

Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service

Course Information Sheet

Course Title: ESOL ENTRY 1

Who is the course for?

This course is for people who do not have English as a first language and have been assessed as suitable to study at ESOL Entry 1.

How is this course delivered?

This course is face to face in one of our Centres. Some online learning may be incorporated if circumstances make this necessary. If you don't have a laptop computer, please talk to your lecturer about borrowing one from the service. **We are committed to ensuring all learners can participate.**

Do you gain any qualifications?

Yes, this course can lead to nationally recognised Ascentis Skills for Life ESOL qualifications. Your lecturer will decide with you which exam(s) you take based on your diagnostic assessments – this may be Speaking & Listening and/or Reading and/or Writing. If you pass these, you will get a **Certificate**. It may sometimes be agreed that you will not take an exam if that is the best decision for your situation.

Do you need to be interviewed or assessed before enrolling on the course?

Yes, you will need to complete an Initial Assessment and interview so we can make sure we find the right course for you.

What will you learn?

Some of the things it is possible to study at this level are:

Speaking and Listening

- Ask for and give personal information
- Talk about what you do every day
- Talk about what you like or don't like
- Describe things, people and places
- Buy things and ask about things in shops and markets
- Ask the way and give simple directions
- Ask for information about travel
- Tell a doctor or chemist what is wrong with you
- Make an appointment
- Talk about and understand clock times
- Follow instructions
- Get and share information about going to school and college
- Have some knowledge and understanding of some aspects of Life in the UK

Reading

- Recognize simple signs

- Recognise key words
- Read simple sentences
- Know different kinds of text – e.g. form, message, notice
- Get meaning from capital letters, full stops and layout
- Use some common spelling patterns to help reading
- Name letters and numbers in English

Writing

- Fill in forms with personal information
- Write messages, short notes and lists
- Write simple sentences about people
- Write simple sentences to describe things or objects
- Write simple sentences to describe places
- Punctuate sentences using capital letter and full stop
- Understand how to use very simple letter patterns to spell words
- Spell some words from memory

Some **digital skills**, such as:

- Installing an application
- Navigating online content
- Identifying and solving simple technical problems
- Capturing images or sound
- Participating in online lessons
- Completing and submitting online forms
- Configuring and using secure ways to access devices

Grammar, for example:

- Present Tenses/Verbs
- Can, Would
- Word Order
- Questions, Orders
- Some/Any, His/Her, This/That, Then/Next
- Vocabulary

All ESOL courses include embedded employability, citizenship and numeracy skills, as well as enrichment activities such as trips, talks and class activities appropriate to the level.

Your teacher/tutor will give you a Diagnostic Assessment so he/she can talk with you more about what English you need to work on and which exams you should do.

We will also ask you to study at home and complete homework regularly

Equipment and resources

Essential equipment and resources - A4 ringbinder, pen, pencil and notebook

Optional equipment – a dictionary

What next? This course could lead to employment, self-employment, or skills for future employment. When you pass all 3 exams, you can progress to ESOL Entry 2.

Holidays: Most courses run term-time only. Your lecturer will give you full details at the start of your course.