

How to maximize your learning

Keep in mind that it takes between 120 and 140 hours of lesson time to go up a level. You can maximize your learning by using some of these tips. You can also ask your teachers for support.

What you can do before class:

1. We recommend that before your first lesson you join one of our MyClub activities. These are free activities where you get to practice your speaking, meet teachers and other students. The teacher will also spend some time at the end giving an overview of Myclass and how to choose lessons.
2. Plan your learning. Plan to do at least 2 lesson and one MyClub a week. If you can, try to have your lessons and activity spread throughout your week: it's better having frequent shorter practice than a longer one. You also need to leave time in your schedule for your self-study.
3. Try different teachers. You might find that you prefer one over the other.
4. Think about your learning goals when choosing your classes. Check out [this page](#) to help you create an effective learning goal.
5. Prepare your lessons. Look at the title and description and anticipate what the content will cover. Additionally, you should check [myResroucesOnline](#) on the MyClass portal.

What you can do in class:

1. It's easier to learn if you are using a computer:
 - a. You will be more comfortable
 - b. You will have access to all the online tools more easily than on a phone
2. It's easier for you and your classmates to learn if you are in quiet environment. Try to find a room that is quiet and make sure the door is closed for your privacy. Avoid being outside as it is difficult to control the noises that can happen.
3. Make sure you have good internet where you decide to do the lessons. If you don't, you will not be able to interact with the students and the teachers.
4. Because our classes are interactive, you need to have your video on to be able to actively participate in class. If you don't your teacher will remind you. This is also part of our strict safeguarding policy.
5. The best way to progress is to participate actively during the class. Students that stay quiet usually don't progress very much.
6. You will be assessed based on your performance during the tasks done in class, so give it your best shot.

What you can do after class

1. After the lesson, reflect on what you did well and the areas you need to work on. You can revise what you did in class using [myResroucesOnline](#) and the resources available on the myClass portal.
2. Want to go further? We recommend using these free resources to help you in your learning:

British Council Websites

English Grammar <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/grammar>

English Vocabulary <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/vocabulary>

Business English <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/business-english>

General English (extra practice: video, audio, magazine, story zone and apps)
<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/general-english>

Community events (free to join, recordings available on YouTube and Facebook)
<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/online-courses/community-events>

Others

BBC Learn English (self-access material with great variety of and up-to-date activities)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>

Cambridge English Write & Improve (writing tasks from intermediate level with feedback from software) <https://writeandimprove.com/free>

References

We recommend using a learner's dictionary which will give you easy-to-understand definitions in English. This will help you get exposed to more language and step away from your mother tongue which essential when learning a language

Cambridge Learner's Dictionary <https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/learner-english/>

IELTS Coach tips

You can practice IELTS Sample question here: <https://www.ielts.org/for-test-takers/sample-test-questions>

You should familiarize yourself with the descriptors of your target band. This will help you make sure you are working towards your goal.

Public IELTS descriptors:

Writing task 1

https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/ielts_task_1_writing_band_descriptors.pdf

Writing task 2

https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/ielts_task_2_writing_band_descriptors.pdf

Speaking task <https://www.ielts.org/-/media/pdfs/speaking-band-descriptors.ashx?la=en>

Ready to take the test? Check out our advice page <https://takeielts.britishcouncil.org/take-ielts/test-day-advice>