



Online English courses taught by Basil Paterson College teachers

English Focus - online courses



Grammar review

Revision and practice of the fundamental rules of English grammar. To improve accuracy in written work and fluency when speaking the language. The tutor includes drills and exercises to practise the rules of grammar.

This course is suited to students who are preparing to take a language test or who need to improve their essay writing skills or who need to produce detailed written content for their studies or for their work.

Each lesson is a one-to-one lesson with a teacher from Basil Paterson College, Edinburgh
Each lesson is taught via Zoom
Each lesson is of 60 minutes duration
Lessons can be taken at any time from Monday - Saturday 09.00 to 18.00 GMT

Course price
6 hours - £474
10 hours - £790



Essay writing

Specific coaching in essay writing techniques. This includes how to structure a sentence and how to structure a paragraph. The student is taught how to express arguments and thoughts clearly and how to organise the content of the essay. Techniques for opening and closing. Practice essays are written, sometimes as homework assignments, and discussed between the learner and the tutor.

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Giving a talk

The tutor coaches the student in techniques for public speaking, both to a small audience such as a workplace meeting or to a large audience such as a conference. How to organise the content and plan the structure of the talk. How to engage the audience. Voice control and voice projection. Exercises in pronunciation and enunciation teach how to speak with clarity.

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Reading and text analysis

The tutor sets reading exercises to the student for reading comprehension tasks. The learner builds vocabulary and comprehension skills and develops the skill to discuss the text with the tutor in terms of analysing the content of the text and the style of the writer. Texts from a variety of sources are used including literary texts, journalistic articles, news articles, etc.

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Cambridge Exam Preparation

Specific coaching in the Cambridge First Certificate or Cambridge Advanced exam. Practice exercises and drills. Practice in spoken English. Coaching in essay writing. Practice exams under timed conditions. The tutor sets study goals with the learner and monitors the learners progress to ensure that the student is in a position to achieve the required score in the exam.

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IELTS Exam Preparation

Specific coaching in the English IELTS exam for learners who need to reach a score of 7.0 or above. Practice exercises and drills. Practice in spoken English. Coaching in essay writing. Practice exams under timed conditions. The tutor sets study goals with the learner and monitors the learners progress to ensure that the student is in a position to achieve the required score in the exam.

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