

General English

Section 1: Overview

Is this course for me?

- This course is for students who want to improve their English but still have plenty of free time.
- Lessons will improve all your key skills: reading, writing, listening, speaking.
- You'll gain confidence through total immersion in English.

Key Facts

Available in

- Boston
- Los Angeles
- New York
- Brighton
- Bournemouth
- London
- Oxford

Start dates:

- Every Monday between 3 January and 11 December 2023 (first Monday of each month for beginners)

Minimum entry level:

- Beginner (Kings Level 1)*

Age:

- 16+

Duration:

- Minimum 2 weeks

Class size:

- In the UK: Maximum 14
- In the US: Maximum 15

Lessons per week:

- In the UK: 20 lessons (15 hours) General English
- In the USA: 20 lessons (15 hours) General English + 4 lessons (3 hours) guided study

* If a Beginners level group is not available, you can take 8 hours of one-to-one lessons before joining a suitable class.

Included in the price:

- 20 lessons per week (15 hours)
- Welcome Information Pack
- Course materials
- Placement test on arrival, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Use of Computer Learning Centre
- Free Wi-fi at school
- Full access to Kings social programme, with at least two free activities per week
- Full access to join Kings' school clubs and societies
- Optional weekly lecture programme
- End-of-course certificate (requires minimum 90% attendance)

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"The first part of the lesson was about grammar and vocabulary, the second part was about speaking and listening. I really enjoyed the speaking and listening part, we socialised and we had so much fun trying to do speeches about every kind of topics."

Section 2: Course structure and content

Your General English lessons will improve your reading, writing, speaking and listening at a consistent rate. Each week, lessons will focus on a different topic.

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Communication skills

- Conversational language skills
- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank
- Fine tuning your pronunciation
- Interpretation of texts
- Grammar and syntax

Study skills

- Note taking and revision
- Research skills
- Time management and planning
- Dictionary work
- Learner autonomy

Cultural and personal development

- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Team work and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

You will be assigned to your general English class based on your current Kings Level. We have classes suitable for students at Level 1 (Beginner) right through to Level 8 (Advanced), and you will progress up through the levels as your skills improve and your confidence grows.

Sample timetable

Please note: Sample timetable subject to change. General English lessons may take place in mornings or afternoons in summer.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
09:00 - 10:30 (Lessons 1 & 2) General English	Progress test including listening and writing. Individual and group feedback on test.	Grammar Using 'will' and 'shall' in polite requests. Pronunciation Open and closed questions (intonation). Professional skills Interviews.	Vocabulary Common idioms and phrasal verbs used to describe behaviour. Reading, listening and writing Giving tips on how to behave in different situations.	Listening Understanding how technology works. Functional language Giving instructions. Task-based learning (leadership and team work) Building a bridge.	Grammar review 'Will', 'shall' and relative clauses. Video Ted Talk: How to lead a conversation between people who disagree. Discussion Beyond right and wrong?
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:00 - 12:30 (Lessons 3 & 4) General English	Vocabulary Social behavior: Talking about norms and customs. Discussion Understanding cultural differences.	Video Phone addiction. Role-play Asking for and offering help. Study skills Making effective notes.	Real English People in the newspapers today. Grammar Defining relative clauses. Vocabulary Adjectives of character.	Writing An email describing a new invention. Presentations A future without cars.	Vocabulary Diplomatic language Professional skills Giving and receiving feedback.
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch