

# **SMART English**



Designed to sharpen the English skills of adults, the SMART English programme is a full-time course that aims to assist students with entrance exams such as the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) or even those who are preparing to enter the workforce.

Our classes are scheduled in the mornings and afternoons, and are filled with interactive activities such as discussions, presentations and games.

### What you gain in a SMART English course

- Skills in multiple writing styles
- ▶ Useful communication skills
- Improved grammar and vocabulary
- Presentation skills
- Cultural understanding and awareness

# Make your English learning journey a breeze with these programmes.

#### Benefit from additional academic support

You can get help from our Academic Advisors and even create an individual learning plan to enhance your progress.

#### Get help with student visas and exams

We have a dedicated customer management team to answer queries, book exams and help with student visas.

#### e part of myClub

In myClub, exclusive to British Council students, we offer a varied programme of language workshops, speaking clubs and social events to help you practise your English outside of the classroom.





#### Core English

Boost your confidence and improve your language skills with classes that focus on grammar, vocabulary, functional language, speaking, listening, reading and writing.



# Soft Skills

Utilise your Core English knowledge to develop your awareness of soft skills and improve presentation skills, enhance your critical thinking skills and engage in a variety of activities which will give you a competitive advantage at work and in your studies.



#### **General Skills**

Enhance your language skills for real life situations and work-related tasks through our speaking, listening, reading and writing classes.



#### Academic Skill

Practice giving opinions in tutorials and discussions, improve academic writing and enhance your ability to handle academic situations such as lectures and presentations.



#### **IELTS Preparation**

Develop IELTS exam strategies and practice answering exam questions to provide you with a better understanding of all four of the exam papers' requirements.



## **Further Learning Programme**

Supplement class time with our self-study programme, which grants you access to the British Council's online study platform.

# Why study SMART English?



# **Interactive Learning**

Our classes are interactive and we focus on speaking in small groups. You can practise your English language skills and build your confidence in speaking.



### **Highly Qualified Teachers**

Our teachers comprise various skilled and experienced educators some of whom are also examiners, teacher trainers, conference speakers and materials writers. Our teachers represent the variety and diversity of English speakers.



# Face-to-Face Learning

Our classes provide optimum learning opportunities for you with a total of four classroom hours a day, leading to 20 hours of classroom hours a week. There is also opportunity to do five hours of self-study a week.



#### Personalised Learning Syllabus

Once you have completed the Elementary level, you are free to choose the modules that you would like to learn. This allows you to personalise your learning experience by selecting the modules that are most appropriate to your needs.

# What is inside a SMART English class?

Duration	Course Structure							
2 hours	CORE ENGLISH English essentials including grammar, vocabulary and skills work.							
0.5 hours	SOFT SKILLS  ► Learn important soft skills for  ► Areas covered include learn improving critical thinking si	IELTS PREPARATION						
1.5 hours	GENERAL SKILLS  Prepare for real life and work-related tasks  ► Improve speaking, reading, writing and listening skills.  ► Themes such as travel, money, health and technology among others will be covered.	OR	ACADEMIC SKILLS  Get ready for university  ► Hone speaking skills and practise giving opinions in tutorials and discussions.  ► Improve academic writing and the ability to read complex academic text.	OR	<ul> <li>Improve speaking, reading, writing and listening skills based on the IELTS academic module.</li> <li>Develop strategies for tackling exams.</li> <li>Practice answering exam questions.</li> </ul>			
	Self-Study Online							
1 hour	FURTHER LEARNING  ➤ Learn with our study materials as a guide.  ➤ Get useful tips and techniques.  ➤ This covers reading, listening, writing and speaking skills.							

# What is the SMART English experience?

- ▶ Your level will be determined through a placement test, which includes an oral interview prior to the start of the course.
- You will be placed into available classes that take place in the mornings or afternoons.
- ▶ You will have four hours of classes a day that take place over a period ranging from four to twelve weeks.
- You will be assessed periodically based on portfolio writing, speaking and classroom performance. In addition, weekly progress checks allow you to monitor your development and identify areas of strengths and weaknesses.
- You will be awarded a certificate for the completion of each level.





# What are the module options offered at each level of SMART English?

SMART ENGLISH	BEGINNER	ELEMENTARY	PRE- INTERMEDIATE	INTERMEDIATE	UPPER INTERMEDIATE	ADVANCED			
PERIOD (Weeks)	6	12	12	12	12	12			
REQUIRED MODULES									
Core English*		<b>√</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>√</b>				
Soft Skills			✓	✓	✓	<b>~</b>			
OPTIONAL MODULES (Choose one of the modules from the levels)									
General English Skills		<b>√</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			
Academic English Skills*			✓	✓	✓	✓			
Lower IELTS*				✓					
IELTS*					<b>√</b>	<b>√</b>			
					* Book pure	chase is required.			



"I was always very shy when it came to speaking English publicly because I wasn't sure if my sentences were grammatically correct. I joined SMART English to improve my grammar and pronunciation. I had a great time learning and interacting with my international classmates. Now, I feel confident with my command of English and have recently been accepted into the university of my dreams. I'm really grateful to the British Council for this experience!"

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"I have always been fluent in English, but afraid of public speaking. I finally overcame this obstacle after joining SMART English and participating in the various interactive class activities. I am grateful to my dedicated teachers and wonderful classmates who were always there to support me throughout the course. I am now looking forward to using this new-found knowledge at university."

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