

# 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, 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

#### **Gardner Pilot Academy**

ESOL (all levels) Free with free child care

Contact Info: 857-928-6828

Site: <https://gpaesol.com/>

#### **Boston International Academy**

ESL, TOEFL prep (hybrid) \$\$

Contact Info: 617-731-6390

Site: [bia.edu](http://bia.edu)

#### **Brazilian Women's Group**

ESOL, immigration clinics, civic participation & voter registration

Varies

Contact Info: 617-202-5775

Site: <http://verdeamarelo.org/bwg/>

#### **The Literacy Connection**

ESOL private tutoring, citizenship class Free

Contact Info: 617-746-2100

Site: <https://www.csjboston.org/our-ministries/congregation-ministries/the-literacy-connection/>

#### **Charlesview Community Center**

ESL (only in summer months) Free

Contact Info: 857-928-6828

Site: [charlesviewcommunity.org/community-center/](http://charlesviewcommunity.org/community-center/)

### ANDOVER

#### **Friends of the Memorial Hall Library**

Conversational ESL Free

Contact Info: 978-475-4602

Site: [www.mhl.org/conversational-english](http://www.mhl.org/conversational-english)

## ARLINGTON

### **Arlington Community Education**

Conversational ESL, classes      Free / \$

Contact Info: 781-316-3568

Site: <https://www.arlingtoncommunityed.org/>

## BEDFORD

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

Beginner ESOL      Free / \$\$

Contact Info: 781-280-3200, nahabediana@middlesex.mass.edu

Site: [https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/bus\\_ind/pac.aspx](https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/bus_ind/pac.aspx)

### **Middlesex Community College- Intensive English Institute**

Advanced English language communication skills      \$\$\$

Contact Info: 781-280-3934

978-656-3350

Site: <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/iei/>

### **Middlesex Community College - Adult Learning Center**

ESOL      Free

Contact Info: 781-280-3665

Prep for GED/college/job      Free

Contact Info: 781-280-3662

Site: <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/adultlearning/>

## BOSTON

### **Jamaica Plain Community Centers**

Multiple levels of ESOL      Free

Contact Info: 617-426-9492 x 213

Site: <https://aaca-boston.org/english-classes/>

### **Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center**

Multiple different categories of ESOL, citizenship      Free / \$

Contact Info: 617-635-5129 x 1029

Site: <https://bcnc.net/adult-education>

### **Boston Public Library**

ESOL, conversation group, GED prep, citizenship      Free

Contact Info: 617-859-2446

Site: [www.bpl.org/research/literacy.htm](http://www.bpl.org/research/literacy.htm)

### **Catholic Charities-Yawkey Center**

ESOL, GED prep      Free

Contact Info: 617-464-8500

Site: <https://www.ccab.org/adult-education-workforce-development/esol/>

### **Chinese Progressive Association**

ESOL, citizenship      \$\$

Contact Info: 617-357-4499

Site: [www.cpaboston.org](http://www.cpaboston.org)

### **El Centro**

ESOL, GED prep, ABE, immigrant legal services      Free

Contact Info: 617-464-8500

Site: <https://www.ccab.org/adult-education-workforce-development/el-centro-adult-education/>

### **Laboure Adult education**

ESOL      Free

Contact Info: 617-464-8551

Site: <https://www.ccab.org/adult-education-workforce-development/esol/>

### **International Institute of New England**

ESOL      Free

Contact Info: 617-201-2513

Site: <https://iine.org/esol-classes/>

### **Rian Immigrant Center**

ESOL, citizenship, computer literacy      Textbook fee, waivable

Contact Info: 617-542-7654

Site: <https://www.riancenter.org/>

### **Jewish Vocational Services**

ESOL, ABE, citizenship, english for career    Free

Contact Info: 617-399-3131

Site: <https://www.jvs-boston.org/our-services/advance-your-career/improve-your-english/>

### **Literacy Volunteers of MA**

ESOL    Free

Contact Info: 617-367-1313

Site: [www.lvm.org](http://www.lvm.org)

### **Notre Dame Education Center**

ESOL, ABE, conversation groups    \$

Contact Info: 617-268-1912

Site: [www.ndecboston.org/](http://www.ndecboston.org/)

### **Park Street Church**

ESL, professional communication, conversation groups    Free - \$\$

Contact Info: 617-523-3383 x 236

Site: <https://www.parkstreet.org/ministries/internationals/english-language-program/>

### **Rosie's Place**

WOMEN ONLY ESOL, computer literacy    Free

Contact Info: 617-442-9322

Site: <https://www.rosiesplace.org/how-we-help/ongoing-support/education>

### **Somali Development Center, Inc.**

ESOL, citizenship, computer literacy, job search support, life skills, counseling support    Free

Contact Info: 617-522-0700

Site: [www.sdcboston.org](http://www.sdcboston.org)

### **Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence**

ESOL    Free

Contact Info: [staci@atask.org](mailto:staci@atask.org)

Site: <https://www.atask.org/site/>

### **East Boston Community Council**

Intermediate ESL for mothers (free childcare during the class)    Free

Contact Info: 617-567-2750

Site: <https://ebecc.org/>

### **Educational Development Group**

Intermediate and beginner ESOL    \$\$

Contact Info: 617-357-5717

Site: <https://edginc.org/>

### **Gilbert Albert Community Center**

ESL, conversation group    \$\$

Contact Info: 857-492-6063

Site: <https://gaccinc.org/>

### **Maverick Landing Community Services**

ESOL, computer literacy    Free

Contact Info: Visit website

Site: <https://mlcsboston.org/>

### **Neighborhood Of Affordable Housing, Inc.**

ESOL, computer literacy, citizenship    \$

Contact Info: 617-567-5882

Site: <https://noahcdc.org/>

### **YMCA Boston**

ESOL, conversation group, English for work    \$-\$\$\$

Contact Info: 617-927-8244

Site: <https://ymcaboston.org/community-and-food-access/adult-education-job-training/english-classes/>

## **Boston ABCD**

ESOL    Free

Contact Info: 617-433-8891

Site: <https://bostonabcd.org/service/english-for-speakers-of-other-languages-esol/>

## **Boston Public Schools**

ESOL, ESOL for food service    Free and fee-based

Contact Info: 617-635-9300

Site: <https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/domain/2442>

## **East Boston Harborside Community School**

ESOL (childcare provided), GED prep    Free

Contact Info: 617-545-4194

Site: <https://www.ebhcs.org/>

## **BROCKTON**

### **English Transcultural Center**

ESOL    Free

Contact Info: 617-464-8088

Site: <https://www.ccab.org/adult-education-workforce-development/esol//>

## **BROOKLINE**

### **Adult Community Education**

ESOL    \$\$

Contact Info: 617-730-2700

Site: [www.brooklineadulted.org](http://www.brooklineadulted.org)

## **BURLINGTON**

### **Saheli**

Translation, legal advocacy, support groups for South Asian women

Free

Contact Info: 866-472-4354

Site: [www.saheliboston.org](http://www.saheliboston.org)



## CAMBRIDGE

### **The Cambridge Center for Adult Education**

ESOL, computer literacy    \$\$

Contact Info: 617-547-6789

Site: [www.ccae.org](http://www.ccae.org)

### **Community Learning Center**

ESOL for Cambridge residents only, GED prep, ABE, citizenship

Free

Contact Info: 617-349-6363

Site:

[www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforadults/communitylearningcenter](http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP/programsforadults/communitylearningcenter)

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

ESOL    \$\$

Contact Info: 617-499-1451

Site: [www.isbos.org/campus-life/adulted](http://www.isbos.org/campus-life/adulted)

### **Literacy Project at the Cambridge Public Library**

ESOL, computer literacy    \$\$\$\$

Contact Info: 617-349-4013

Site: [www.cambridgema.gov/cpl/Services/theliteracyproject.aspx](http://www.cambridgema.gov/cpl/Services/theliteracyproject.aspx)

### **Mass. Alliance of Portuguese Speakers**

Citizenship, employment assistance, immigrant integration services, no

ESL    Free

Contact Info: 617-864-7600

Site: [www.maps-inc.org](http://www.maps-inc.org)

### **Philips Brooks House Association**

ESOL, citizenship    Free

Contact Info: 617-548-4671

Site: [www.pbha.org](http://www.pbha.org)

## CHARLESTOWN

### **Bunker Hill Community College**

ESOL, ABE, GED prep    \$\$

Contact Info: StudentCentral@bhcc.edu

Site: <https://www.bhcc.edu/academics/englishlanguagelearningprograms/>

## CHELMSFORD

### **Chelmsford Public Library**

Conversation group    Free

Contact Info: 978-256-5521 x 1106

Site: <https://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/programs/conversation-circles/>

## CHELSEA

### **La Colaborativa**

ESOL, conversation group, citizenship prep, job support    Free

Contact Info: 617-889-6080

Site: <https://la-colaborativa.org/programs/>

## DANVERS

### **North Shore Community College**

ESL, GED prep    \$\$

Contact Info: 978-762-4067

Site: [www.northshore.edu/academics/departments/esl](http://www.northshore.edu/academics/departments/esl)

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

Semester program to support women in goals to attend college and gain independence with specialized tutors    \$\$ - financial aid available

Contact Info: egilmore@northshore.edu

Site: <https://www.northshore.edu/wit/>

## DORCHESTER

### Haitian Multi-Service Center

ESOL    Free

Contact Info: 617-506-6600

Site: <https://www.ccab.org/adult-education-workforce-development/esol/>

### Vietnamese-American Civic Association

ESOL, citizenship    \$\$

Contact Info: 617-288-7344

Site: <http://www.vaca-boston.org/>

### St. Mark Community Education Program

English for work, citizenship    Free

Contact Info: 617-288-8515

Site: <https://www.stmarksesol.org/>

## EVERETT

### La Comunidad, Inc.

ESOL, citizenship, immigration services, translation    \$-\$\$

Contact Info: 617-387-9996

Site: [www.lacomunidadinc.org](http://www.lacomunidadinc.org)

## FRAMINGHAM

### Framingham State University

ESOL    \$\$\$

Contact Info: 508-626-4958

Site: <https://www.framingham.edu/academics/continuing-education/english-language-programs/index>

### BRACE: Brazilian American Center

ESOL classes, computer literacy classes    \$\$

Contact Info: 508-628-3721

Site: [www.brazilianamericancenter.org](http://www.brazilianamericancenter.org)

### **First Parish**

ESL \$10/year

Contact Info: 508-872-3111

Site: <https://www.uuframingham.org/>

### **Framingham Adult ESL Plus**

ESOL, GED prep, citizenship Free

Contact Info: 508-626-4282

Site: <https://faesl.org/>

### **Framingham Public Library: Literacy Unlimited**

ESOL tutoring and classes Free

Contact Info: 508-532-5574

Site: <http://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/>

### **Joan Brack Adult Learning Center**

ESOL, GED prep Free

Contact Info: 508-620-2677

Site: <http://www.smoc.org/joan-brack-adult-learning-center.php>

### **Keefe at Night**

ESOL, GED prep, computer literacy \$\$

Contact Info: 508-416-2170

Site: <http://keefeatnight.org/>

### **MassBay Community College**

Beginner to Advanced ESL \$\$

Contact Info: 508-270-4100

Site: <http://www.massbay.edu/esl/>

### **Literacy Unlimited**

ESOL Free

Contact Info: 508-532-5574

Site: <https://framinghamlibrary.org/literacy/our-program/>

## HAVERHILL

### **Community Action Inc.**

ESOL classes      Free

Contact Info: 978-373-1971 x 244

Site: <https://www.communityactioninc.org/programs/adult-education/learning-center>

### **North Essex Community College**

Beginner, Intermediate English for career advancement      Free

Contact Info: 978-556-3700

Site: <https://www.necc.mass.edu/learn/innovative-programs/english-as-a-second-language-esl/>

## HUDSON

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

ESOL, GED prep, pre-GED, ABE      Free

Contact Info: 978-567-6250 x 15102

Site: [www.hmalc.org](http://www.hmalc.org)

## LAWRENCE

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

ESOL classes      Free

Contact Info: 978-687-0981

Site: <https://immigrationlawrence.org/>

### **Adult Learning Center at the Lawrence Public School**

ESL      Free

Contact Info: 978-722-8110

Site: <https://www.lawrence.k12.ma.us/index.php/alc-events>

### **Lawrence Community Works**

ESL, English for career advancement      \$

Contact Info: 978-685-3115

Site: <https://www.lawrencecommunityworks.org/what-we-offer/workforce-development/esol/>

### **Lawrence Adult Learning Center**

ESL, citizenship services, HSE Free

Contact Info: 978-722-8110

Site: <https://sites.google.com/lawrence.k12.ma.us/alc/home>

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

ESOL, citizenship, english for work \$

Contact Info: 978-683-7316

Site: <http://mviec.org/>

## **LEXINGTON**

### **Grace Chapel**

ESOL \$\$

Contact Info: 781-862-8351 x 2219

Site: [www.grace.org/esol](http://www.grace.org/esol)

### **Lexington Community Education**

ESOL \$\$

Contact Info: 781-862-8043

Site: [www.lexingtoncommunityed.org](http://www.lexingtoncommunityed.org)

## **LOWELL**

### **Abisi Adult Education Center**

ABE, ESOL, GED prep Free

Contact Info: 978-937-8989

Site: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/domain/2660>

### **Pollard Memorial Library**

ESL, literacy, citizenship Free

Contact Info: 978-674-4120

Site: <https://lowelllibrary.org/services/>

### **Merrimack Language School**

ESOL, Conversation group \$\$\$

Contact Info: 978-703-1020

Site: <https://www.merrimacklanguage.com/beginner-english-course>

## LYNN

### English Language Learning Academy

ESOL      Free

Contact Info: 781-593-2312

Site: <https://www.ccab.org/adult-education-workforce-development/esol/>

### Pathways Inc.

ESL, literacy, GED prep, citizenship      Free

Contact Info: 781-599-8543

Site: <https://pathwayslynn.org/english-classes/>

## MALDEN

### The Immigrant Learning Center

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

Contact Info: 781-322-9777

Site: <https://www.ilctr.org/>

### Malden Public Library

ESL conversation class      Free

Contact Info: 781-324-0218

Site: [www.maldenpubliclibrary.org/services/esl](http://www.maldenpubliclibrary.org/services/esl)

### Refugee and Immigration Ministry

ESOL for complete beginners      Free

Contact Info: 781-322-1011

Site: [www.r-i-m.net](http://www.r-i-m.net)

## MARLBOROUGH

### Quinsigamond Community College

ESOL levels 1-4      Free

Contact Info: 508-751-7926

Site: <https://www.qcc.edu/services/adult-community-learning-center/esol-english-speakers-other-languages>

## MAYNARD

### Maynard Public Library

Conversation group Free

Contact Info: 978-897-1010

Site: <https://www.maynardpubliclibrary.org/esol>

## METHUEN

### Literacy Volunteers of Methuen

ESOL Free

Contact Info: 978-686-4080

Site: <https://www.nevinslibrary.org/services/adult-literacy/>

### Methuen Adult Learning Center

ESOL, GED prep, ABE Free

Contact Info: 978-681-9407

Site: <https://malc.methuen.k12.ma.us/>

## MILFORD

### Milford Town Library

ESL one-to-one, drop-in Free

Contact Info: 508-473-2145

Site: <https://www.milfordtownlibrary.org/reference-department/pages/esl>

## NATICK

### Morse Institute Library

English conversation classes, one-on-one instruction Free

Contact Info: 508-647-6400 x 1583

Site: <https://morseinstitute.libguides.com/learn-english/>

## NEWTON

### Legacy for Literacy

ESOL Free

Contact Info: 617-796-1364

Site: <https://newtonfreelibrary.net/services/education/ell/>



## **Newton Community Education**

ESL, GED prep, writing, grammar    \$\$\$

Contact Info: 617-559-6999

Site: [www2.newtoncommunityed.org/](http://www2.newtoncommunityed.org/)

## **PEABODY**

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

ESOL    Free

Contact Info: 978-531-0767 x 201

Site: <https://www.nscap.org/our-programs/adult-education/>

## **QUINCY**

### **QCAP ESOL (Quincy Community Action Program)**

ESOL classes    Free

Contact Info: 617-657-5386

Site: <https://www.qcap.org/our-programs/adult-education-workforce-development/#esol>

### **Quincy Asian Resources with Michelle**

ESOL, citizenship    Free

Contact Info: 617-472-2200

Site: <https://www.qariususa.org/class-registration>

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

Conversation groups    Free

Contact Info: 617-376-1314

Site: <https://thomascranelibrary.org/learn-english>

## **SALEM**

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

ESL    \$\$

Contact Info: 978-542-6351

Site: [www.salemstate.edu/cie](http://www.salemstate.edu/cie)

### **North Shore CDC - Espacio**

ESL, Financial literacy, GED prep Free

Contact Info: 978-745-8071

Site: <http://northshorecdc.org/programs/espacio/>

## **SOMERVILLE**

### **Centro Presente, Education for Empowerment Program**

ESOL (three levels), citizenship \$\$

Contact Info: 857-256-2981

Site: <https://cpresente.org/education-for-empowerment/>

### **Committee of Refugees from El Salvador (CORES)**

ESOL, citizenship Free

Contact Info: 617-623-5322

Site: [coressomerville.com/esl-classes/](http://coressomerville.com/esl-classes/)

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

ESOL, ABE, HiSET, ADP Free

Contact Info: 617-625-6600 x 6900

Site: [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/scale](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/scale)

### **Somerville Arts Council: Intercambio**

ESOL, language and cultural exchange Free

Contact Info: 617-625-6600 x 2985

Site: <http://somervilleartscouncil.org/intercambio>

### **Somerville Public Library**

ESL, TOEFL Free

Contact Info: 617-623-5000 x 2935

Site: <https://www.somervillepubliclibrary.org/esl-citizenship/esl-classes>

### **The Welcome Project and Somerville Community Corporation**

ESOL, citizenship, computer skills \$, scholarships available

Contact Info: 617-623-6633

Site: [www.welcomeproject.org](http://www.welcomeproject.org)

## WALTHAM

### Hope International Church

ESOL    Free with book fee

Contact Info: 781-891-5238

Site: [www.hopeic.org](http://www.hopeic.org)

### Waltham Family School

ESOL    \$\$

Contact Info: 781-314-5696

Site: <https://walthamfamilyschool.org/>

### Waltham Public Library

ESOL classes and conversation groups    Free

Contact Info: 781-314-3442

Site: <https://waltham.lib.ma.us/english-language-learning/>

### WATCH Community Development Center

ESOL    \$-waivable

Contact Info: 781-570-4359

Site: <https://watchcdc.org/adult-education/>

## WATERTOWN

### Project Literacy

ESOL, ABE, conversation groups    Free

Contact Info: 617-924-8797

Site: <https://www.watertownlib.org/165/Project-Literacy>

## WAYLAND

### Wayland Free Public Library

Conversation groups, one-on-one tutoring    Free

Contact Info: 508-358-2311

Site: <http://waylandlibrary.org/esol-for-students/>

## WELLESLEY

### **Wellesley ESL: Wellesley Library**

ESOL classes and tutoring, computer literacy Free

Contact Info: 781-235-1610

Site: <https://www.wellesleyfreelibrary.org/at-the-library/esl/>

## WESTFORD

### **JV Fletcher Library Link to Literacy**

Literacy tutoring Free

Contact Info: 978-399-2300

Site: <https://westfordlibrary.org/services/link-to-literacy/>

## WOBURN

### **English At Large**

ESOL- individual tutoring, conversation groups Free

Contact Info: 781-395-2374

Site: [www.englishatlarge.org](http://www.englishatlarge.org)

### **YMCA of Greater Boston International Learning Center**

ESOL Free

Contact Info: 781-935-6499

Site: <https://woburnilc.weebly.com/>

## REMOTE PROGRAMS

### **MassLinks Adult Education Online Academy**

ESOL, GED/HiSET Free

Contact Info: 978-630-9835

Site: <https://mwcc.edu/mass-links/>

## 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](http://massliteracyhotline.org)

### OFFICE OF NEW BOSTONIANS COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTORY

Online at: [www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians/directory](http://www.cityofboston.gov/newbostonians/directory)

### MIRA COALITION

MIRA advocates for the rights and integration of immigrants and refugees. Website: [www.miracoalition.org/resources](http://www.miracoalition.org/resources)

### MASSACHUSETTS ADULT AND COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICES (ACLS)

Directory of free programs funded by the state of Massachusetts.

Website: <https://www.doe.mass.edu/acls/directory.html>

### RESOURCES FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS

New Hampshire Adult Education publishes a list of programs on their website: <https://www.nhadulted.org/locations/>

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

Listen to the short dialogues and do the exercises

### **Mango**

<https://mangolanguages.com/>

Ask your local library about how to use Mango

## HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH

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

### **Speak, 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 favorite 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.

### **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.