



New York Public **Library** Free English Classes

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English Classes

The New York Public Library helps adult students improve their communication skills in English. We offer two types of English classes, available at more than 40 libraries in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

These are series-based classes, held year-round in 10-week cycles. Most classes meet two days each week, for two hours each day. Select classes meet on Saturday mornings for four hours. Classes are for beginner, intermediate, and advanced level students. **Students must attend an information session to register for classes, and registration is required in order to attend these classes.**

1. **ESOL Classes:** for non-native speakers to improve listening, speaking, reading and writing.
2. **Adult Basic Education Classes:** for students who already speak English but want to improve their reading and writing.

Information Sessions

At the Information Session, you will make an appointment to register for classes.

Please note:

- Classes are open to adults.
- Testing is required for placement.
- Documentation is not required.
- Space is limited.
- Children are not allowed at registration.

View our schedule of upcoming [Information Sessions](#). For the most current information available regarding these classes, please ask at your local branch or email esol@nypl.org.

Academic Calendar

Spring 2017

Information Sessions Begin: April 8, 2017

Classes Begin: April 24, 2017

Classes End: June 30, 2017

Summer 2017

Information Sessions Begin: July 15, 2017

Classes Begin: July 31, 2017

Classes End: August 27, 2017

Fall 2017

Information Sessions Begin: September 16, 2017

Classes Begin: October 2, 2017

Classes End: December 17, 2017

Drop-in English Conversation Classes

Already know English and want to practice speaking with other people? [Come to the library](#), and meet other people who are practicing English.

In these classes, intermediate-level English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learners will have the opportunity to: practice English by watching *We Are New York* videos and talking about them; talk with library volunteers about current events, New York City, family life, and holidays; or prepare for the United States citizenship exam.

There are also **high beginner level conversation classes** available for students who have filed a USCIS [N400 application](#), and are preparing to take the United States Citizenship exam in the next six to nine months. View our [calendar listing](#) for upcoming classes.

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