

General English Course Overview

Speak English Language Institute
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B1.2 - Intermediate

1. Course Description

This course enables students to enhance and acquire English language skills in reading writing, listening and speaking. In addition, it supports each skills-based lesson with speaking activities designed to give students the opportunity to acquire and practice vocabulary and grammar.

The table below shows the number of hours required to move from one level of English to the next according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.

Recommended hours per CEFR level

CEFR is the abbreviation for Common European Framework of Reference. It is an international standard for describing language ability. It is used around the world to describe learners' language skills. The CEFR was designed to give learners and teachers an indication of what should be taught in each level and how long students approximately need to study for in each level. See below the average number of study hours needed to successfully complete each level.

A1	100 - 150 hours
A2	100 - 150 hours
B1.1	100 - 120 hours
B1.2	100 - 120 hours
B2	100 - 200 hours



2. Course Goals

This course aims to improve all four language skills, speaking, listening, reading and writing to reach level B2 of the CEFR. In addition, it provides students with the confidence to communicate in English in a variety of different settings, for example social, professional and academic.

3. Learning Objectives

By the end of this course, students will be able to do the following:

Reading

- Read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints
- Understand contemporary literary prose

Writing

- Write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects related to their interests
- Write an essay or report, passing on information or giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view
- Write letters highlighting the personal significance of events and experiences

Speaking

- Interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible
- Take an active part in discussion in familiar contexts, accounting for and sustaining their views
- Present clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of subjects related to their field of interest
- Explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options

Listening

- Understand extended speech and lectures and follow even complex lines of argument provided the topic is reasonably familiar
- Understand most TV news and current affairs programmes
- Understand the majority of films in standard dialect

Assessment Strategy

Student progress will be assessed on a weekly basis with feedback given in class. No grades will be given as the aim of feedback is to allow students to focus on areas that require improvement and to provide a supportive but informal method of allowing students to progress.

Students will have the opportunity to measure their progress each month by doing level tests in accordance with the CEFR. On achieving the learning objectives detailed above, students will be able to move to the next level.

Materials:

Destination B2, Macmillan

Selected exercises from Global Intermediate and Upper-Intermediate, Macmillan



View of Dubai Marina



Speak Student area in Dubai



Group course in Dubai



Private class in Ras Al Khaimah



General English course in RAK



Students doing a writing exercise



Dr. Pauline Keith teaching a group class in RAK



Waldorf Astoria in Ras Al Khaimah