



Maior Lughha School of International Languages

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English Language Proficiency – A1 Level & A2 Lower Intermediate Level Profile

Overview

In an increasingly international world, being able to communicate in English is nowadays a necessity in social, professional and business life. Competence in English creates an increasing range of business, travel and leisure opportunities, opening doors to international communication.

Grammar is without doubt one of the most daunting aspects of the English language, an area riddled with complexities, inconsistencies, and contradictions. It has also been in a state of flux for pretty much its entire existence. For native speakers of English, as well as for those learning it as a new language, grammar presents a very serious challenge to speaking and writing both accurately and effectively.

This program will provide a clear, unambiguous, and comprehensive source of information that covers all the relevant topics of English grammar, while still making it easy to understand and enjoyable to learn.

Learning how the English language works will enhance your engagement with speech and writing, from the books you read, to the e-mails you write, to the conversations you have with friends and strangers alike.

The rules of grammar for a language learner are like the rules of the road for a driver. In order to be able to drive properly and maneuver with other drivers, you have to know the rules that everyone goes by. Naturally, some people break the rules and make driving difficult for other drivers. This is true of language, too. If you follow the rules of grammar, you can express yourself clearly. But if you fail to observe those rules, people may find it difficult to understand you or they may even misunderstand you entirely. So it's really very important to understand and use correct grammar.

People may decide to learn English for many different reasons, but whether you learn English so you can travel, study, work or even just to understand your English community; it is a great language to have under your belt!

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Studying a foreign language not only improves communication and memory skills, but it can also increase cultural knowledge and can help you to feel more independent when travelling and interacting. With English being the most widely spoken language in the world, it is a great choice as a second language!

Why learning English or improving your English skills is a great idea!

- **English is the Language of International Communication.**
English is the official language of 53 countries and spoken by around 1.75 billion people across the globe. Being able to speak English is not just about being able to communicate with native English speakers; it is the most common second language in the world.
- **English is the Language of Business.**
English is the dominant business language and it has become almost a necessity for people to speak English if they are to enter a global workforce. Research from all over the world shows that cross-border business communication is most often conducted in English and many international companies expect employees to be fluent in English. Global companies have mandated English as their official corporate language.
- **Learning English gives you Access to more of the Internet.**
According to a report by Education First, English is the language of the internet. An estimated 565 million people use the internet every day, and an estimated 52 percent of the world's most visited websites are displayed in the English language.
- **Easy to Travel.**
English is the official language of 53 countries worldwide, which means that you can travel with ease! Also, English is also the main language for international communication, which means that wherever you go travelling, it is likely that your English could help you travel more easily. For example; menus, aeroplane announcements, public transport information, emergency information and street signs are often translated into English, so you will feel more independent and confident!
- **Study abroad opportunities.**
Since English is spoken by so many people in many different countries, improving your standard of English could provide opportunities to study abroad and access University courses.
- **It can make you smarter!**
Speaking English or any second language has been shown to improve memory skills, communication skills and boosts your brain power!

Although learning English can be challenging and time-consuming, we can see that it is also very valuable to learn and can create many opportunities!

Target population

- This course has been designed for any person wishing to improve their English language working general knowledge, especially business people, students who wish to pursue further education locally and abroad, any person with very basic knowledge of the language who would like to improve their English skills etc.

- It is aimed at learners with a general interest in English. Some prior level of knowledge of the language is required for those wishing to pursue English Language Proficiency – A1 Level & A2 Lower Intermediate Level

Learning resources

- Your tutor will supply necessary and relevant learning materials, both tailor-made and taken from other sources (textbooks, newspapers, internet etc.) to supplement the subject matter.
- Notes will be shared to enable learners' have self-study and revision at their own time and pace. There will be a variety of text materials available for learners to use throughout their study period.

Recommended learning materials include for elementary

These materials can be bought from the local bookshops or bought online. Your tutor will assist you to acquire them, in case you need assistance.

- i. Basic English Grammar for English Language Learners – Book 1 by Anne Seaton & Y.H. Mew
- ii. English Grammar for ESL Learners by Ed Swick (McGraw-Hill)
- iii. Essential Grammar in Use - A self-study reference and practice book for elementary learners of English Fourth Edition with answers by Raymond Murphy

Participation

Participation includes:

- Regular online attendance through Skype/Zoom/Telegram etc.
- Prompt completion of all reading/assignments and assessment.
- It is estimated that within 5 months, the contents of this programme will be mastered.
- A concentrated study of at least 4 hours per week is recommended.

Learning Outcome

By the end of this course the learner will:

- Be able to communicate in basic everyday life situations, including but not limited to greetings, daily activities, finding one's way, telling time and date, making simple purchases and related transactions, ordering and paying for meals etc.
- Be able to understand very simple oral and written texts and ascertain specific information on simple topics.
- Have approximately one thousand words introduced throughout the course, which is considered adequate for general working topics.

Course Delivery

- A communicative approach will be used. All four skills (speaking, reading, listening & writing) will be practiced.
- Enough interaction will be accorded to ensure complete comprehension of the course.
- Virtual lessons will be conducted according to agreed schedules.
- Students will also be offered guidance in self-study and set learning practice tasks.

- The study (tuition) timetable is tailor-made to suit student's availability.

Education is not only the learning of facts but also the training of mind to think!



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