



## Socialising in English

The Socialising in English class is designed for all those who want to improve their ability to speak English, whether at work, when going abroad on holiday, or when making friends here in Macao. There is very little grammar. Instead, the focus is on improving your confidence and helping you to use all that English you learnt at school or university.

Socialising in English is available at two levels:

**Socialising 1 (Conversation Skills)** is intended for pre-intermediate students, and will provide a valuable chance to practice all the English you have learnt but rarely have the chance to use. The learning atmosphere will be informal and the emphasis will be on active communication, and using English as a means to express yourself, rather than worrying just about accuracy.

The focus of this course is on gaining speaking confidence through conversations based on everyday situations. Topics will be based around interesting news stories, music, travel, relationships, and other areas of interest to the class. You will have an opportunity to give opinions and justify them, engage in pair work and group discussions, and use English more confidently with both your trainer and your fellow students.

The course is ideal for people who think they have studied enough from the book and want to apply their English in conversation, are worried they are losing their conversational skills, or simply do not get enough chance to speak English.

**Socialising 2 (Interaction Skills)** is an intermediate course that will help you to develop social relationships in English with people you meet. Through social talk - sharing experiences, ideas, opinions, feelings - you can develop both professional and personal relationships, and feel more comfortable in your use of English. You will be given advice on how to greet people appropriately, how to talk about Macao, and how to know which topics are culturally safe or unsafe to talk about. You will also learn a supply of fixed phrases appropriate for specific occasions, and be able to use a variety of conversational strategies in a wide range of social gatherings.

Both courses will help you to develop your ability to socialise in English, to make friends more easily, and to feel more comfortable in social situations where English is spoken. The courses are equally useful whether you need English in your work or your social life, or if you would just like to be able to speak English with greater confidence than you do now.

**Course Duration:** 50 hours. Lessons will take place twice a week, starting at 7pm, with each class lasting for 2 hours. Other times can be arranged for you and your friends; just contact us.

**Your Trainer:** Your trainer for this course will be a highly experienced native English speaker. Throughout the course you will perform realistic tasks. You will receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses, and guidance as to how to communicate more effectively in English.