

LEARNING ENGLISH?

We'll make your journey to success in English easier



Welcome



Do you want to study English in one of the most beautiful, vibrant and friendliest cities in Ireland? Then, welcome to Direct English Ireland, situated in the heart of Cork City in the South West of Ireland. At Direct English Ireland, you will receive high quality English language classes from highly qualified native English teachers. From day one you will be placed in a class suitable to your level and will gain confidence with the English language. We offer English language classes at nine different levels, from beginners to advanced, combined with social activities/cultural outings which aim to improve your English language skills while at the same time allowing you to experience what this wonderful country and city has to offer.

Why choose Direct English Ireland!

Direct English builds your confidence from day one and is the most effective language system for anyone wanting to learn English. With nine levels to choose from, Direct English offers more choice than any other English language training system. We'll encourage you to speak English from your very first class. Not classroom English, but language for real life situations.

We will also help to facilitate your move to Ireland and ensure that it is a smooth and easy process. We offer assistance in course selection, VISA applications and administration, health insurance, transportation and accommodation. We are proud of the personal service we provide for each of our students and will be happy to help you as best as possible both before and during your stay in Ireland.

Direct English Resources

From day one, you'll be learning and practising your English language skills through a unique combination of personal study, online learning, tutorials and conversation classes. Our course material covers everyday scenarios making sure you learn real English for the real world. Each level of your course covers a wide range of learner resources to keep you interested and motivated.

Integral to the Direct English system is unlimited access to Direct English Online: our unique, multimedia online learning portal that will allow you to practice your English wherever and whenever you choose. The course material for each level includes:

- An introductory manual
- A course book
- A companion book

• A PC video disk

- 9 audio CDs
- A multimedia CD-ROM



They say the first step is the hardest. We've just made it easier.

Our course is benchmarked against stages of learning and qualifications defined by the Common European Framework and independent public examination bodies including IELTS[™], TOEFL and BULATS. We provide a free online placement test with a high level of accuracy, through which the applicant can determine all their language needs.

Courses we offer

- 1. Foundation Course (3 weeks)
- 2. Summer Courses (2 & 4 week options)
- 3. Business Course (4 weeks)
- 4. Academic Year Programme (25 weeks)
 - General English Basic Course (level 1, 2 & 3)
 - General English Intermediate Course (level 4, 5 & 6)
 - General English Advanced Course (level 7, 8 & Business English)

5. General English Courses:

- Level 1 (8 weeks for A1 level students)
- Level 2 (8 weeks for A2 level students)
- Level 3 (8 weeks for A2+ level students)
- Level 4 (8 weeks for B1 level students)
- Level 5 (8 weeks for B2 level students)
- Level 6 (8 weeks for B2+ level students)
- Level 7 (8 weeks for C1 level students)
- Level 8 (8 weeks for C1+ level students)

6. Exam Preparation Classes:

- Cambridge Exams (PET, KET, FCE and CAE)
- IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
- BULATS (Business Language Testing System)
- **TIE** (Test of Interactive English)
- Trinity Integrated Skills in English



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Foundation Course

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We offer a three week foundation level course for students who have had no previous exposure to the English language. This course is designed for total beginner students to introduce them to basic English language vocabulary, handwriting book and an audio-visual pack including three FOUNDATION is a combination of English language tutorials, tutorial lab classes, conversation classes and social/cultural activities.



PROGRESSION FOUNDATION LEVEL (3 Week Course)

DIRECT ENGLISH LEVELS 1-8 (8 Week Courses)

Summer School Programme

We offer General English classes for both adults and teenagers at eight different levels from beginners to advanced during the Summer months (June, July and August). We have morning and afternoon classes on offer from Monday-Friday and a day trip

ENGLISH & MULTI ACTIVITIES COURSE

BUSINESS ENGLISH & MULTI ACTIVITIES COURSE

(2 & 4 WEEK OPTIONS)

eneral English or Business English Tuition classes 15 hours per/week • General English Tuition classes 15 Hours P/week Afternoon Activities e.g. Trips, Sports, Sailing, Bowling, Hiking, Golfing, Horse riding, Museum, Castles, Park, Historical place ips, Evening Activities e.g. Cinema, a day trip to Dublin city, a to Dingle & Ring of Kerry





ENGLISH & HORSE RIDING COURSE

ENGLISH & SAILING COURSE

- Afternoon Horse Riding Lessons, or Sailing Lessons
- A day trip to Dublin City
- A trip to Dingle & Ring of Kerry
- (Group options)

Business English Course

Business English is an integral part of the Direct English system which teaches effective listening, speaking, reading and writing in a business context. By combining dynamic course materials with face-to-face tutorials and workshops, based on real business scenarios, students develop the language skills they need to communicate confidently in an English speaking environment.

What we offer

As an English-only course, Direct English Business English is aimed at competent Level 3 / Level 4 students. We offer a 4 week intensive Business English Course (18 hours/week) which includes a combination of tutorials, conversation classes, workshops and social/cultural outings. There will be three progress tests throughout the course and you will receive a Direct English Business English Certificate of Achievement on completion of the course.





DIRECT ENGLISH BUSINESS ENGLISH

Exam Preparation

We offer the following exam preparation courses:

Cambridge Exam Preparation Courses:	IELTS Exam Preparation Courses:	TIE Exam Preparation Courses:	Trinity Integrated Skills in English ("ISE")	BULATS Exam Preparation Courses:
 KET, PET, FCE and CAE exam preparation 20 hours per week* Course duration: 4 weeks* 	 20 hours per week* Course duration: 4 weeks* 	 20 hours per week* Course duration: 4 weeks* 	 17 hours/week Course duration:12 weeks* 	 20 hours per week* Course duration: 4 weeks*
PET KET FCE CAE	IELTS ^{**} Exam Preparation	Registered Exam Centre	COLLEGE LONDON	CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH Language Assessment Authorised BULATS Agent

*The course duration and intensity is dependent on the student's needs i.e. current level and desired level. A minimum of 4 weeks is recommended for most exams with 20 hours of classes per week, however shorter or longer courses may be discussed. Please call our office on 021 2411131 if you wish to discuss the possibility of shorter/longer courses with the Director of Studies.





DIRECT ENGLISH **BUSINESS** ENGLISH



BE THE NEXT SUCCESS STORY. BE BOLD.















CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH Language Assessment Authorised BULATS Agent

Academic Year Courses

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Our academic year courses take you through three levels over the course of 25 weeks.

Below are some sample academic year courses on offer.

General English Beginners

(Levels 1, 2 & 3)

We offer a 25 week English language course which will take you through levels 1, 2 & 3 of the Direct English language system. Levels 1-3 are the transactional and functional phases. You will learn basic language and structure to be able to do things you need to do on a daily basis as soon as possible. This course includes a combination of English language

tutorials, conversation classes, English language tutoriallab classes and social/cultural activities. On passing each level you will receive a Direct English Certificate of Achievement. At the end of the academic year, you will sit an external exam suitable to your level. You will receive another certificate on successful completion of this exam. The exam you sit will be discussed with you at the start of your course as the 25 weeks includes some specific exam preparation classes.



General English Intermediate (Levels 4, 5 & 6)

We offer a 25 week English language course which will take you through levels 4, 5 & 6 of the Direct English language system. Levels 4-6 are the interactional and expressive phases. These levels have a more in depth focus on the language and structure of English so that you can begin to take part in conversations.

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ONLINE DAILY ENGLISH

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BUSINESS ENGLISH

INTERMEDIATE

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Common European Framework



Particular levels correspond with stages of learning defined by the Common European Framework and public examinations

Key F = Foundation

- A1 = Breakthrough
- A2 = Waystage
- B1 = Threshold
- B2 = Vantage
- C1 = Proficiency
- KET = Key English Test
- PET = Preliminary English Test FCE = First Certificate in English
- CAE = Certificate in Advanced English
- IBT = Internet-based test
- PBT = Paper-based test

Please note:

These levels are only broadly indicative. They do not represent any guarantee that the relevant examinations can be passed or scores attained at these levels.

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Cambridge ESOL		KET		PET	FCE	CAE
Cambridge BULATS	0 - 9	20 - 39		40 - 59	60 - 74	75 - 89
IELTS™	1	2 - 3		4 - 5	5.5 - 6.5	7 - 8
TOEFL (IBT) [®]	< 8	8 - 18		18 - 56	56 - 101	101 - 120
TOEFL (PBT) [®]	< 300	310 - 340		340 - 480	480 - 600	600 - 680
TOELC®	< 10 - 100	100 - 250		250 - 600	600 - 900	900 - 990

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This course includes a combination of English language tutorials, conversation classes, English language tutorial-lab classes and social/cultural activities. On passing each level you will receive a Direct English Certificate of Achievement.

At the end of the academic year, you will sit an external exam suitable to your level. You will receive another certificate on successful completion of this exam. The exam you sit will be discussed with you at the start of your course as the 25 weeks includes some specific exam preparation classes.



General English Advanced (Levels 7, 8 & Business English)

We offer a 25 week English language course which will take you through levels 7 & 8 of the Direct English language system and IELTS exam preparation. Levels 7 & 8 focus on confidence building. You will learn more language and context to give you the opportunity to freely converse in English in any situation.

This course includes a combination of English language tutorials, conversation classes, English language tutorial-lab classes and social/cultural activities. On passing each level you will receive a Direct English Certificate of Achievement.

At the end of the academic year, you will sit an external exam suitable to your level. You will receive another certificate on successful completion of this exam. The exam you sit will be discussed with you at the start of your course as the 25 weeks includes some specific exam preparation classes.



Location

Ireland

Ireland is an island of 84,430 sq. km located on the Western European Seaboard. English is the most widely spoken language in Ireland. The population in Ireland is approximately 4.7 million people. Ireland has a mild climate. The weather is very changeable but it is never too cold. The average temperature in Winter is 2-7°C and 18-24°C in Summer. Ireland is a dynamic, lively, modern country renowned for its beautiful, unspoiled countryside and scenery.

Cork City

Our school is situated in the heart of Cork City, the country's second largest city after Dublin. Cork is a bustling and vibrant city. Cork people are known to be extremely friendly and welcome many visitors and students to their city every year.

There are many places worth visiting while in Ireland. As part of your course with Direct English Ireland, you will have the opportunity to visit many of the main cultural attractions. There are also many more places we are happy to recommend to you to visit in your free time or if you simply want to wander the streets of the city, it has a great variety of shops, restaurants, cafés and pubs which will give you a great sense of the traditions of the city.





























Getting Started

We, at Direct English Ireland, are dedicated to ensuring that our students' move to Ireland is easy and stress-free by offering assistance with accommodation, transportation, course selection, VISA applications and health insurance.

Accommodation

We will help you find the right accommodation for your stay in Ireland. There is a wide range of accommodation to choose from:

Shared Apartment

We offer accommodation in shared student apartments located near the city centre. Shared rooms start from \in 130 per week and private rooms are available from \in 185 per week. We will find you a room in an apartment in Cork, where you will share your experience with new Irish and international friends.

Hostel

Our hostel partners can give you everything from a bed in a 12 bed dorm from €118 to a four bedroom dorm from €157. A hostel is a fantastic option if you are travelling on a budget and want to meet people from around the world. The hostel options we offer are right beside our city centre school. Hostels offer cheap and clean accommodation.

Host Families

We offer our students host family accommodation in twin rooms or single rooms on a half board basis. If you want to experience total immersion in the English language, a host family is the best option for you. You will get a chance to practise the English you learn in school with an English speaking family. All our families are native speakers who will involve you in their family life giving you plenty of speaking and listening practice. Our host families will be happy to deal with any dietary requirements, allergies or special needs you may have.

Hotels

There are a wide variety of hotels available in Cork City and in the surrounding areas. Please visit our website for more details on accommodation.

Getting Started

Travelling via Bus, Train, Air

Cork city has excellent transport services available including air, rail, bus and taxi services. Cork International Airport is only a 20 minute drive from the city and is serviced by scheduled bus and coach services that link the airport to the city. There are also many taxis available to and from the city. At a student's request, Direct English will be happy to arrange an airport pick-up. To avail of this service the student is advised to contact the Student Welfare Office directly to give details of their flight number and estimated time of arrival at Cork / Dublin airport at least 4 -7 days prior to their arrival. We are happy to provide relevant information on bus/train/ taxi services to and from the city also.

The student leap card is Ireland's national student travel and discount card. It is a secure Photo ID that entitles students to up to 60% discount rates off their public transport fares and also exclusive retail discounts. We provide assistance to students to get a travel card in order to be able to avail of these offers.

For more information on discounts please visit www.studentleapcard.ie/discounts-cool/#whats-new-1

Course Selection

Once you have completed our free online placement test, we will be able to advise you on a suitable course level. You can read through our various course options (listed above) and if you require further information or help with selecting your course you can contact our office where our dedicated team will be happy to assist you in your course selection.

Opening a Bank Account

When you arrive in Ireland, Direct English Ireland will provide you with your 'bank letter'. This letter will enable you to open an account with an Irish bank:



Visa Application

Once you arrive in Ireland to start your course, non-EU students will have to register with immigration and obtain a GNIB card. You will need a registration letter, insurance certificate, bank statement, mini-bank statement and passport to register. The GNIB cards costs €300. If you want to work in Ireland, you will have to apply for a PPS number at the local social welfare office. We are happy to guide you through the VISA application process on arrival to our school













International **USIT Card**

for Third Level Students













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All students are required to have private medical insurance, either personally or through a group scheme at the time of registration to GNIB. Direct English Ireland offers an approved insurance policy, with limited liabilities and we will purchase a policy only in receipt of full tuition fee payment after arrival and registration with school.

a student visa.

Cork City has state of the art sport and leisure facilities available to its residents and visitors. There are many leisure centres and fitness studios located around the city and in the surrounding areas. There are also many teams to join for those interested in team sports. Cork has some beautiful and safe walkways and parks for those who enjoy outdoor exercise such as running.

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Health Insurance

Under EU/EEA regulations, students from other member states who are attending a course of study are entitled to free hospital services provided they have Form E.109 with them. In order to be eligible you will be required to provide the Irish health authorities with documentation from your home country that validates your entitlement.

Students from non-EU countries are not covered for any free medical attention off-campus and must therefore have their own private insurance.

Please note that heavy levies are charged for all hospitalisation and it is advised to make provision for adequate medical insurance.

Non-EU students are required to show proof of comprehensive medical insurance cert when registering with the Garda National Immigration Bureau (GNIB). Proof of health insurance is also required when applying for

Enrolled Learner Protection

Enrolled Learner Protection offers protection to students in two ways, firstly with cover for their fees and secondly through an extensive auditing process for all schools who are certified to offer Enrolled Learner Protection to their students.

When you arrive in Ireland, one of our dedicated team members will arrange a meeting with you to assist you with anything you need help with, including but not limited to visa application, health insurance, opening a bank account, student and travel cards.

Sport & Leisure Facilities in Cork

Social Activities in Ireland

MAKE YOUR DREAMS HAPPEN WITH DIRECT ENGLISH

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?

Maybe you want to study abroad, get that promotion you have been after for years or simply meet new people and make new friends.

If you want to make your dreams real then there is one skill you cannot afford to overlook. English is no longer a 'nice-to-have' skill but a 'got-to-have-skill' for everyone who wants to get the most out of today's world – either for business or for pleasure.

Learning English is the key to making your dreams and aspirations real – so stop saying 'If only I could learn English' and start saying 'I can learn English!'



IF I LEARNT ENGLISH I WOULD...



TOP DREAMING, START LEARNING.

Book an appointment today with one of our advisors and we can tell you more about why you should choose Direct English, **PLUS** you can take a **FREE** placement test.

Our staff speaks multiple languages. You can contact us and will try to accomodate your query with a native language speaker.



DIRECT ENGLISH GLOBAL PARTNERS



HOW TO BOOK A COURSE



You can also discuss your queries prior to your arrival with one of our officers on the phone, or via email.



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Choose your course and accomodation.		Pay Online or Bank Transfer.	•••
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