



INDEPENDENT STUDY

Reading:

UKCE have a small library of graded readers for students. These are lent to students for a deposit of £10. Whilst we have dictionaries, these are strictly for the lessons and not lent out. Students are encouraged to buy monolingual dictionaries.

Bookshops:

There are two bookshops within walking distance:

Waterstones: 82 Gower St, Bloomsbury, London WC1E 6EQ

Foyles: 107 Charing Cross Rd, Soho, London WC2H 0DT

Both bookshops have good sections on EFL materials.

Library:

There is a public library 15 minutes away on Charing Cross Road, where there is a small EFL section. There are course books such as Gold and English File as well as graded readers and self study exercise books (Vocabulary and Phrasal Verbs in Use.) The library also has 10 computers that students can use for a maximum of 60 minutes. You can also pre-book computer time. In addition there are many film DVDs and music CDs for rent. You can join the library with a proof of address. A letter from the school is acceptable.

Computer Access and Study Areas:

We have free wifi in the school and UKCE students can use the computers in the break area. We can sometimes let students use empty classrooms to study. Please check with reception to find out if there are any classrooms available.

The wifi network: student-ukce

The wifi password: tabletop

Groups, Clubs and Events:

All of our adult students are invited to join our social programmes which include a variety of events and activities around London and day trips outside of London. This is a good opportunity to practise and accelerate language, in particular, speaking skills, in a relaxed, social and enjoyable way- see section 12.

Social Networking

We encourage new students to join our social networking sites for special offers and daily updates. This is also a great way to meet new people! Students can also join the UKCE Facebook Group. It is a great way to stay informed of any school events and keep in contact once they have finished their course and returned to their countries. We feel this is vital in maintaining English language acquisition.



Facebook — UK College of English



Instagram — @ukce_london

Homework

Teachers will set some homework every day to keep the lessons fresh in your mind

Independent Learning links

Here are some links to help you learn English at home. The information is only a click away!

Listening

<http://www.ted.com/talks>

Professional presentations given in English on a wide variety of topics. Improve your listening skills and learn more about topics that interest you. (Upper Intermediate +)

<http://www.podcastsinenglish.com/>

Podcasts on various topics with activities for all levels.

<http://www.esl-lab.com>

Listening exercises and vocabulary builder.

Speaking/ Pronunciation

<http://www.eslcafe.com/>

Enormous range of material, plus a good online chat room. Get help with things like phrasal verbs, grammar, pronunciation and slang. Take part in the student forum. (All levels)

<http://www.esldiscussions.com/>

Practise answering questions on a wide variety of subjects. (Intermediate +)

<http://www.trainyouraccent.com>

Speaking and pronunciation exercises.

Grammar and Vocabulary

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>

A lot of resources including online courses, interactive exercises and glossaries of useful vocabulary. (Pre-Intermediate +)

<http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

Search for online dictionaries; the Cambridge International Dictionary of English, the Cambridge Dictionary of American English, the Cambridge International Dictionary of Idioms and the Cambridge International Dictionary of Phrasal Verbs (Intermediate +)

<http://linguapress.com/>

Lots of online resources including crosswords and other word games, plus an online grammar guide (Intermediate +)

<https://www.englishclub.com/>

Lessons on grammar and vocabulary, plus games, videos, quizzes and chat. (All levels)

<http://www.eslgamesworld.com/>

Lots of games to help you learn and practise grammar and vocabulary. (All levels)

<http://a4esl.org/q/h/grammar.html>

Self-study grammar quizzes. (All levels)

Reading

<http://www.newslevels.com/>

An excellent news website built especially for English language students. Choose from a selection of up-to-date news stories, each written in three different levels of difficulty. (Elementary – Intermediate – Upper-Intermediate)

<http://eslfast.com>

Short reading texts for beginner – intermediate levels.

<http://penguinreaders.com>

Books for every level with worksheets. Some books also have audio files.

Mixed Skills

<http://www.manythings.org/>

Includes mobile and iPad friendly activities such as videos and audios. Grammar and vocabulary, stories and a lot of American-related content. (Elementary +)

<http://www.eslpoint.com/>

Great teaching/learning materials on a variety of subjects. There are links to thousands of pages of ESL/EFL-related material, all categorized according to skill and difficulty. (All levels)

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2012/09/18/the-best-websites-for-english-language-learner-students-in-2012so-far/>

Links to lots of recommended sites (All levels)

http://www.apacall.org/member/sonjb/projects/web_reviews/websites.asp

Short descriptions and links to various sites. (All levels)

<http://classroom-aid.com/2012/08/28/25-online-games-for-english-language-learners/>

Links to 25 sites which are good for online English games. (All levels)

<http://www.englishvoices.org/ev-education.html>

Listening, reading, speaking, voice recording and grammar exercises. (All levels)

Phone Apps

We know you love using your phone so why not use it to improve your English! There are lots of great English learning apps that you can download to your phone, often for free.

Learn English Grammar is an interactive app that you can use to practise and improve your grammar. There are thousands of questions to work through, ranging from Beginner to Advanced that you can work through as quickly or slowly as you like. This means it's very easy to practise for a few minutes each day, even when you're really busy.

Duolingo is a great app for learning lots of different languages and the English language section is excellent. You start with simple vocabulary and gradually work up to more complicated sentences, getting more points at each level. The idea is to improve your language skills with just five minutes of practice each day.

MemRise is designed to improve your vocabulary by giving you lots of fun ways to learn and remember new words. The great thing about this app is that it has an offline mode, meaning that you can keep practising even when you don't have an internet connection.



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