

SIGs for Fluency and Experience

Pronunciation

- This speaking skills class will help you speak more clearly and naturally.
- It will guide you from controlled practice to communicative interaction
- You will develop the most important parts of spoken English, such as stress, rhythm, and intonation.

Vocabulary Development

- This class improves your reading skills and vocabulary
- You will work with academic materials and learn valuable words from the Academic Word List.

Conversation Skills

- This SIG improves your speaking.
- You will learn common idioms, phrases, and modern expressions.
- You will also improve your listening and speaking by acquiring conversational vocabulary.

Group Discussion

- This SIG covers important topics that are debated in American or British society.
- You will learn how to apply abstract ideas, think critically about what you learn, and exchange your respectfully. All in English!

Elementary Skills

- On this SIG, you will focus equally on writing, reading, listening and speaking.
- You are given the language training and practice you need to become a skilled and confident communicator.

British Culture and History

- This SIG looks at British history, literature, philosophy, law, etiquette and the British education system.
- You will visit places of interest, whilst also improving your English
- There is a focus on spoken fluency and reading skills.

Survival English

- This SIG is for beginners with very little English.
- It provides specific support in the daily functions necessary to "survive" in the UK or US.
- You will develop your everyday spoken English skills and your cultural awareness through thematic study.

Discussion Skills

- This SIG focuses on English used to agree and disagree, negotiate, suggest, clarify, summarise or any other type of discussion.

- It also develops your listening skills and the accuracy and fluency of your pronunciation.
- You will explore the differences between how discussions are conducted in English and in your own culture.

American Culture

- This SIG looks at American views on religion, business, government, race relations, education and family
- You will develop more advanced vocabulary and refine your English skills.

Drama

- This SIG focuses on English in the context of drama.
- Your existing dramatic knowledge in English will be expanded and you will develop your skills in play writing, acting and directing
- You can work together in class to produce and perform a short dramatic piece.

Cinema and Television

- This SIG improves your oral skills and your understanding of English-speaking culture by analysing films and TV shows.
- You develop idiomatic language and vocabulary while understanding dialect differences and social communication.

Music

- This SIG introduces the musical genres and styles of modern US or UK.
- You will develop your language skills by exploring your own musical interests.

Speaking, Drama and Pronunciation

- This SIG will develop the clarity and fluency of your spoken English through a range of drama-based activities.
- You will focus on pronunciation - from individual sounds, to words, phrases, sentences and on to longer stretches of speech.
- You will gain the knowledge, skills and practice to use spoken English in a variety of contexts and purposes. You'll learn to speak with clarity, precision and emotional expressiveness.

SIGs for Professional Success

Business Fluency

- You will develop skills in reading, listening for information and note-taking
- You will learn to use important words and phrases accurately when discussing business topics, and apply your knowledge in re-creations of business situations
- You will also learn to recognise cultural differences.

English for Work

- This SIG improve your knowledge and confidence with language in a business context.

- You will develop new vocabulary related to work, learn useful spoken phrases and work on pronunciation
- You will learn useful language for writing reports and emails, read and listen to business language, give presentations and role-play business meetings.

Marketing and Digital Media

- This SIG focuses on the language of marketing, digital media and new technologies.
- You will cover social media marketing, digital strategy, branding and advertising, as well as business and marketing terminology.

Legal English

- This SIG introduces you to the essentials of legal English.
- You will cover different types of law, including contract, criminal and international.
- You will also develop legal vocabulary and the skills needed for the legal profession.
- You can also experience the practice of law through regular educational visits.

Career guidance

This is guaranteed at all schools. It is ideal if you are on a gap year or want advice about your next steps – whether work or university.

Options vary but are likely to include:

- Creating the perfect CV/resume
- Interview and presentation practise
- Careers talks and discussions: finance, business, education, marketing and more
- University advice: Which degree, which university?
- Psychometric testing: Guiding you through the globally recognised test systems

SIGs for Exam Success

Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)

- You will have extensive guidance on the specific requirements of each of the four sections in the exam.
- You will have a range of practice tests and detailed feedback on your performance.

Masters Preparation

- This SIG is for students intending to study a Masters degree at an English-speaking university.
- It combines an intensive focus on academic English with the skills you need for graduate-level success.
- You will produce a range of academic texts, including research projects and a mini dissertation.

IELTS Preparation

- This SIG provides a complete overview of the IELTS exam and the requirements of each of its four parts.
- You will be trained in the skills needed to fully achieve your exam potential.

TOEFL Preparation

- This SIG introduces the four sections of the TOEFL exam – listening, reading, speaking and writing.
- If you are not yet at the level needed you will benefit from practicing test areas in simpler language.

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)

- This SIG gives extensive guidance on the specific requirements of each of its four sections Cambridge English: Advanced exam
- You will have a range of practice tests and detailed feedback on your performance.

Cambridge English: First (FCE)

- This SIG gives extensive guidance on the specific requirements of each of its four sections Cambridge English: First exam
- You will have a range of practice tests and detailed feedback on your performance.

SIGs for University Success

Masters Preparation

- This SIG is for students intending to study a Masters degree at an English-speaking university.
- It combines an intensive focus on academic English with the skills you need for graduate-level success.
- You will produce a range of academic texts, including research projects and a mini dissertation.

Academic Reading and Writing

- This SIG gives you a complete overview of the conventions of academic English - grammar, vocabulary and format.
- You will develop skills to produce and fully understand a range of academic texts.

Pre-IELTS

- This SIG introduces the format of the IELTS exam the academic language and skills you will need - both for the exam and for further academic study.
- You will benefit from practice tests and detailed feedback.

Reading and Writing

- This SIG support you in your reading and writing.
- It addresses the vital role literacy skills play in effective communication and ongoing language development.
- You will explore the conventions of written English through a variety of texts and will have ongoing feedback on your written work.