

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

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/

ANDOVER

Friends of the Memorial Hall Library

Conversational ESL Free

Contact Info: 978-475-4602

Site: 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

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

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

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

Notre Dame Education Center

ESOL, ABE, conversation groups \$

Contact Info: 617-268-1912

Site: 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

Asian Task Force Against Domestic Violence

ESOL Free

Contact Info: 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

BURLINGTON

Saheli

Translation, legal advocacy, support groups for South Asian women

Free

Contact Info: 866-472-4354

Site: www.saheliboston.org

CAMBRIDGE

The Cambridge Center for Adult Education

ESOL, computer literacy \$\$

Contact Info: 617-547-6789

Site: 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

International School of Boston (Lycée International de Boston)

ESOL \$\$

Contact Info: 617-499-1451

Site: 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

Mass. Alliance of Portuguese Speakers

Citizenship, employment assistance, immigrant integration services, no

ESL Free

Contact Info: 617-864-7600

Site: www.maps-inc.org

Philips Brooks House Association

ESOL, citizenship Free

Contact Info: 617-548-4671

Site: 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

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

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

First Parish

ESL \$10/year

Contact Info: 508-872-3111

Site: <https://www.uframingham.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

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

Lexington Community Education

ESOL \$\$

Contact Info: 781-862-8043

Site: 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

Refugee and Immigration Ministry

ESOL for complete beginners Free

Contact Info: 781-322-1011

Site: 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/

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.qariusa.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

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/

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

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

WALTHAM

Hope International Church

ESOL Free with book fee

Contact Info: 781-891-5238

Site: 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

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

OFFICE OF NEW BOSTONIANS COMMUNITY RESOURCES DIRECTORY

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

MIRA COALITION

MIRA advocates for the rights and integration of immigrants and refugees. Website: 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.