



Course details

Course title

First Steps in ESOL

Course code

Q00027410

Course date

Start: 09/09/26

End: 07/10/26

Number of classes

5 sessions

Timetable

Wed 9th Sep, 10:00 to 14:00

Wed 16th Sep, 10:00 to 14:00

Wed 23rd Sep, 10:00 to 14:00

Wed 30th Sep, 10:00 to 14:00

Wed 7th Oct, 10:00 to 14:00

Tutor

Fozia Aslam

Fee range

Funding available - £192.00

How you'll learn

You'll join a small group of fellow learners for classes at the venue indicated. Some materials may be provided in our virtual learning environment.

Got it!

In venue

Venue

Ingeus
3rd & 4th Floor
154 Great Charles Street
Queensway
Birmingham
West Midlands
B3 3HN

Level of study

Beginners

Course overview

This course is funded by the West Midlands Combined Authority and is only available to residents living within the West Midlands Combined Authority area. First Steps in ESOL introduces learners to the foundations of English needed for early communication in everyday situations. The course focuses on building confidence with essential vocabulary, recognising key sounds, and understanding simple spoken instructions. Learners practise using single words and short phrases to share basic personal information and take part in highly supported classroom activities. Visuals, repetition and practical tasks help learners understand meaning and develop early listening and speaking skills. The course prepares learners for further learning by building confidence, routine and familiarity with classroom language before progressing to Entry 1 ESOL.

Course description

First Steps in ESOL is a pre entry course designed for learners who are new to English and need a gentle introduction to early communication skills before progressing to Entry 1 ESOL. The course focuses on building confidence with essential everyday vocabulary, including words for people, places, objects and simple daily activities. Learners practise recognising key sounds, matching spoken words to pictures and understanding meaning through visuals, gestures and modelling. They also learn to follow simple classroom instructions such as “sit down”, “listen”, “write your name” and “work with a partner”, helping them feel comfortable in a learning environment.

Speaking activities focus on using single words and short chunks of language to share basic personal information, such as name, country, family and simple preferences. Learners take part in highly structured tasks including repetition, choral practice, matching activities and guided pair work. Listening tasks help learners identify familiar words and respond to simple questions.

The course supports learners to develop early study skills, build confidence and become familiar with classroom routines. By the end of the course, learners will be able to understand and use very simple English in supported situations and will be ready to progress to Entry 1 ESOL or Get Ready for ESOL.

What financial support is available?

We don't want anything to stand in your way when it comes to bringing Adult learning within reach so if you need anything to support you to achieve your goals then speak to one of our education experts during your enrolment journey. Most of our courses are government funded but if you don't qualify or need alternative financial help to access them then let us know.

What other support is available?

All of our digital content, teaching and learning activities and assessments are designed to be accessible so if you need any additional support you can discuss this with the education experts during your enrolment journey and we will do all we can to make sure you have optimal access.

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