English Courses
In England

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# ENGLISH STEPS

*Learn English, a different way*

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# Introduction

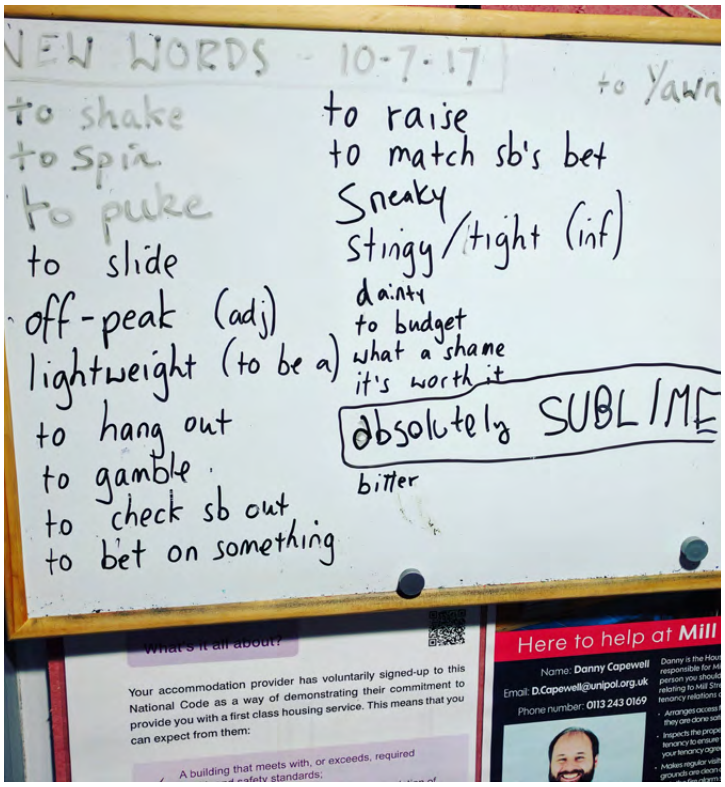
At **English Steps** we provide a total immersion experience in the language and culture of England. We are passionate about helping you improve your English.

# Differences

## – Why choose English Steps? –

1. All our courses include accommodation with qualified English teachers, and a minimum of 70 hours per week practising English.
2. We have an average of **just 3 students per class** so our teachers can focus on your speaking and listening and provide personal feedback. Most schools have an average class size of 8+ students per class!
3. Our activities, social events and work experience are designed to increase your English speaking time, give you valuable experience for your CV, and also introduce to you the culture of England!

# Lessons




## *Focused, Interactive, Fun – Our lessons*

We **do not** follow a coursebook like most schools. Instead our teachers provide lessons designed to help you with the things you want and need to learn using a range of different textbooks, their own materials and the local environment.

Every morning you will have 3 different teachers, exposing you to different accents, teaching styles and personalities. We use innovative techniques to improve your speaking and listening skills in real-life situations. Because of the small group sizes, you will receive a lot of individual attention in speaking and listening, but also reading and writing (especially as homework).

Our teachers have a lot of experience teaching various exams (PET, FCE, IELTS, TOEIC etc), Business English, and also English for Medical, Academic or Legal purposes.

Remember - living with an English teacher means that any problems you have with your English are instantly noticed, and your teachers will be advised on what topics to cover with you. In fact, your lessons continue all day - we will be correcting you at lunch, dinner and in the evening!

# Our Teachers

All the teachers at English Steps are qualified to Cambridge University CELTA level or above. We have a team of teachers who have a lot of experience in many different areas: exam English, medical and legal English, business English, and also teaching different levels from beginner to advanced. Read about some of our teachers below:

Harry set up English Steps Courses in 2012 with help from friends, colleagues and family. He has a Law degree from Sheffield University and an Oxford Trinity CertTESOL qualification in teaching English (he is currently studying for a masters level qualification part time). He has experience teaching in private and public schools in England, Morocco, Spain, Belgium and Northern Ireland. Harry is interested in sports, charity work and cinema.

Val loves her career as an ESOL teacher, having gained her Trinity CertTESOL certificate in early 2012 following a previous long career in the healthcare sector. Outside of work, Val enjoys fellwalking, music and holidays.

Andy is CELTA qualified and has been teaching General and Business English for the last 15 years and has trained teachers in grammar and phonetics. He has taught in China, Poland, Slovakia, Turkey, Chile, Colombia, Libya, Russia,Vietnam and Sicily.

# Accommodation

Each student has their own double room in one of our city centre apartments, including a desk to work on. A qualified English teacher will be living in your apartment too, helping you to learn English in your free time. All our apartments are in the same block so you can visit other students and teachers. En suite bathrooms are available.

## – Cooking –

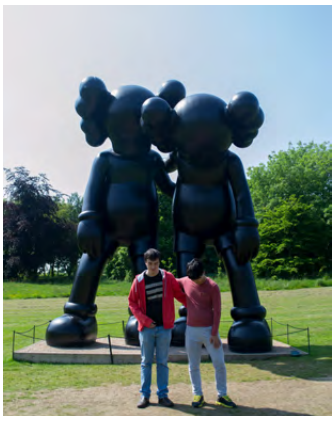
We have chefs who prepare our food, and take into account any dietary requirements. We believe that cooking and eating together is an important part of English culture and a good opportunity to practise using your English, while eating great food! We welcome help from students with new recipe ideas - especially for the international buffet on Friday evenings.

# About Leeds

Leeds is the 3rd biggest city in England (population 750,000), and is much cheaper (and friendlier!) than London. It has 3 universities, numerous historical buildings, great shopping and even better night-life!

It has recently been voted 'best place in Britain to live', 'Visitor city of the year' and 'Most cost-effective place to study in Britain'

Leeds also has a fantastic location in the centre of England. You can travel to London (2h 20m), Manchester (1h), and Edinburgh (3h) by train, or explore the fantastic national parks and historical towns only 25km away. Our students normally travel to different places each weekend.



# Activities

## Afternoons

Every afternoon we organise different activities to help you use the English you have learnt in your morning lessons. Accompanied by native English speakers you can go to museums, visit historical cities, play games, and do practical workshops on interview questions or speaking on the phone etc.

## Evenings

In the evening we organise more social activities for you to do, always with native English speakers. We do pub quizzes, movie nights, language exchanges, and more - on all our activities you only pay for transport and entrance costs, but we try to have free options available.

## Weekends

Saturdays and Sundays are your free time. We help you organise trips and activities so there is always something happening. You can also use our discount codes to go on organised trips to different cities with www.citylife-leeds.com

# Work Experience

Working with charities, schools and local businesses - our Working English program is a fantastic way to practise your English while doing something really useful - and improve your Curriculum Vitae at the same time.

Some examples of what we can arrange:

- Intern at local businesses gaining new skills
- Prepare and serve food in cafés for different groups of people in need including the elderly, the homeless, and refugees
- Work for community gardens making the area look better and learning new skills
- Raise money for charities such as Oxfam and The Red Cross, help at their events and assist in their local shops
- Work as a teaching assistant in a local primary or secondary school

# Courses & Prices

***All our courses include accommodation with qualified English teachers, meals and social activities***

## – Intensive English Course –

Our most popular course. English lessons for 3.5 hours every morning, in small groups of your level (average 3 students per class). After lunch go on a trip or activity with native English speakers - a great opportunity to practise the skills you have learnt in your morning lessons. After dinner we organise social activities together, always with native speakers.
**From £450 per week.** More information.

## – Exam/Business English Course –

If you want to study *really* hard, then this is for you! The same as the Intensive English Course, but in the afternoons you visit local businesses to see how they are run, or take an extra 3 hours of specialist 1-1 English lessons on a subject of your choice: exam preparation, business, medical, marketing or legal English, for example. **From £900 per week.** More information.

## – Working English Course –

Perfect if you want some experience in a real working environment, and improve your English too. We organise an internship for you in an area you are interested in - marketing, hotels, shops, cafés etc. The internship will be at least 25 hours per week, and you also receive 3 hours of English lessons each week. You can take advantage of our social activities in the evenings and whenever you are not working. **From £325 per week.** More information.

## – Activities Course –

Improve your English,,without going to lessons. Every morning you have free time to explore Leeds, study, or just relax. Join the other students and teachers at lunch, then take part in our organised activities in the afternoons and evenings, always with native English speakers.
**From £350 per week.** More information.

## – 1-1 Homestay Courses –

Available 365 days per year - stay in the home of a qualified English teacher and take private 1-1 lessons and trips. It is also possible to do an internship with this option. **From £325 per week.**
More information.

# Intensive English Course

## – What's included –

- Your own room - with wifi, double bedding, desk and wardrobe
- Accommodation in Leeds city centre  with a qualified English teacher
- 3.5 hours of lessons each morning in small groups
- Afternoon and evening English activities with native speakers. Including trips to different cities, museums - transport and entrances not included
- All food for the week
- Free online English course

## Prices

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| *1-2 weeks* | **£550 per week** |
| *3-4 weeks* | **£500 per week** |
| *5 weeks* | **£475 per week** |
| *6+ weeks* | **£450 per week** |

# Intensive English Course

## – Timetable –

**Lessons:** 9 am - 1 pm, Monday to Friday. Intensive speaking lessons in small groups, with 3 different teachers each day to practise different styles and accents.

**Meals:** Breakfast is self service (before 9am). Lunch is prepared by English Steps staff (1-2pm) and so is dinner (7-8pm). Lunch and dinner are great times to practise your English because the teachers will be eating with you!

**Activities:** Every afternoon and every evening (Monday - Friday) we will organise trips, activities and events so you can practise your English with native English speakers. A typical week on our intensive course will include:

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| **Monday** | |
| *Afternoon* | Visit to the historical city of York |
| *Evening* | Pub quiz night - compete in a trivia quiz for a prize |
| **Tuesday** | |
| *Afternoon* | Help others learn English at the Refugee Conversation Club |
| *Evening* | Live stand-up comedy gig |
| **Wednesday** | |
| *Afternoon* | A guided tour of Leeds city centre |
| *Evening* | Film night: watch and discuss a film with staff |
| **Thursday** | |
| *Afternoon* | Visit Leeds Industrial Museum with a teacher |
| *Evening* | International language exchange - all languages welcome! |
| **Friday** | |
| *Afternoon* | Job interview practice at the house |
| *Evening* | Bowling competition against the teachers |

# Exam/Business English Course

## – What's included –

- Your own room - with wifi, double bedding, desk and wardrobe
- Accommodation in Leeds city centre with a qualified English teacher
- 3.5 hours of lessons each morning in small groups
- 3 hours of afternoon 1-1 English classes, or visits to local businesses
- Evening English activities with native speakers
- All food for the week
- Free online English course

## Prices

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| *1+ weeks* | **£900 per week** |

# Exam/Business English Course

## – Timetable –

**Morning Lessons:** 9 am - 1 pm, Monday to Friday. Intensive speaking lessons in small groups, with 3 different teachers each day to practise different styles and accents.

**Afternoon Lessons:** 3 hours of 1-1 lessons, on an area of your choice. We can concentrate on improving your Business English in varying situations or study to pass a Cambridge exam for example. You can also use this time to visit local businesses to see how they are run.

**Meals:** Breakfast is self service (before 9am). Lunch is prepared by English Steps staff (1-2pm) and so is dinner (7-8pm). Lunch and dinner are great times to practise your English because the teachers will be eating with you!

**Evening Activities:** Every evening (Monday - Friday) we will organise events so you can practise your English with native English speakers. A typical week will include:

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| **Monday** | |
| *Afternoon* | 1-1 lessons on business presentations and doing research |
| *Evening* | Pub quiz night - compete in a trivia quiz for a prize |
| **Tuesday** | |
| *Afternoon* | A visit to a local company to hear how they have had success |
| *Evening* | Live stand-up comedy gig |
| **Wednesday** | |
| *Afternoon* | 1-1 lessons on chairing and dealing with meetings |
| *Evening* | Film night: watch and discuss a film with staff |
| **Thursday** | |
| *Afternoon* | 1-1 lessons practising email and report writing |
| *Evening* | International language exchange - all languages welcome! |
| **Friday** | |
| *Afternoon* | 1-1 lessons on phone calls and marketing |
| *Evening* | Bowling competition against the teachers |

# Working English Course

## – What's included –

- Your own room - with wifi, double bedding, desk and wardrobe
- Accommodation in Leeds city centre with a qualified English teacher
- 3 hours of lessons each week in small groups
- 25+ hours of a local internship in an area of your choice
- Evening English activities with native speakers
- All food for the week
- Free online English course

## Prices

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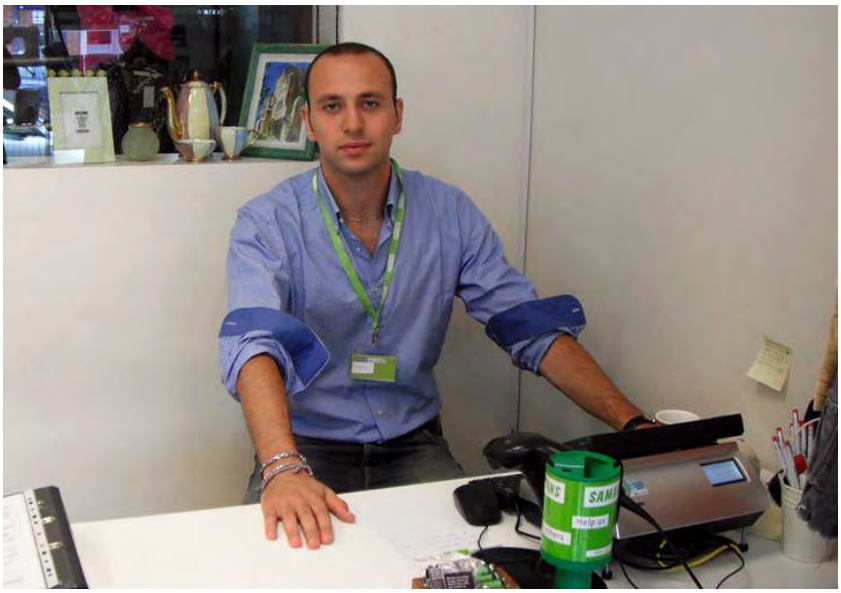
| *4 weeks* | **£350 per week** |
| *8 weeks* | **£325 per week** |



# Working English Course

## – Timetable –

**Work Experience:** Before your arrival we will organise an internship for you, matching your interests with the available work. Generally the work will be 25+ hours, Monday - Friday.

**English Lessons:** For 3 hours each week you will have lessons with qualified teachers, to help you progress with your English and answer any questions you have after your work experience.

**Meals:** Breakfast is self service (before 9am). We will provide you with all the ingredients needed to make a packed lunch which you can take with you to your work experience provider. Dinner will be cooked by a member of the English Steps staff.

**Evening Activities:** Every evening (Monday - Friday) we will organise events so you can practise your English with native English speakers. A typical week will include:

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| **Monday** | |
| *Daytime* | Internship |
| *Evening* | Pub quiz night - compete in a trivia quiz for a prize |
| **Tuesday** | |
| *Daytime* | Internship |
| *Evening* | Live stand-up comedy gig |
| **Wednesday** | |
| *Afternoon* | 3 hours of English lessons in small groups |
| *Evening* | Film night: watch and discuss a film with staff |
| **Thursday** | |
| *Daytime* | Internship |
| *Evening* | International language exchange - all languages welcome! |
| **Friday** | |
| *Daytime* | Internship |
| *Evening* | Bowling competition against the teachers |

# Activities Course

## – What's included –

- Your own room - with wifi, double bedding, desk and wardrobe
- Accommodation in Leeds city centre with a qualified English teacher
- Afternoon and evening English activities with native speaker. Including trips to different cities, museums - transport and entrances not included
- All food for the week
- Free online English course

## Prices

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| *1+ weeks* | **£350 per week** |

# Activities Course

## – Timetable –

**Mornings:** 9am - 1pm, Monday to Friday. This is your free time to explore the city, do your own individual studying or work using our wifi and online resources.

**Meals:** Breakfast is self service (before 9am). Lunch is prepared by English Steps staff (1-2pm) and so is dinner (7-8pm). Lunch and dinner are great times to practise your English because the teachers will be eating with you!

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# 1-1 Homestay Courses

## – What's included –

- Your own room - with wifi, double bedding, desk and wardrobe
- Accommodation in the home of a qualified English teacher
- Private 1-1 English lessons - just you and the teacher
- All food for the week, English practice at dinner time
- Social trips and activities
- Free online English course

## Prices

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| ***General English:***<br>15 hours of 1-1 English lessons per week | **£600 per week** |
| ***Intensive English:***<br>30 hours of 1-1 English lessons per week | **£875 per week** |
| ***Working English (min. 4 weeks):***<br>3 hours of 1-1 English lessons per week<br>25+ hours internship at a local business | **£300 per week** |

# 1-1 Homestay Courses

## – More information –

**Lessons:** Because you will be the only student in your class, you can learn exactly what you want. All our teachers are experienced and can offer lessons on exam preparation (FCE, IELTS, TOEIC etc), business English, English for Specific Purposes and academic English. Extra lessons can be purchased at any time for £20 per hour.

**Meals:** Breakfast and lunch are self-service, and the evening meal will be cooked by your host and eaten together. On the weekend there will be enough food in the fridges and freezers to feed you till Monday!

**Free Time:** Your host may invite you to join in some of their activities, however we will send you a detailed activities timetable of free and cheap things to do around Leeds which encourage you to meet native speakers and practise your English.

**Working English:** On the working English course, we place you on an internship in an area you are interested in. You will gain valuable work experience which is great for your Curriculum Vitae, and also have the opportunity to practise your English in a business context. The minimum stay for this course is 4 weeks.

**Hosts:** We have a variety of different hosts - male, female, families etc. Living in Leeds and Yorkshire. Contact us and we send you the profiles of the hosts who are available for your stay. Before making your reservation we organise a Skype chat between you and your host to make sure you are happy with everything.

# General Information

## – Discounts and Extras –

- If you are sharing your room (there is only one bed) there is a **10% discount**
- Ensuite bathrooms are available, please contact for more information
- On organised trips, students must pay for transport and entrance fees to museums etc. Where possible free options will be available.

## – Additional Lessons –

Extra 1-1 Lessons can be organised on any course for £20 per hour.
We also offer Skype lessons before and after your course, reserve a trial lesson here:
http://www.englishsteps.co.uk/skype.html

## – Payments and Cancellations –

To reserve your place, we ask for a £200 deposit. At least 4 weeks before the start of the course, we ask for 50% of the course costs. The final 50% of the course can be paid after arriving at English Steps.

Payment can be made by bank transfer or in cash. We accept Euros and Pounds, please let us know how you prefer to pay.

**Cancellations:**

- Cancellations 12 or more weeks before the course start attain no fee.
- Cancellations 4-12 weeks before the course start result in the loss of the deposit.
- Cancellations less than 28 days before the start of the course result in 50% of the course fee being payable.
- Cancellations during the course result in 80% of the remaining course fee being payable.

**Insurance:** All students on our courses are covered by our Studentguard+ travel and health insurance automatically. We will send more information to you by email.

## – English + Skills –

Where possible, tuition is also offered in photography, yoga, cookery and rock climbing. Please email for more information.

# Contact

Please contact us if you have any questions, we aim to respond to all emails within 24 hours. We are also available to chat via Skype.

We are passionate about improving your English, and look forward to meeting you in England soon.

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# Reviews

## Pierre M. Matéo

★★★★★

You have to choose English Steps for 3 reasons:

- The quality level of the lessons is excellent: each teacher adapts to your level and help you improving with his own method. That is why having the opportunity to attend 3 different classes a day is definitely a great way to develop your confidence in English
- You will never get bored: There are plenty of activities planned every single day. Some are focused on English (language exchanges/ presentations...) but some others are fun-oriented
- You will live a real life experience: Thanks to Harry, the volunteers and the teachers, you can be sure that you will be in an friendly environment. Everyone is integrated to this group, speaks in English all the time so that there is no chance you can be by your own.

I only spent 2 weeks inside English Steps but I wish I could have stayed much longer.

## Patrizia Lovisco

★★★★★

The best English course ever! Very talented, professional and amazing teachers! Harry and all the volunteers were nice, gentle, friendly and helpful. I learnt a lot in these two weeks. It is more than a course, it is a truly full immersion in English culture. It was a great experience with great people!

# Reviews

## Erica Fanara

★★★★★

When I decided to go to English Steps, at first I wasn't really sure that an adult student like me could have found such a perfect place to stay. The accomodation is in a perfect position, near many pubs and the city centre. All the teachers use a different approach, but each activity is really involving, funny and perfectly planned to improve your English. Lunch and dinner time were my favourite, when you could speak in English with all the group. I met wonderful people and, even though I stayed there for only one week, I realised how important this experience has been both for my career and for my human development.

## Giulia Benati

★★★★★

English Steps is a beautiful experience to improve English and meet new friends. I spent a month at the school and I recommed it. Lessons are very interesting, fun and never boring, with lot of different activities and games. And teachers are so friendly and lovely. I enjoyed living with other students and English speakers and sharing everything during the day, afternoon and evening activities and free time, all time speaking English. It's impossible don't improve English! Leeds is a very nice and easy-going city with many places to visit; so you can spend your free time around the city or exploring the Yorkshire region. I had a great experience thanks to English Steps, Harry, all teachers and students!

*See more reviews of English Steps here*