes if Government and Public Health advice changes.

### **How will the course benefit me?**

This 15-week ESOL course from September to December 2020 is the first Semester of a year's course for people who do not have English as their first language and are ready to take a Level 1 exam course. You will continue to improve your language skills and your confidence to use English in life and at work.

### **Entry Requirements**

- You will have been assessed and demonstrated that you have the potential to pass any assessments and exams at this level.
- Please make sure this is the right course for you. Can you attend on time and stay for the whole of every session?
- Can you agree to attend the whole 15-week course; have 90% attendance and spend a minimum of 3 hours a week on self-study outside the classroom?
- If progressing from another course you will have: o shown the necessary commitment to learning by achieving at least 80% attendance o passed any tests or assessments (if appropriate) o very good punctuality o regularly completed homework.

### **What will I learn?**

You will learn how to continue to improve your speaking and listening, reading, writing and grammar skills needed for everyday life and employment at Level 1. Your tutor will discuss and agree with you any individual topics you wish to cover. You will also improve your IT skills, including learning how to use Google Education Suite, send emails, use online meeting platforms and observe online meeting etiquette (how to switch your camera on and off, mute yourself, use the chat facility and interact online with your peers).

### **How will the course be delivered?**

You will be expected to take part in a variety of whole class, paired, group, individual activities and discussions. You will be asked to complete homework that will help you to work independently and develop your skills. You will be working from multi-media resources including books, handouts, presentations and real-life resources. You will also be able to use online resources and SMART technology (e.g. YouTube, Pinterest; ESOL Nexus, Google Education Suite, websites and others).

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During the first 2 weeks your learning and level - as well as your attendance, punctuality and commitment to learning - will be assessed to make sure this is the right course for you. If your assessment shows that you are at a different level, then your tutor will recommend the most suitable course for you to transfer to. If your attendance and punctuality are not very good, then you will not be able to continue on the course. During this course you will be assessed by your tutor to ensure you are progressing at the correct level. You may be able to progress onto the next 15-week course (Term B) at the end of which you may be able to take an ESB ESOL Skills for Life Level 1 speaking and listening qualification depending on your progress. During this course your tutor will assess your work and skills through regular homework, tests, tutorials and observation. You will have an individual learning plan (ILP) that you will maintain with personal and group targets that you will be working towards.

## **Progression or Employment pathways**

At the end of the semester A course you may be able to progress to Semester B for the next 15 weeks if your assessment shows that you are progressing at the right level and your attendance, punctuality and homework are good. In Term B you may be able to take a speaking and listening Skills for Life ESOL ESB exam. Your tutor will advise you on your next step.

## **Extra Costs**

To take part in classroom based learning you will need..... • A folder, A4 lined paper and a notebook. You may need to buy a coursebook. Your tutor will talk to you about this at the beginning of the course.

## **Health & Safety**

You will be issued with a photographic ID card and lanyard which must be worn at all times in our buildings. You will need your ID to get into the building. You will be expected to follow the social distancing arrangements in place for the safety of staff and learners (see our guide to social distancing for further information). You will be issued with a Redbridge Institute Google account which is to be used while you are on the course. You will also be expected to be familiar with staying safe while learning online. Under no circumstances should you use your personal email account to access our Google system. Standard teaching room low level risks.