



Program: General Purpose Program Electives
Language: English
Course: Accent Reduction
Level: Appropriate for GPP/APP Levels 2A-5
Length: Varies (Typically 50-76 units)

Program Description

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Course Description

Accent Reduction is a complete course on the sound system of American English for students who need to achieve permanent improvements in their English pronunciation for social, academic, or professional purposes. Our course is based on the idea that improving speech and communication in a new language is most effective when the student gains a solid understanding of the sound system of that language; as a result, this course provides comprehensive instruction on the intonation, stress, rhythm, and pronunciation of all of the speech sounds of American English. In this course, you will learn to speak in a more native or neutral accent of Standard American English through extensive pronunciation practice and intonation exercises. Throughout this process, you will also learn to identify and apply new sounds and voice patterns while attaining improved comprehension of the language as it is spoken.

Learner Outcomes

After completing Accent Reduction, students will be able to:

1. Understand the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) symbols for the vowels of Standard American English
 - Understand the place and manner of articulation of the vowel phonemes for correct pronunciation
 - Front vowels: /i/, /ɪ/, /e/, and /æ/
 - Central vowels: /ə/ and /ʌ/
 - Back vowels: /u/, /ʊ/, /ɔ/, and /ɑ/
 - Diphthongs: /ei/, /ou/, /aɪ/, /aʊ/, and /ɔɪ/
2. Understand the International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) symbols for consonants of Standard American English
 - Understand the place and manner of articulation of the consonant phonemes for correct pronunciation
 - Plosives: /p/, /b/, /t/, /d/, /k/, and /g/
 - Fricatives: /f/, /v/, /θ/, /ð/, /s/, /z/, /ʃ/, /ʒ/, and /h/
 - Affricates: /tʃ/ and /dʒ/
 - Approximants: /w/, /j/, and /ɹ/
 - Lateral approximant: /l/
 - Nasals: /m/, /n/, and /ŋ/
3. Recognize how intonation, voice pitch and inflection, stress, and rhythm work together with the individual sounds to create the standard dialect and replicate them in speech in order to minimize their foreign accent
 - Learn common linking and sound reductions that occur in natural speech
4. Know the syllabic structure of Standard American English as compared to that of the student's native language
 - Understand when a syllable is stressed or unstressed

Informal Assessment

The instructor will informally assess your progress throughout the duration of the course to ensure that you are meeting the course objectives. Additionally, the instructor will provide feedback regarding your performance and progress on any oral or written components completed during the course.



Program: General Purpose Program Electives
Language: English
Course: English BrushUp
Level: Appropriate for GPP/APP Levels 1B and 2A
Length: Varies (Typically 50+ units)

Program Description

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Course Description

English BrushUp is for students who have acquired a high beginner to low intermediate proficiency in English, but who need to review selected basic structures. The course is especially designed to meet the needs of students who learned the language at some time in the past, but have since had little or no practice. You will learn the essential language structures and vocabulary from levels 1A, 1B, and 2A. Upon completion of this course, you will be prepared to enter into GPP English 2B or APP English 2B. Sample themes include *introductions, planning a trip, news, health and safety, predictions, decision-making, on the menu, and telephoning.*

Learner Outcomes

After completing English BrushUp, students will be able to:

1. Use basic grammatical structures and vocabulary in speech and understand them in spoken contexts.
2. Participate in simple conversations during routine social situations about current events, work, family, friends, and autobiographical information
3. Generally understand speech in the present, past, and future tenses, but occasionally need to have words or phrases repeated
4. Give a description of people, places, things, past experiences, and future goals
5. Tell time, share personal and biographical details, buy goods, share opinions, make predictions, communicate on the phone, and make suggestions
6. Use the first conditional, modal auxiliary verbs, and the present simple, present progressive, present perfect, past simple, and future simple forms of the verb *to be* and a number of regular and irregular verbs in questions and statements in both the affirmative and negative
7. Read and understand non-technical English commonly encountered in everyday social and business environments, such as menus, road signs, maps, advertisements or signs on buildings, bus routes or schedules, travel guides, and magazine articles.
8. Can comprehend printed materials with multiple paragraphs to get the main idea
9. Write a short response on a given topic using simple sentences in the past, present, and future tenses, a letter or e-mail requesting information from a company, and a letter describing personal details.

Informal Assessment

The instructor will informally assess your progress throughout the duration of the course to ensure that you are meeting the course objectives. Additionally, the instructor will provide feedback regarding your performance and progress on any oral or written components completed during the course.



Program: General Purpose Program Electives
Language: English
Course: Say it Right
Level: Appropriate for GPP/APP Levels 1B-3A
Length: Varies (Typically 26+ units)

Program Description

The inlingua General Purpose Program Electives are specialized, individually-tailored, non-intensive language courses of typically short duration for students who need to develop or improve specific language skills for general, social, or academic purposes. Each elective course is customized for the specific proficiency level and learning needs of the student. GPP Electives can be taken individually or as a supplement to other inlingua language courses.

Course Description

Say it Right is appropriate for students at the beginning and intermediate levels of English proficiency who need to improve their understanding and usage of the grammatical structures of spoken English. This course will provide you with the necessary tools to understand and construct basic phrases and sentences correctly in English. Grammatical explanations are kept to a minimum so that you can practice and improve through speaking.

Learner Outcomes

After completing Say it Right, students will be able to:

1. Express “who?,” “what?” and “which?” with the correct usage of nouns, articles, pronouns, quantities and numbers, adjectives, possessives, and questions with *what*, *which*, *who*, and *whose*.
2. Express “where” with the correct usage of prepositions, including those of place and movement
3. Express “how” with the correct usage of adverbs, including those of manner and degree
4. Express “when” with the correct usage of days, months, seasons, years, the clock, prepositions of time, time conjunctions and other time expressions, and adverbs of frequency
5. Express “why” with participle clauses, purpose clauses, and result clauses
6. Understand the formation and meaning of the twelve verb tenses, modal auxiliary verbs, the auxiliary verbs to *have*, *be* and *do*, conditionals, the passive, imperative, and the subjunctive
7. Use correct verb forms in questions and statements when talking about the past, present, and future
8. Build sentences, join ideas together, report speech, and understand infinitives, gerunds, and phrasal verbs

Informal Assessment

The instructor will informally assess your progress throughout the duration of the course to ensure that you are meeting the course objectives. Additionally, the instructor will provide feedback regarding your performance and progress on any oral or written components completed during the course.



Program: General Purpose Program Electives
Language: English
Course: Intermediate Writing
Level: Appropriate for GPP/APP Levels 2A-3B
Length: Varies (Typically 26-50 units)

Program Description

The inlingua General Purpose Program Electives are specialized, individually-tailored, non-intensive language courses of typically short duration for students who need to develop or improve specific language skills for general, social, or academic purposes. Each elective course is customized for the specific proficiency level and learning needs of the student. GPP Electives can be taken individually or as a supplement to other inlingua language courses.

Course Description

The Intermediate Writing course is for students who have developed an intermediate level of English proficiency and need to develop or improve their writing skills. The course is divided into sections, each of which focuses on particular areas of grammar, editing, and style relevant to English composition. The instructor will include topics that encourage you to apply the writing skills learned in class to your personal or professional writing needs. Your writing skills will progress from sentence-level to paragraph-level editing by the end of the course.

Learner Outcomes

After completing Intermediate Writing, students will be able to write with the following elements:

Present Time Tenses	Simple present, present progressive, present perfect tenses. Forming and using present time tenses.
Past Time Tenses	Simple past, past progressive, past perfect tenses. Forming and using past time tenses.
Subject-Verb Agreement	Agreement in different tenses. Rules for subject-verb agreement.
Expressing Future Time	Forming the future, using different future forms. Expressing future time in English.
Time Shifts and Tense	Using time shifts and tense, choosing tense and time words, adverbial phrases of time and frequency.
Count and Non-count Nouns	Count nouns and non-count nouns. Common errors using nouns in English.
Articles and Determiners	Articles, quantifiers, demonstrative adjectives, possessive adjectives. Common errors using articles and determiners in English.
Pronouns	Types of pronouns, personal pronouns, reflexive pronouns, demonstrative pronouns, indefinite pronouns. Effective use of pronouns.
Modal Verbs	Forming modals, present/future time, past time. Common errors in the use of modals.
Verb Forms	Basic verb forms in English. Using gerunds and infinitives, <i>verb + infinitive</i> and <i>preposition + gerund</i> .
Word Forms	Suffixes for nouns and verbs. Comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs. Easily confused words.
Editing Practice	Comprehensive review of all course content. Advanced strategies for effective editing and writing.

Informal Assessment

The instructor will informally assess your progress throughout the duration of the course to ensure that you are meeting the course objectives. Additionally, the instructor will provide feedback regarding your performance and progress on any oral or written components completed during the course.



Program: General Purpose Program Electives
 Language: English
 Course: Advanced Writing
 Level: Appropriate for GPP/APP Levels 4A-5
 Length: Varies (Typically 26-50 units)

Program Description

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Course Description

The Advanced Writing course is for students who have developed an advanced level of English proficiency and need to improve their writing skills. The course is divided into sections, each of which focuses on particular areas of grammar, editing, and style relevant to English composition. The instructor will include topics that encourage you to apply the writing skills learned in class to your personal or professional writing needs. Your writing skills will progress from paragraph-level to essay-level editing by the end of the course.

Learner Outcomes

After completing Advanced Writing, students will be able to write with the following elements:

Present Time Tenses	Simple present, present progressive, present perfect, present perfect progressive tenses. Forming and using present time tenses.
Past Time Tenses	Simple past, past progressive, past perfect, past perfect progressive tenses. Forming and using past time tenses.
Subject-Verb Agreement	Agreement in different tenses. Rules for subject-verb agreement.
Expressing Future Time	Forming the future, using different future forms. Expressing future time in English.
Time Shifts and Tense	Using time shifts and tense, choosing tense and time words, adverbial phrases of time and frequency.
Count and Non-count Nouns	Count nouns and non-count nouns. Common errors using nouns in English.
Articles and Determiners	Articles, quantifiers, demonstrative adjectives, possessive adjectives. Common errors using articles and determiners in English.
Pronouns	Types of pronouns, personal pronouns, reflexive pronouns, demonstrative pronouns, indefinite pronouns. Effective use of pronouns.
Modal Verbs	Forming modals, present/future time, past time. Common errors in the use of modals.
Verb Forms	All verb forms in English. Using gerunds and infinitives, <i>verb + infinitive</i> and <i>preposition + gerund</i> .
Word Forms	Suffixes for nouns and verbs. Comparative and superlative forms of adjectives and adverbs. Participial phrases. Easily confused words.
Sentence Structure	Using simple, compound, complex, and compound-complex sentences
Clauses	Using independent, dependent, noun, adverb, and adjective clauses
Organizing Ideas	Outlining. Unity and coherence. Transition signals. Supporting details.
Editing Practice	Comprehensive review of all course content. Advanced strategies for effective editing and writing.

Informal Assessment

The instructor will informally assess your progress throughout the duration of the course to ensure that you are meeting the course objectives. Additionally, the instructor will provide feedback regarding your performance and progress on any oral or written components completed during the course.