



Perfectly Spoken® Student Guide

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Welcome to Perfectly Spoken

Thank you so much for joining us at Perfectly Spoken.

We are much more than a language learning platform - a real community for students from all around the world and where passionate, expert English teachers want to do their best to help you improve and practise your English

Please read this Student Guide

This will help you learn better and more effectively with us.

We don't believe in magic solutions to learning English

You can't play games and expect to learn to speak fluently. Unfortunately, like all the best things in life, the harder you work, the better your results will be. And we can certainly help you with guidance, structure and support.

But remember, **we also want to make your journey social and fun...**

That's why we offer lots of other activities that you can do on your own or live with other students.. and always from the comfort of your mobile or laptop... wherever you are!

Happy English learning!

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Managing Director

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Our Approach

Traditional Teaching brought online

Structured courses and learning materials at your level.

Immersion

Experts agree that the best way to learn English is by learning **in English**. That's why all our lessons and activities are in English but graded to your level.

Expert Teachers

Our teachers are professional, passionate, experts in English language training. They are all **native English speakers** and **University graduates** with the highest **specialist qualifications** in teaching English. In addition, they are experienced in presenting English online and engaging with students in an effective, dynamic way, both with self-study videos and materials and live and interactive practice on different platforms

Take control of your learning

Combine self-study and live and interactive practice

Maximum flexibility

Take as many courses as you wish, review from previous levels, etc.



Self-learning Courses

Use Filters and Tags
to refine your Courses search

Our courses carefully balance grammar exercises with discussion and plenty of extra practice material -especially listening, reading vocabulary all designed to reinforce learning.

Level Courses

60 lessons to progress 1 level (A1 to C2)

Review Lesson every 5 lessons with additional practice (Grammar Summary, Vocabulary Bank, Listening & Reading Comprehension)

Specialist English

5 / 10 lessons

Focus on specific areas: Grammar, Vocabulary, Pronunciation, Phrasal Verbs...

Business & Work

5 / 10 lessons

Covering essential skills needed to work in an English speaking environment.

Exam Preparation

5 / 10 lessons

For IELTS & Cambridge exams with best tips for optimal results.

Younger Learners

5 / 10 lessons

Engaging content specially adapted for 11 - 16 year olds.

News Flash Series

Short activities based on real news stories from global news agency Reuters at your level. New activities added each week. In the Series: News Flash Global, Roundup, Business and Daily (archive)



What is included in each lesson

1 video + 1 test
to check your understanding



Video Play Options

- ✓ Video Play Speed
- ✓ Resolution
- ✓ English Closed Captions (A1 & A2)

Lessons can include **additional Practice:**



Our Level Courses (60 lessons) and other Specialist Courses have **Certificate of Course Completion**. Pass the Final Course Assessment with 70% or more to get it.

Live Events

Live & interactive practice with our expert teachers and other students from around the world.

MASTERCLASS



20 minute presentation on a topic followed by an interactive Q&A.

OPEN CLASS



Virtual group classroom at your level. Weekly practice of lessons on our Level Courses. Currently available for A2 to C1 levels.

SPEAKING PRACTICE GROUPS



Practise your speaking in a small group of students from around the world under the guidance of one of your teachers.



The Writing Club



Request your invitation to join the club and participate in our weekly challenges with other students from around the world.

- ✓ Become confident writing in English
- ✓ Moderation & feedback from Perfectly Spoken teachers

Prepare

Before you start studying, it's really important to **have a plan of action**. We recommend that you:

1. Know your level
2. Explore the platform
3. Try lessons, practice materials and activities
4. Write down your learning objectives
5. Create your Study Plan

1. Know your level



In common with most language schools online or offline, our courses all relate to the CEFR scale (A1 -C2).

Do you know what level you are? Try the free 'Test your English'

- ✓ It's short: just 20 questions
- ✓ It's quite accurate: about 90% accurate
- ✓ It's a great *guide* as to where to start your level

You can start at the level we recommend... but also:

- ✓ you can start at different level
- ✓ you can change level at any time
- ✓ you can study different levels at the same time
- ✓ you can even study different courses start at the same time

For example:

While you study your 60 lessons Level Course, each week you might like to study a lesson from a different area that interests you (eg Pronunciation, Grammar, Business English) or the latest news from our News Flash series.



2. Explore the Platform

We want you to be happy with your learning experiences with Perfectly Spoken.

So after you create your account, explore the platform and find out what is on offer! There's a lot.

3. Try lessons... and more!

It's important for you and for all of us that our teaching approach works you.

- ✔ **Try some lessons.** You can try the first lessons and accompanying materials for all our courses whether you are a subscriber or haven't decided yet!
- ✔ **Check the practice** included in our lessons: lesson test, downloadable materials, audio files...
- ✔ **Try a 'Review' lesson** (lesson 05 for A1 to C1 Level Courses - 60 lessons) and download the extra learning materials
- ✔ **Come and experience a live event.** All subscribers have access to all our regular Open Classes and Masterclasses. Pro Plan subscribers have exclusive access to our Speaking Practice Groups.

Manage Account

Email address *
name@email.com

First Name *
Name

Last Name *
LastName

☒ I would like to receive promotions and special offers from Perfectly Spoken

We like to give everyone – subscriber or not - the opportunity to come to our very popular Masterclasses with our expert teachers. Accept to receive our promotions and special offers and check our learning platform notifications.



4. Set your Learning Objectives

Here it's important to ask yourself these questions.

What results do I want to achieve with my English studies?

Go from B1-B2? Increase my IELTS score? Feel more confident communicating in English?

Am I preparing for an official exam? For work? Or for fun?

How much time can I realistically dedicate to studying and practising English each week?

Think.

If you go to a language school you normally need to attend a minimum 2 or 3 lessons plus do extra practice activities after your lesson every week to make real progress.

That's the same online!

5. Create your Study Plan

Choose a study plan that works for you. Our recommendations:

BASIC

2hr/week

English Courses
2 lessons

Practice
Test
Review Lessons
News Flash

Live Events
1 session

REGULAR

3hr/week

English Courses
2 lessons
From Level Course

Practice
Test
Review Lessons
News Flash

Live Events
1 or 2 sessions

INTENSIVE

6hr/week

English Courses
4 lessons:
3 From Level Course
1 Specialist English

Practice
Test
Review Lessons
News Flash
Podcasts

Live Events
2 or 3 sessions



Practise

- ✔ When you watch the lessons be active and **take notes**. At the end of the lesson, organise your notes (word families / synonyms etc) in a way that suits your learning style. Part of the learning process is interacting with the new words and grammar.

Tip

Building “word families” means you are working with words in a meaningful way which will give you a better understanding of how they can be used in different situations.

- ✔ Learn **vocabulary in context**, remember that we do not communicate with individual words, but sentences and phrases.
- ✔ **Personalise** -make it relevant to you. The activities in the lessons will guide you to use language to express your own ideas, feelings, preferences and opinions. Personalisation is key since it involves true communication -real information about yourself.
- ✔ Use the **extra material included in the courses** to review and recycle. Written by expert teachers these are valuable practice opportunities. Research has shown that we need to meet a word at least 7 times before we know it properly. Repetition will reinforce the language and help you to retain new words and grammar.

Tip

It is **unrealistic and not useful** to try to **memorise lists of isolated words**. When faced with new words, choose the ones that are relevant to you and you think you will realistically need. Then **write example sentences in a context you might use**.



Participate

- ✔ Try to use a new word or expressions the next time you are in a lesson or speaking to a friend or colleague in English.

Tip

Make the most of your resources. If you have contact with native speakers, then ask them to correct you if you make a mistake

- ✔ It's important to try to use new vocabulary so that it becomes an active part of your language - remember we have lots of ways for you to participate....! Speaking Groups, Open Classes, Masterclasses, Writing Club - explore the different options and find what works best for you!
- ✔ Join in, take part and have fun -if you are enjoying yourself and having fun then you will want to learn and you will stay motivated.

Business English

If you are coming to Perfectly Spoken to improve your Business English, or your skills for work purposes: we can also help you!

- ✔ Business & Work Courses
- ✔ News Flash Business
- ✔ Business English Speaking Group
- ✔ Business English challenges in The Writing Club.

Do you need some ideas for a Study Plan? Our recommendation.

BUSINESS ENGLISH

3hr/week

English Courses

2 lessons:

- 1 General English
- 1 Business English

Practice

Test

News Flash Business
Business English Podcasts

Live Events

Business English Speaking Group