

## 10 reasons why you should study English in the UK:

### 1. **CHOICE OF COURSES**

The UK has the largest range of English language courses in the world

### 2. **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**

It has a reputation for academic and teaching excellence

### 3. **RECOGNISED QUALIFICATIONS**

Your qualification will be valued anywhere in the world

### 4. **GREAT VALUE**

Our accredited courses are great value for money

### 5. **HISTORY AND CULTURE**

Discover what the UK has to offer – then and now

### 6. **MULTICULTURAL LIFE**

Meet people from all over the world

### 7. **EUROPEAN TRAVEL**

Travel easily around Europe

### 8. **FUTHER STUDY**

Great options for continuing your studies

### 9. **CAREER OPTIONS**

Work experience opportunities and other career options

### 10. **THE HOME OF ENGLISH**

Where better is there to study than the home of the language?

## STUDYING ENGLISH IN THE UK

The UK is the home of the English language, so where better is there to study it?

Around 600,000 people travel to the UK every year to learn English. It has the best choice of English language courses anywhere in the world, an unquestionable reputation for academic excellence, and you can be sure any qualification you receive will be recognised wherever you go in the world.

Living in the UK can be inspiring too, with its rich history, culture, mix of international influences, and opportunities for study and career progression.

Make this the best investment for your future.

If you are coming to the UK to take an English language course, you must enrol at one of our member centres as part of gaining your UK student visa. We have over 400 different course providers to choose from and each is endorsed by the British Council's Accreditation UK scheme, which checks and improves standards of teaching, management, facilities and welfare provision.

Accreditation is a mark of high-quality learning and value for money. There are also established procedures to safeguard students in the rare case they experience a problem with their course or college.

If you want to study English in the UK, enrolling on one of our accredited courses ensures you are making the very best investment for your future.

## CHOOSING A COURSE AND LOCATION

You will find accredited courses to suit all language needs and levels of skill, in different types of location all over the UK. There is something to suit everyone, you could say.

Our members include private language schools, educational trusts, charities and language centres in further education colleges and universities. It's a choice that is unrivalled anywhere else in the world, with over 400 accredited centres in a variety of city, countryside and coastal locations.

When choosing your course, there are a few things worth considering. What do you want to achieve by studying English? What is your current skill level? Do you need a qualification? How long do you want to study and at what time of year? Do you prefer city life, or would you prefer the countryside or living by the coast? Do you want to be at a university, further education college or private language school?

Why not read more about the types of courses and colleges on pages 6 and 7, or the types of location on pages 10 to 15?

### What do you hope to do after your English language studies?

An English language course is a great investment, whether you're preparing for further study or hoping to improve your CV and career prospects.

Almost all of our language centres offer courses that lead to internationally-recognised qualifications. And, as part of the UK's educational system, there are great opportunities to continue your studies, including a wide range of professional, vocational or pre-university, degree and postgraduate options.

## CHOOSING A COURSE AND COLLEGE

Some of the types of courses on offer:

### **GENERAL AND INTENSIVE ENGLISH**

Language skills for life in an English-speaking country.

### **FOUNDATION**

Preparation for a course at college or university: academic English and study skills, alongside an academic or professional subject.

### **ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES**

Language skills for a specific profession.

### **BUSINESS ENGLISH**

Help to improve the language you use in your business life. Read more at [www.businessenglishuk.org.uk](http://www.businessenglishuk.org.uk).

### **ADULT VACATION**

Language learning alongside an activity of your choice. Ages 18+.

### **YOUNG LEARNER VACATION**

Language learning as part of a social, sports and visits programme. Ages 5 to 17.

### **ENGLISH PLUS**

Language learning alongside a hobby or special interest.

### **HOME TUITION**

One-to-one language tuition in the teacher's home.

## **ONE-TO-ONE**

Personalised individual tuition.

## **COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH**

Teacher development and qualifications from postgraduate certificate to doctorate level.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Classroom learning with practice in a work placement or internship. Read more at [www.workexperience-uk.com](http://www.workexperience-uk.com).

## **EXAMINATION PREPARATION**

Examination techniques and tips for success.

## **ENGLISH FOR ACADEMIC PURPOSES**

Preparation for further study, improving English in an academic context with study skills.

Some of the types of provider:

### **PRIVATE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS**

Typically offering a range English language courses. Some schools may specialise – for example, teaching young people or business executives.

### **INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

Options to study a range of subjects using English.

### **FURTHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

Typically offering a range of courses from beginner to advanced. Also career-based training and academic courses.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

Offering a range of courses, many specialising in English for Academic Purposes and Foundation courses. Your language skills need to be intermediate or better.

Why not visit [www.englishuk.com](http://www.englishuk.com) to try out our Course Finder tool?

## LIFE IN THE UK

English UK member centres will help you research your accommodation options, which is a real advantage when you are moving to a new country.

Accommodation options typically include:

### **RESIDENTIAL**

Many international students live in student accommodation. They rent in halls of residence, student houses or flats, usually with their own room but sharing a kitchen and bathroom.

### **HOMESTAY**

You live with a family, with your own bedroom or sharing with another student. This can be a good option if you want to learn the language from native speakers and experience more of the British culture.

### **A HOTEL OR HOSTEL**

There will be a wide range of hotels and hostels on offer, from budget student hostels to five star hotels.

Your social life can be as lively or as relaxed as you want while you are in the UK.

Being a student in the UK is about social time as well as studying.

The UK benefits from a rich history and an amazing cultural scene, so there is always something to see and do – from museums, art galleries and other visitor attractions to theatres, parks and live music. Meet with friends for a coffee, catch a film, go clubbing, or get the blood pumping with some sport or outdoor activity.

Most English language centres provide student social opportunities to help you settle in, meet people and practice your English. International students tell us how easily they make new friends from all over the world.

On a student visa, you are also allowed to work part-time up to 10 hours a week during term time and full-time during your holiday. It could be a great way to pick up some work experience during your stay.

## WHERE IN THE UK?

The UK has some of the most vibrant, colourful cities in the world. In places like London, Birmingham, Bristol, Manchester and Newcastle, there is always something cultural or social to do right on your doorstep, with the easiest of access to museums, galleries, bars, shops and more. You should never feel confined to the bigger urban spreads though. Historic cities like Bath, Cambridge, Exeter, Oxford and York offer so much for those who prefer city life on a slightly smaller scale.

## WHERE IN THE UK

Exploring the countryside in the UK is like a step back in time. Take a trip down winding lanes, through fields, across national parks and into picturesque market towns, and you experience traditional rural life and a variation of landscapes around every turn. There are accredited courses in country locations from rugged Scotland to the green counties of Devon and Somerset in the South West, unspoilt Northern Ireland across to the garden region of Kent in East England.

## WHERE IN THE UK

As an island, the UK has always had a strong relationship with the sea. Horizons broaden at the coast, with the freshest of air and a huge range of outdoor pursuits. Many seaside towns are popular places to visit and study. Around the UK's 11,000 miles of coastline, there's everything from the fashionable buzz of Brighton in the south to the more traditional coastal experiences of WWW, XXXX, YYYY and ZZZ.

[Note: wasn't sure which coastal towns to include here]

## STUDYING IN THE UK IS JUST A CLICK AWAY

Search for courses and find out about student life in the UK on [www.englishuk.com](http://www.englishuk.com). Find the course for you on our website with our easy-to-use Course Finder tool. We list over 400 accredited language centres in city, countryside and coastal locations. Plus, there's all you need to know about life in the UK, from visas and insurance to your social life and accommodation. We speak your lingo too – our online student area is available in 10 different languages.