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GENERAL ENGLISH



PURSUING EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH

Our General English Courses will help you to improve your English in all areas: grammar, vocabulary, speaking, pronunciation, listening, reading and writing.

Teachers use their professional expertise to select activities that will most engage and support their students.



COURSE FACTS

Minimum Age: 18

Maximum 12 students per class

Tuition: 15, 19, 23 or 30 hours

Level: All (beginners accepted on the first Monday of every month)



COURSE DESCRIPTION

We use the 'Communicative Method' to cover all aspects of the language used at each level of the CEFR. There is a comprehensive programme of grammar, reading, listening and writing, all supported by meaningful speaking activities. Students also complete a short test every Friday to assess their own progress.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Students develop all four skill areas in a supportive classroom environment, following the TIS curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on training our students to be independent language learners.



PROGRESSION ROUTES

Students can study General English alongside our IELTS and Cambridge examination courses. Students have the opportunity to progress through all the levels of the CEFR and their global progress is monitored every month by our academic team.



WHAT IS INCLUDED

Pre-course placement test

Certification of level

Course materials

Report



Please check our Dates and Fees for course, accommodation and transfer prices.



At Torquay International School we have been providing English language tuition for over 40 years. Our aim has always been the same: to help our students achieve their aims in a professional and friendly environment.



Torquay is the largest town on the area of coastline known as the English Riviera. The town offers excellent leisure opportunities, an attractive harbour and fantastic beaches. Torquay is also part of a UNESCO-listed coastal Geopark.

SAMPLE ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

We host a full programme of activities with an exciting mix of entertainment, sightseeing, culture and outdoor fun. No matter what time of year you visit, we are confident there will be activities you will enjoy .

The weekly programme is advertised in our Student Lounge and you can reserve your place on these activities at Reception.



Monday

Introductory Tour

Enjoy a relaxing tour around the English Riviera with our guide who will show you all that Torquay has to offer.



Tuesday

Brixham

Explore the bustling fishing town of Brixham. Sometimes we also spot seals, dolphins and even whales!



Wednesday

Dartmouth by Steam Train

Take the steam train along the coastline. A passenger ferry takes you across the River Dart to Dartmouth, famous for its scenic river location.



Thursday

Ten-Pin Bowling

AMF Bowling Torquay is the perfect place to relax and have fun with your new friends. Will you get the highest score?



Friday

Exeter

Explore the Cathedral city of Exeter with its fine architecture, historic old quayside and excellent shopping.



Saturday

Stonehenge and Bath

Visit Stonehenge - one of the wonders of the world and the best-known prehistoric monument in Europe. After that, explore Bath - famous for its Roman architecture and thermal baths.



Sunday

Dartmoor National Park

Dartmoor is one of the U.K.'s National Parks, which means it is so special it is protected by law. With our expert guide, you will explore a small part of Dartmoor today and hopefully fall in love with it and come back for more!

A DESCRIPTION OF YOUR LEVEL BASED ON THE CEFR

The CEFR (COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK) describes what a learner is supposed to be able to do in reading, listening, speaking and writing at each level.

A1

Can understand and use familiar everyday expressions and very basic phrases aimed at the satisfaction of needs of a concrete type. Can introduce themselves and others and can ask and answer questions about personal details such as where they live, people they know and things they have. Can interact in a simple way provided the other person talks slowly and clearly and is prepared to help.

A2

Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of their background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

B1

Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.

B2

Can understand the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialisation. Can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible without strain for either party. Can produce clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

C1

Can understand a wide range of demanding, longer texts, and recognise implicit meaning. Can express themselves fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. Can use language flexibly and effectively for social, academic and professional purposes. Can produce clear, well-structured, detailed text on complex subjects, showing controlled use of organisational patterns, connectors and cohesive devices.

C2

Can understand with ease virtually everything heard or read. Can summarise information from different spoken and written sources, reconstructing arguments and accounts in a coherent presentation. Can express themselves spontaneously, very fluently and precisely, differentiating finer shades of meaning even in more complex situations.



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Other popular courses

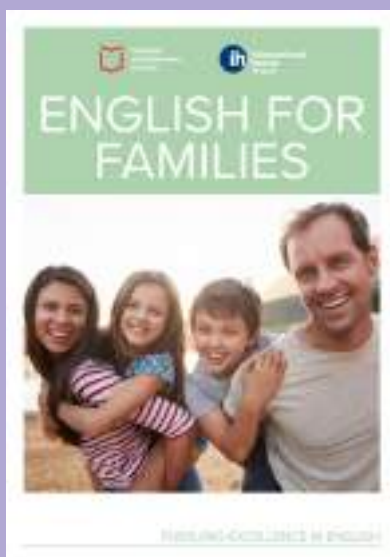


These courses are designed for more mature students and professionals wanting to improve their English in a more intensive setting with a maximum of 4 students per class.



This two-week programme combines:

1. Intensive English course, maximum 6 students per class
2. Afternoon and weekend excursions around one of the UK's most beautiful regions



English for Families is a unique year-round programme that allows family members young and old to improve their English whilst enjoying a holiday on the beautiful English Riviera.



Our full-day English Academy programme combines academic study with fun learning methods and a variety of extra-curricular activities and excursions.

Accreditations



Accredited by the
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