



PROFESSIONAL LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS



General Information

Studying English with Professional Language Solutions at
11 Coldbath Square, London

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Intensive English Courses

There is no better way to learn English than to spend time studying in an English-speaking country. Based in central London, Professional Language Solutions offers intensive courses ideal for busy professionals who need to make rapid and significant progress in a short amount of time.



At our training centre in Coldbath Square we cater for a relatively small number of professional learners so that we can ensure the very best in personal attention and maximize the experience of full immersion in English.

We provide one-to-one and small group training with a focus on student-centred learning, helping clients to achieve their business language objectives with close support from a dedicated team of professional and experienced staff.

Our Location

Built on the site of ancient healing springs and an infamous 18th century prison, we are located in an attractive and tranquil square halfway between the City (London's main financial area) and the West End (the heart of London where a great many theatres, cinemas and department stores are situated).

We are just a few minutes' walk from some of the best known pubs and restaurants in London. Local attractions include the world-famous Sadler's Wells, which hosts a wide range of performances from modern ballet to flamenco. The nearby Barbican multi-arts centre has an extensive programme of concerts and art exhibitions as well as a theatre and a cinema.



Premises and Facilities

Commended for its *points of excellence* by the British Council in their recent inspection report, our training centre is spread over four floors and offers disabled access and facilities. All training rooms are light, spacious and comfortable. Free Wi-fi access is available throughout the building.

On a sunny day, students can enjoy break times in the private garden attached to the square, which is open only to the residents of Coldbath Square.

The Academic Management Team

The members of our academic management team are expert linguists who all have more than 15 years' experience in English for Specific Purposes, such as Business English and English for the Oil and Gas industries.

They are also qualified examiners for high-profile English language exams, including Cambridge ESOL and IELTS, and can therefore give expert advice on assessment and monitoring of progress.



Our academic management team are at hand on a daily basis to advise and support the tutors and the students, and to ensure that the high standards we pride ourselves on are met in every single course. They are also responsible for the tutors' professional development through a regular programme of in-house teacher training sessions.



Our Tutors

Our stringent selection criteria meet the standards set by the British Council. You can be confident that you will be taught by well-qualified tutors, who speak English as their first language and have considerable experience in training business executives and professionals from a variety of backgrounds.

Our tutors know the language you need at work and use proven teaching techniques and appropriate technology to make sure you enjoy the course and leave with the knowledge that you have raised your level of English language competence.

Your Client Manager

A client manager is allocated to each student as soon as an initial enquiry is made. He or she will guide you through the booking process and answer any queries you have before, during or after your course. Your client manager is also responsible for ensuring that your course runs smoothly and that you are happy with your schedule, tutors and accommodation, so feel free to consult them at any time during your stay.

Welcoming and Friendly Staff

While you are studying with us, we want your time to be as comfortable and enjoyable as possible. You will be made welcome by every member of our team and find our staff friendly, approachable and happy to help if you have any concerns or worries during your stay.

Course Content and Approach

We usually allocate two tutors to each intensive course to ensure a variety of input and teaching styles. Areas covered in most courses will include:

- Learning skills and **strategies** to improve your understanding of spoken and written English
- Building your **confidence** to speak with greater ease and **fluency**
- Being able to **write** e-mails, reports or any other documents you need to produce
- Expressing yourself with greater **accuracy** without losing your fluency
- Expanding your **vocabulary** for both social and business use
- Working on **pronunciation** to create a more positive impact
- Putting the language into **practical** everyday situations
- Learning **skills** and strategies to **communicate** more effectively in English
- **Discovering** ways to continue learning English after your course has finished

Specific language issues can be dealt with on an ad hoc basis during the course.

Exercises are designed to simulate authentic work and social situations as far as possible. We employ a variety of approaches and methods to make sure all the skills you need are covered. We make use of new technologies, as long as it adds value to the teaching. Our first concern remains the student and a learner-centred approach lies at the heart of all our teaching.

Students will be provided with optional self-study tasks to be completed in their own time. This work should not be underestimated as it serves to reinforce what is covered during the lessons.

In addition to continuous feedback throughout the course, there is a progress test at the end of each week.



360 degree feedback

We will seek verbal feedback from you during the course and will ask for written feedback at the end of the first week. We will also ask you to complete a final feedback questionnaire at the end of your course.

Time will be set aside for discussion with a member of the academic management team and your allocated client manager in order to ensure that your expectations are being fulfilled and that you are enjoying your time with us.

Making the most of London

You can never run out of things to do in London. It is the perfect city to discover and explore new things. We organise weekly excursions for students covering a wide range of activities and tastes. Our team are always on hand to give recommendations and advice.

Some of the most popular events enjoyed by our students include:

- A West End musical and/or night at the opera
- River cruise along the Thames
- Guided tours e.g. the street markets of London, the Globe Theatre
- A football match at one of our world-famous football grounds
- A trip to one of London's many renowned museums or galleries e.g. the British Museum, Tate Modern

Further information will be provided on arrival.



For detailed information on all our courses for 2010 please refer to our Course Prospectus.



From Kings Cross St Pancras

Bus 63 to 'Mount Pleasant' or a 25 minute walk.



From Farringdon

Bus 63 to 'Mount Pleasant' or a 10 minute walk.



From Angel

Buses 19, 38 and 341 to 'Mount Pleasant' or a 15 minute walk.



From Chancery Lane Station

Bus 341 to 'Mount Pleasant' or a 10 minute walk.



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