

# Skills for Life – ESOL

## Overview

If English isn't your main language, you can do a course to help you improve your English. These courses are called ESOL or English for Speakers of other Languages. Skills for Life ESOL qualifications are designed to help you develop the skills you use in everyday life. They can also help you boost your CV or move on to further study.

Taking an ESOL qualification can help you:

- talk to doctors and teachers
- understand the laws and customs of the UK
- do a course and get a qualification
- help your child with homework
- pass the Life in the UK test and become a British citizen

You can take a Skills for Life English qualification if you:

- are over 16 years of age
- have left compulsory full-time education do not have an up-to-date English qualification at level 2 (the equivalent of a GCSE)

## What Will I Study?

The course covers speaking and listening, reading and writing, gaining vocabulary as well as all aspects of punctuation and grammar. The course will help you improve your English and gain a nationally recognised qualification.

There are different levels that you can study on:

- First Steps in English (ESOL Entry Level 1)
- Moving on in English (ESOL Entry Level 2)
- Performing in English (ESOL Entry Level 3)
- Intermediate English (Level 1)
- Advanced English (Level 2)

## Entry Requirements

You do not need any previous qualifications to join the classes. You'll need to attend an initial interview during which your level of numeracy will be assessed. At this stage we'll be able to direct you towards the most appropriate course.

## How will I be assessed

You'll be assessed throughout the course the course. At the end you will be able to complete an Edexcel or functional skills assessment to gain a nationally recognised qualification.