



General English (Level 4)

This course will meet the needs of pre-intermediate students who have already mastered the basics, and now wish to open a path towards further study. It is designed for people who want to develop their all-round skills, especially **speaking** and **listening**.

What will I get from the course? By the end of level 4 you will be able to communicate in longer sentences, using appropriate connectors. In particular, you should be able to express your opinions and develop a longer conversation by responding appropriately and introducing new material. Your pronunciation and speed of speech should not cause any major difficulties for the listener, and you should have sufficient command of grammar to make your meaning clear in most situations.

During the course you will:

- Improve your pronunciation, including sentence stress and intonation, by listening to the teacher and to recordings
- Increase your knowledge of grammar by studying structures in context, thereby improving your **accuracy**
- Expand your vocabulary by learning new words, with frequent reviews
- Talk to other students, under the teacher's supervision, in order to develop your **fluency**

What will I study? Some of the grammatical structures and language functions you will study at this level are:

- Present simple and continuous tenses (active and passive voices)
- Past tenses: simple, continuous, perfect
- Present perfect tense
- Future forms
- Conditionals
- Gerunds & Infinitives
- Modal Verbs to describe possibility

These structures are used naturally when encountering different topics, for example:

- Giving general information
- Telling stories and biographies
- Describing future plans
- Informing others of news stories
- Comparing travel experiences
- Describing things that have happened to you

How long does the course last? This is a 50-hour course, with two classes per week, each of 2 hours 10 minutes.

This class is open to all pre-intermediate students (as measured by the Bell Placement Test).