



## ESOL Program: Fall 2023

Understanding the language is empowering! Our free classes provide enjoyable and interactive learning of practical English for daily use. With in-person sessions held on different days, you'll learn alongside fellow students under the guidance of a teacher. We offer classes, textbooks, and workbooks as gifts at no cost to you. We request your dedication to attending as many classes as you can.

### Registration Information:

1. These classes meet in-person only at Seneca Creek Community Church (13 Firstfield Rd, Gaithersburg, MD)
2. We offer online, phone, and in-person registration.
3. New students will need to join us during registration days to take a placement test. Returning learners won't be required to take a placement test but will need to register online or over the phone to confirm their interest in returning. Learners who have not attended since winter 2023 will be considered a new learner and will need to take the placement test in-person.

Questions? Text "English" to 301-900-2920 or send us an email to [ESOL@senecacreek.org](mailto:ESOL@senecacreek.org)

Class Information	Dates & Times
<b>A1 – Beginner:</b> In this level, a foundation is established. Initial skills encompass recognizing alphabet letters and numbers, along with basic survival vocabulary and courteous expressions. Learners progress to responding to uncomplicated questions and engaging in basic social interactions. In parallel, reading abilities evolve, covering word combinations, phonetic associations, and comprehension of dates, clock times, and currency values. This journey also encompasses foundational writing skills, including forming letters and numerals, spelling basic words, and crafting sentences.	Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 12 PM
	Tuesday & Thursdays: 10 AM – 12 PM
	Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
	Wednesdays: 7 PM – 7:30 PM
<b>A2 – Beginner II:</b> In this level, a foundational framework emerges for language development. Skills encompass recognizing spelled/dictated letters, responding to greetings, and comprehending basic questions in familiar contexts. This journey extends to reading common words and crafting simple sentences, while writing skills include personal details, dictated phrases, forms completion, and basic expressions. Grammar knowledge covers verb usage, tenses, prepositions, adverbs, possessive adjectives, and subject pronouns.	Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 12 PM
	Tuesday & Thursdays: 10 AM – 12 PM
	Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
	Wednesdays: 7 PM – 7:30 PM
<b>A3 – Beginner III:</b> In this level, language development takes on significant dimensions. Listening skills progress as learners identify essential vocabulary within context. They become adept at recognizing and responding to familiar words, alternative question structures, and multi-step instructions. As they advance, learners develop the ability to ask fundamental questions, engage in short conversations, express preferences, and arrange appointments via telephone.	Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 12 PM

<p><b>B – Low Beginner:</b> In this level, reading skills expand to encompass deciphering varied word forms, compound sentences, and pattern recognition. Learners also employ prediction strategies. On the writing front, they excel in completing essential forms, crafting sentences, and effectively employing basic punctuation. Their grammar proficiency deepens, embracing present continuous tense, modal verbs, subject-verb agreement, adjectives, contractions, demonstratives, articles, and conjunctions. These combined skills culminate in a diverse set of emerging language competencies.</p>	Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 12 PM
	Tuesday & Thursdays: 10 AM – 12 PM
	Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
<p><b>C – High Beginner:</b> In this class, learners advance in vital language domains. They respond using enriched vocabulary, engaging in social dialogues, following multi-step directions, and extracting key details from conversations. These skills extend to writing, decoding context-based words, and discerning main ideas. Grammar mastery includes tenses, modals, adjectives, adverbs, and possessives, enhancing their communication toolkit.</p>	Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 12 PM
	Tuesday & Thursdays: 10 AM – 12 PM
	Tuesday & Thursday: 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM
<p><b>Low Intermediate – Level II:</b> In this class, learners achieve notable language growth, skillfully interpreting conversations and mastering multi-step directions. They proficiently engage in discussions, expressing themselves through detailed statements, questions, and commands. Their adeptness at identifying crucial interaction details highlights their evolving communicative competence.</p>	Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 12 PM
<p><b>High Intermediate – Level III:</b> In this class, learners excel in reading, demonstrating contextual vocabulary comprehension, narrative understanding, and effective information extraction. In the realm of writing, they shine in composing comprehensive messages, mastering note-taking, and producing organized paragraphs. Their grammatical mastery encompasses nuanced tenses, modals, conditionals, adverbial clauses, and various idiomatic expressions, underscoring their advanced language prowess.</p>	Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 12 PM
<p><b>Conversational – Level IV:</b> In this class, learners come together to improve their spoken English abilities through engaging conversations and interactive activities. The emphasis is on building fluency, confidence, and cultural awareness, allowing participants to navigate real-world situations with ease. The class typically covers a range of topics, encouraging students to express themselves, share experiences, and actively engage in meaningful dialogues. Our conversational classes create a supportive and inclusive environment, enabling learners to develop their vocabulary, refine pronunciation, and enhance their overall communication skills in a practical and interactive manner.</p>	Saturdays: 9:30 AM – 12 PM