

Westchester Community College
English Language Institute

Level: 2 ♦ Spring 2015

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About This Class

Level 2 helps students improve their English speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills through individual and group activities. Students will improve their English language skills by participating in a variety of communicative activities, online discussions and blog posts, as well as listening to and recording podcasts. Students will gain experience reading short stories, online and print newspaper and magazine articles, websites and blogs. Students will compile a writing portfolio to showcase their best written work throughout the course.

Course Objectives

Students will be able to...

- ✓ Describe typical lives of average people
- ✓ Ask for and give advice
- ✓ Describe job skills
- ✓ Make requests
- ✓ Talk about life events
- ✓ Talk about possibilities
- ✓ Describe obligations
- ✓ Describe trips/moving
- ✓ Talk about native countries
- ✓ Compare cities/towns/countries
- ✓ Describe career goals
- ✓ Describe community activities
- ✓ Write descriptive and narrative paragraphs
- ✓ Describe spending money/simple bank transactions/shopping

Important Dates

January 15 First Day of Class
March 17 & 19 Spring Break – No Classes
April 14 Last Day of Class

Textbooks

Schoenberg, Irene. (2012). Focus on Grammar 2A. Fourth Edition.
Schoenberg, Irene. (2012). Focus on Grammar 2A Workbook. Fourth Edition.
London, Jack. White Fang. Penguin Readers Level 2.
Broukal, Milada. (2000). What a Life!

Program Policies:

Attendance

Students who attend 70% or more of classes are eligible to receive a completion certificate on the final day of the program.

Homework

Learning English takes a lot of practice! Students should dedicate at least 2 hours per week for homework and extra practice outside of class.

Technology

Students will be asked to use various websites and apps for class projects and assignments. If they have not already done so, they will be asked to create accounts for the following websites:

- ✓ Gmail / GoogleDrive
- ✓ Blogger
- ✓ Socrative

Course Schedule

<i>Unit</i>	<i>Week</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Topics</i>
Unit 1 <i>It's My Life</i>	1	Jan 15	Introduction Get-to-Know-You
	2	Jan 20	Talking & writing about life events and daily lives Describing obligations Reviewing tenses
		Jan 22	
	3	Jan 27	Talking & writing about native countries Reviewing past irregular verbs Comparatives & superlatives
		Jan 29	
	Unit 2 <i>Shop Around</i>	4	Feb 3
Feb 5			
5		Feb 10	Bank transactions & making requests Modals: polite request
		Feb 12	
6		Feb 17	Describing community activities Adverbs of frequency
		Feb 19	
Unit 3 <i>Let's Move to the Country</i>	7	Feb 24	Comparing towns/cities/countries Comparatives & superlatives Novel: <i>White Fang</i>
		Feb 26	
	8	Mar 3	Asking for & giving advice Modals: advice Novel: <i>White Fang</i>
		Mar 5	
	9	Mar 10	Describing trips & moving Reviewing tenses & past irregular verbs Novel: <i>White Fang</i>
		Mar 12	
10	Mar 17	Spring Break (No classes!)	
	Mar 19		
Unit 4 <i>Workin' 9-5</i>	11	Mar 24	Describing career goals Talking about possibilities Modals: possibilities
		Mar 26	
	12	Mar 31	Describing job skills Modals: advice
		Apr 2	
	13	Apr 7	Course review Final presentations
		Apr 9	
14	Apr 14	Last Day of Class!	