# **ESOL** Resource Directory

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#### Welcome!

The purpose of this directory is to provide learners of the English language with a list of ESOL agencies in the Greater Boston area of Massachusetts. In addition to ESOL, services may also include programs and classes in job preparation, citizenship, driver's education, GED, and computer literacy.

We hope you find it useful!

## Helpful acronyms

ABE: Adult Basic Education

ELL: English Language Learners (non-native speakers)
ESL: English as a Second Language (English classes)

ESOL: English for Speakers of Other Languages (English classes)

GED: General Equivalency Diploma (certificate equivalent to high school

diploma)

TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language (standardized test of English proficiency needed for enrollment in US universities

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## RESOURCES BY TOWN

#### **ALLSTON - BRIGHTON**

#### **Boston International Academy**

ESL, TOEFL preparation, \$\$
Telephone: 617-731-6390

## **Charlesview Community Center**

ESL, free

Telephone: 617-699-2883

#### **Brazilian Immigrant Center, Inc.**

ESOL, workers' rights Varies Phone: 617-783-8001

Website: www.braziliancenter.org

## **Brazilian Women's Group**

ESOL, immigration clinics, civic participation & voter registration

Varies

Phone: 617-202-5775

Website: www.verdeamarelo.org

#### The Literacy Connection

ESOL, ABE, pre-GED, Citizenship Free

Phone: 617-746-2100

Website: www.csjboston.org/our-ministries/congregation-

ministries/the-literacy-connection/

#### ANDOVER

#### Andover ESL

ESL \$\$

Phone: 927-475-3738

Website: www.andoverenglish.com

## Friends of Memorial Hall Library

Conversational ESL, free Telephone: 978-475-4602

Website: www.mhl.org/conversational-english

## ARLINGTON

#### **Arlington Community Education**

ESL, writing, grammar \$99 for 12 weeks

Phone: 781-316-3568

Email: communityed@arlington.k12.ma.us Website: www.arlingtoncommunityed.org

#### **BEDFORD**

# Middlesex Community College - Adult Learning Center/ English Learner Institute

GED, ESOL, computer literacy Free

Phone: 781-280-3662 or 781-280-3200

#### **BOSTON**

#### **ASC English**

ESL classes, TOEFL preparation, \$\$

Phone: 617-860-3211

Website: www.ascenglish.com/english-programs.aspx

#### **Asian American Civic Association**

ABE, ESOL, immigrant counseling, computer literacy, job training

Free/Beginning ESL class \$360 for 12 weeks

Phone: 617-426-9492, ext. 223 Website: www.aaca-boston.org

## American Chinese Christian Educational & Social Services (ACCESS)

ESOL, social services referral, computer literacy, ABE

Registration fee + \$70 for three months/\$ 280 for 14 weeks

Phone: 617-426-1070

Website: www.chinatownaccess.org

## The Boston Academy of English

ESOL, TOEFL prep \$\$

Phone: 617-426-4868

Website: www.bostonacademyofenglish.com

## The Boston Center for Adult Education

ESOL, computer literacy, TOEFL prep \$\$

Phone: 617-267-4430 Website: www.bcae.org

## **Boston Community ESOL Center**

Literacy courses, English conversation, Free

Phone: 617-863-2505

Website: <a href="http://www.esolcenterboston.org/classes?gclid=CluSnpDq-">http://www.esolcenterboston.org/classes?gclid=CluSnpDq-</a>

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## **Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center**

ESOL, citizenship, computer literacy Free

Phone: 617-635-5129 Website: www.bcnc.net

## **Boston Language Institute**

ESOL, TOEFL prep \$\$

Phone: 617-262-3500, ext. 242 Website: www.bostonlanguage.com

#### **Boston Public Library**

ESOL, ABE, conversation groups Free

Phone: 617-536-5400

Website: www.bpl.org/research/literacy.htm

#### Catholic Charities—Yawkey Center

ESOL, ABE, GED, immigration legal services, refugee services Free

Phone: 617-506-6600, ext. 6630

Website: www.ccab.org/cc\_dorchester.html

## **Chinese Progressive Association**

ESOL, citizenship \$\$

Phone: 617-357-4499

Website: www.cpaboston.org

#### International Institute of Boston

ESOL, resettlement, workforce development, civic engagement

Phone: 617-695-9990 ext. 123 Website: www.iiboston.org

#### Irish International Immigrant Center

ESOL, citizenship, computer literacy \$30+

Phone: 617-542-7654

Website: www.iiicenter.org/

#### **Jewish Vocational Services**

ESOL, ABE, citizenship assistance, GED Free

Phone: 617-423-8660, ext. 3300 Website: www.jvs-boston.org

#### Literacy Volunteers of MA

**ESOL** Free

Phone: 617-367-1313 Website: www.lvm.org Park Street Church

ESL (short term visitors to the US) \$100-\$120/class Phone: 617-523-3383, ext. 236 (Karen Patschke)

Website: www.parkstreet.org

#### Rosie's Place

ESOL, GED, citizenship, computer literacy for women only Free

Phone: 617-442-9322

Website: www.rosiesplace.org

#### Somali Development Center, Inc.

ESOL, citizenship, computer literacy, social services, life skills, counseling

support Free

Phone: 617-522-0700

Website: www.sdcboston.org

## **TALK English Schools**

**ESOL. TOEFL** 

Phone: 781-768-7088 Website: www.talk.edu

#### **BROOKLINE**

## **Adult Community Education**

ESOL, GED, TOEFL prep, computer literacy \$\$

Phone: 617-730-2700

Website: www.brooklineadulted.org

#### BURLINGTON

#### Saheli

Translation, computer literacy, support groups, emotional well being

and mental health for South Asian women \$25

Phone: 866-472-4354 or 978-273-9752 Website: www.saheliboston.org

#### **CAMBRIDGE**

## The Cambridge Center for Adult Education

ESOL, computer literacy \$\$ Phone: 617-547-6789 Website: www.ccae.org

#### Community Learning Center

ESOL for Cambridge residents only, pre-GED, GED, ABE, citizenship. Free

Phone: 617-349-6363

Website:

www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforadults/communitylearningce

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#### International School of Boston (Lycée International de Boston)

ESOL \$\$

Phone: 617-499-1451

Website: www.isbos.org/campus-life/adulted

#### Literacy Project at the Cambridge Public Library

ESOL, computer literacy Free

Phone: 617-349-4013

Website:www.cambridgema.gov/cpl/Services/theliteracyproject.aspx

## Mass. Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

ESOL, social services Free Phone: 617-864-7600

Website: www.maps-inc.org

#### Philips Brooks House Association

ESOL, citizenship \$\$ Phone: 617-495-3684 Website: www.pbha.org

## **CHARLESTOWN**

## **Bunker Hill Community College**

ESOL (basic), ABE, GED \$100 per credit

Phone: 617-228-2421

Website: www.bhcc.edu/abe/

#### DANVERS

## **North Shore Community College**

ESL, GED prep \$200 Phone: 978-762-4000

Website: www.northshore.edu/academics/departments/esl

## Women In Transition (WIT) of the North Shore Community College (NSCC)

ESL \$\$ - some qualify for financial aid Phone: 978-762-4000 Fxt. 5515

Website: www.northshore.edu

## DORCHESTER

#### Haitian Multi-Service Center

ABE, ESOL, ADP, citizenship, computer literacy Free

Phone: 617-436-2848

Website: www.ccab.org/hmsc.html

#### Vietnamese-American Civic Association

ESOL, social and immigration services \$\$

Phone: 617-288-7344

Website: www.vaca-boston.org

#### **EVERETT**

## **Everett Literacy Program Everett High School**

ESOL. ABE, GED Free Phone: 617-394-2318

## La Comunidad, Inc.

ESOL, citizenship \$\$ Phone: 617-387-9996

Website: www.lacomunidadinc.org

## **FRAMINGHAM**

#### Framingham State University

ESOL \$225 for evening program

Phone: 508-626-8110

Website: www.framingham.edu/graduate-and continuing-education/english-as-a-second-language/index.html

#### **BRACE: Brazilian American Center**

ESOL classes, computer literacy classes, \$250

Phone: 508-628-0360

Website: www.brazilianamericancenter.org

#### First Parish

ESL programs, \$10/year Phone: 508-872-7125

Website: http://www.uuframingham.org/involved/social action.htm

#### Framingham Adult ESL Plus

ESOL, GED preparation, citizenship, computer literacy, ABE

Free

Phone: (508)626-4282

Website: http://www.faesl.org/index.html

## Framingham Public Library: Literacy Unlimited

ESOL tutoring, conversation groups, citizenship, GED, free

Telephone: 508-532-5574

Website: http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/

#### Joan Brack Adult Learning Center

ESOL, GED, free

Telephone: 508-620-2632

Website: http://www.smoc.org/joan-brack-adult-learning-center.php

## **Keefe at Night**

ABE, computer literacy, career training, ESOL, \$\$

Phone: (508)935-0202

Website: http://keefeatnight.org/

## **MassBay Community College**

Beginner to Advanced ESL, \$275/class

Telephone: 508-270-4103

Website: http://www.massbay.edu/esl/

#### HAVERHILL

### **Community Action Inc.**

ESOL classes, free

Phone: 978-373-1971

Website: https://www.communityactioninc.org/programs/adult-

education/learning-center

## **LAWRENCE**

#### **International Institute of Greater Lawrence**

ESOL classes, free Phone: 978-687-0981

Lazarus House

ESOL, free

Phone: 978-689-857

Website: https://lazarushouse.org/

#### **Merrimack Valley Immigrant and Education Center**

ESL, citizenship, free and fee based

Phone: 978-683-7316

Website: http://mviec.org/education.html

#### **Notre Dame Education Center**

ESL, free and fee based Phone: 978-682-6441 x201

## **North Essex Community College**

ESL, fee based

Telephone: 978-556-3437

Website: http://www.necc.mass.edu/academics/prep/adult-literacy/

#### **Valley Works Career Center**

ESOL, free

Telephone: 978-722-7000

Website: http://www.valleyworks.cc/vwccprograms.htm

#### LEXINGTON

## **Grace Chapel**

ESOL \$\$

Phone: 781-938-9499 or 781-862-6499, ext. 2219

Website: www.grace.org/esol

#### **Minuteman Continuing Education**

ESL \$150+

Phone: 781-861-7150 or 781-861-7151

Website: dev.minuteman.org/continuing-education/adult-ed-index

## **Lexington Community Education**

ESOL, English conversation \$\$

Phone: 781-862-8043

Website: www.lexingtoncommunityed.org

#### LYNN

#### Pathways Inc.

ESL, literacy, GED, citizenship Free

Phone: 781-599-8543

Website: www.pathwayslynn.org

#### LOWELL

## **English Learner Institute at Middlesex Community College**

ESOL classes, fee based Telephone: 978-656-3104

Website:

https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/internationalstudents/pac.aspx

#### **Lowell Adult Education Center**

ABE, ESOL, GED Free Telephone: 978-937-8989

Website: www.lowelladulteducation.com

## **Pollard Memorial Library**

ESL, literacy, citizenship Free Telephone: 978-674-4120 Website: www.pollardml.org

## **MALDEN**

#### The Immigrant Learning Center

ESOL, ABE, citizenship, computer literacy, theater, senior group Free

Phone: 781-322-9777

## Malden High School

ESOL, ELL, citizenship Free Phone: 781-397-7230

Website: maldenps.org/high/program-studies/english-language-learners

#### Malden Public Library

ESL Conversation Class Free

Phone: 781-324-0218

Website: www.maldenpubliclibrary.org/services/esl

## **Refugee and Immigration Ministry**

ESOL for complete beginners Free

Phone: 781-322-1011 Website: www.r-i-m.net

#### MARLBOROUGH

## **Quinsigamond Community College**

ESOL levels 1-4, free (classes for non credit)

Telephone: 508-263-9673

#### **MAYNARD**

#### **Hudson-Maynard Adult Learning Center**

ESOL, GED, Pre-GED, ABE Free

Phone: 978-897-4203

Website: www.hmalc-learn.org

#### **MILFORD**

#### Milford Town Library

ESL One on One, Drop in Classes, Free

#### NATICK

## Natick Literacy Program: Morse Institute Library

English conversation classes, one-on-one instruction

Free

Phone: (508)532-5572

Website: https://morseinstitute.org/services/learn-english/

#### **NEWTON**

#### **Legacy for Literacy**

**ESOL** Free

Phone: 617-796-1360

Website: www.newtonfreelibrary.net/? sec=services&sub=literacy

## **Newton Community Education**

ESL, GED, writing, grammar \$100-250

Phone: 617-559-6999

Website: www2.newtoncommunityed.org/

## QUINCY

## QCAP ESOL (Quincy Community Action Program)

**ESOL** classes Free

Phone: 617-479-8181, ext. 386

Website: www.qcap.org

## **Quincy Asian Resources with Michelle**

ESOL, conversation groups, citizenship, free/evening, \$160/morning

Phone: 617-472-2200

#### Thomas Crane Public Library, English Talk Time

Conversation groups Free

Phone: 617-376-3295

Website: www.quenglishtalk@ocln.org

#### PEABODY

#### **North Shore Community Action Programs**

**ESOL** Free

Phone: 978-531-0767 ext. 205

Website: www.northshore.edu/wit/index.html

#### **SALEM**

## **Center for International Education Salem State University**

ESL \$\$

Phone: 978-542-6351

Website: www.salemstate.edu/cie

#### **North Shore Community Development Coalition**

Phone: 978-825-4009

Website: www.northshorecdc.org

## **SOMERVILLE**

## Centro Presente, Education for Empowerment Program

ESOL, computer literacy, citizenship Varies

Phone: 617-497-9080, ext. 21 Website: www.cpresente.org

## Committee of Refugees from El Salvador (CORES)

ESOL, citizenship, free Phone: 617-623-5322

## **Notre Dame Learning Center**

ESOL, \$\$

Phone: 617-628-1601

## **Somerville Center for Adult Learning Experiences (SCALE)**

ESOL, ABE, pre-GED, GED Free

Phone: 617-629-5500

Website: www.somerville.k12.ma.us/scale

#### **Somerville Arts Council**

ESOL, language and cultural exchange, free

Phone: 617-625-660 ext. 2985

Website: www.somervilleartscouncil.org

## **Somerville Public Library**

ESL, TOEFL Free

Phone: 617-779-5000

Website: www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/esl.html

#### The Welcome Project and Somerville Community Corporation

ESOL, citizenship, computer skills \$50-75 (scholarships available)

Phone: 617-623-6633

Website: www.welcomeproject.org

#### WALTHAM

## **WATCH Community Development Center**

ESOL \$30-60 (scholarships available)

Phone: 781-891-6689

Website: www.watchcdc.org

#### **Hope International Church**

ESOL \$\$

Phone: 781-891-5238 Website: www.hopeic.org

#### **Power Program**

ESOL, Citizenship, GED, ABE, computer \$\$

Phone: 781-314-5586

## **Waltham Family School**

ESOL \$\$

Phone: 781-314-5696

Website: www.walthampublicschools.org/fam.cfm

#### WATERTOWN

#### **Project Literacy**

ESOL, ABE, Conversation Groups Free

Phone: 617-924-8797

Website: www.watertownlib.org

#### WAYLAND

## **Wayland Free Public Library**

Conversation groups, one-on-one training, Free

Phone: (508)358-2311

Website:http://waylandlibrary.org/esol-for-students/

#### WELLESLEY

Wellesley ESL: Wellesley Library

ESOL classes and tutoring, computer literacy, Free

Phone: (781)235-1610

Website: https://www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org/at-the-library/esl/

#### WESTFORD

## JV Fletcher Library Link to Literacy

Literacy tutoring \$40 Phone: 978-692-5555

Website:

www.westfordlibrary.org/Pages/JVFletcherLibrary Admin/Literacy

## **WOBURN**

## Adult Evening School @ Woburn High School

ESOL, pre-GED, GED \$\$ Phone: 781-937-8222

Website: www.woburnps.com/wmhs/2011/03/07/woburn-adult-education-and-evening-school/

#### **English At Large**

ESOL (individual tutoring, conversation groups) Free

Phone: 781-395-2374

Website: www.englishatlarge.org

## YMCA of Greater Boston International Learning Center

**ESOL** Free

Phone: 781-935-6499

Website:

www.ymcaboston.org/international\_learning/international\_learning-

programs/woburn-program

# OTHER RESOURCES

#### MASSACHUSETTS ADULT LITERACY HOTLINE

The Massachusetts Adult Literacy Hotline provides referrals to over 300 adult education programs that offer one-on-one tutoring, small-group or classroom instruction to adult learners. Phone: 1-800-447-8844 Website: massliteracyhotline.org

# OFFICE OF NEW BOSTONIANS COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTORY

Online at: www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians/directory

## MIRA COALITION

MIRA is the largest coalition in New England promoting the rights and integration of immigrants and refugees.

Website: www.miracoalition.org/resources

## INDEPENDENT LEARNING

Start learning English today! Here is a list of resources you can use to practice your English independently.



#### ONLINE RESOURCES

## **Duolingo**

https://www.duolingo.com/

Learn English for free on your smart phone or computer! Interactive language program. Study alone, or connect with friends.

Activities to practice your English: a4sl

http://a4esl.org/

Quizzes, tests and exercises to help you learn English. All levels. This site also has bilingual quizzes in English with 50 other languages.

Easy things for Beginners: Many Things http://www.manythings.org/e/easy.html

Interactive English practice for beginners. Explore the rest of the website when you are finished with these activities.

**Listening Practice: Randall's Cyberlistening Lab** <a href="http://www.esl-lab.com/">http://www.esl-lab.com/</a>

Listen to the short dialogues and do the exercises

englishyappr.com

http://en.englishyappr.com/classroom/Classroom.action

Take a test to find your English level, then learn in the online classes!

Mango

https://mangolanguages.com/index.html

Ask your local library about how to use Mango

#### HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

Source: **EFEnglish Live** website: http://englishlive.ef.com/

## Speak, speak!

Be confident and speak as often as possible to as many people as you possibly can! Do not be shy about making mistakes! The more you practice the better and more confident you will become in your pronunciation and vocabulary. Remember, speaking is a skill like learning a musical instrument or new sport – the only way you can get good is to actually do it!

## Use technology

A smartphone can be a powerful tool for learning languages. Use it to record yourself speaking then listen back to see how your English sounds to other people. Make the most of all your favourite productivity apps to organize your practice time and make a note of all the new words you learn.

#### Listen

Listen to news bulletins and songs in English to listen to the pronunciation of words. You can also learn new words and expressions this way. The more you listen, the more you learn! Try copying what you hear to practice your pronunciation and learn which words in a sentence are stressed.

#### Read out loud

Read the newspaper or a magazine out to yourself. You could even find a script for your favorite TV show and act it out! This is a great way to practice pronunciation because you only need to concentrate on making sure you English sounds great and don't need to worry about sentence structure or grammar.

#### Learn a new word every day

Choose a word you would like to work on and use practice it in different sentences. Use the word until you have learnt it and keep using it regularly.

#### Watch films

Watch movies in English and pay attention to new vocabulary and pronunciation. Imitate the actors and have fun with it.

#### Make friends

Make friends with English speakers or others learning to speak English and compare notes. Talk about things that you have learnt and exchange ideas.

## Do interesting activities in English

Take a cooking course in English or join a book club! Anything you enjoy doing, make sure you do it and communicate it in English. Using English to talk about things you enjoy will make practicing a positive experience.

#### Have a debate

Debate all the topics that interest you with friends in English. Try to use as much vocabulary as you can to get your point across and listen to the other arguments carefully so you can argue against them effectively.

#### Use a dictionary

Online dictionaries often have audio examples so you can check your pronunciation and there are lots of great dictionary apps that you can take everywhere with you on your smartphone. Make sure not to become too reliant on these tools, though. Have a go at saying the words first then check afterwards to see if you were right!

#### Sing a song!

Music is a great way to improve your speaking skills, practice the rhythm of the language and learn some useful expressions. Look up the lyrics (song words) to your favorite songs on the Internet, and then practicing singing aloud. If you're shy, sing at home alone. If you're more outgoing, get together with some friends and do a bit of English karaoke.

#### Think in English

This is a great way to improve your spoken English, and you can do it anywhere, anytime. At home, you can talk to yourself while doing everyday tasks like preparing a meal. If you are on the train or bus, then describe the people around you (in your head, not aloud!), and when you go to sleep, go over the day's events in English.

#### Record yourself speaking

Even though you might not like hearing your own voice, this is a very useful way to find out what's wrong with your spoken English. Record yourself speaking and then listen to the tape, or ask a native speaker for

some advice. Look for positive things, too. Make a note of all the things you do well when you speak English. If you are ever feeling unmotivated, look at the things you do well to feel great about speaking English again.

#### Keep a speaking journal

Record your thoughts in English before you go to sleep at night. You can play the tape at the end of the year to look back on important events, as well as monitor your English progress. If you can't keep a speaking journal, write it instead. Make a note of all the conversations you had in English along with aspects you did well and things you could improve on. Use this to track your progress throughout the year and set yourself new goals.

#### Take extra classes

If you feel you need extra practice and want to interact with other English learners, why not join a language class? There are plenty of language schools around, or even online courses. Don't think you can learn to speak on the Internet? In EF English Live's teacher-led classes, all you need is a headset and microphone to talk to the world!

#### Find English-speaking friends

If you are really serious about becoming a good English speaker, you need to meet people you can speak to in English. This does NOT only mean native-speakers, though. English is spoken by many more people as a second language than as a native language, and being able to understand different accents is very important. Start an English coffee club with your friends where you meet and have a chat in English. You can help each other and have fun practicing together.