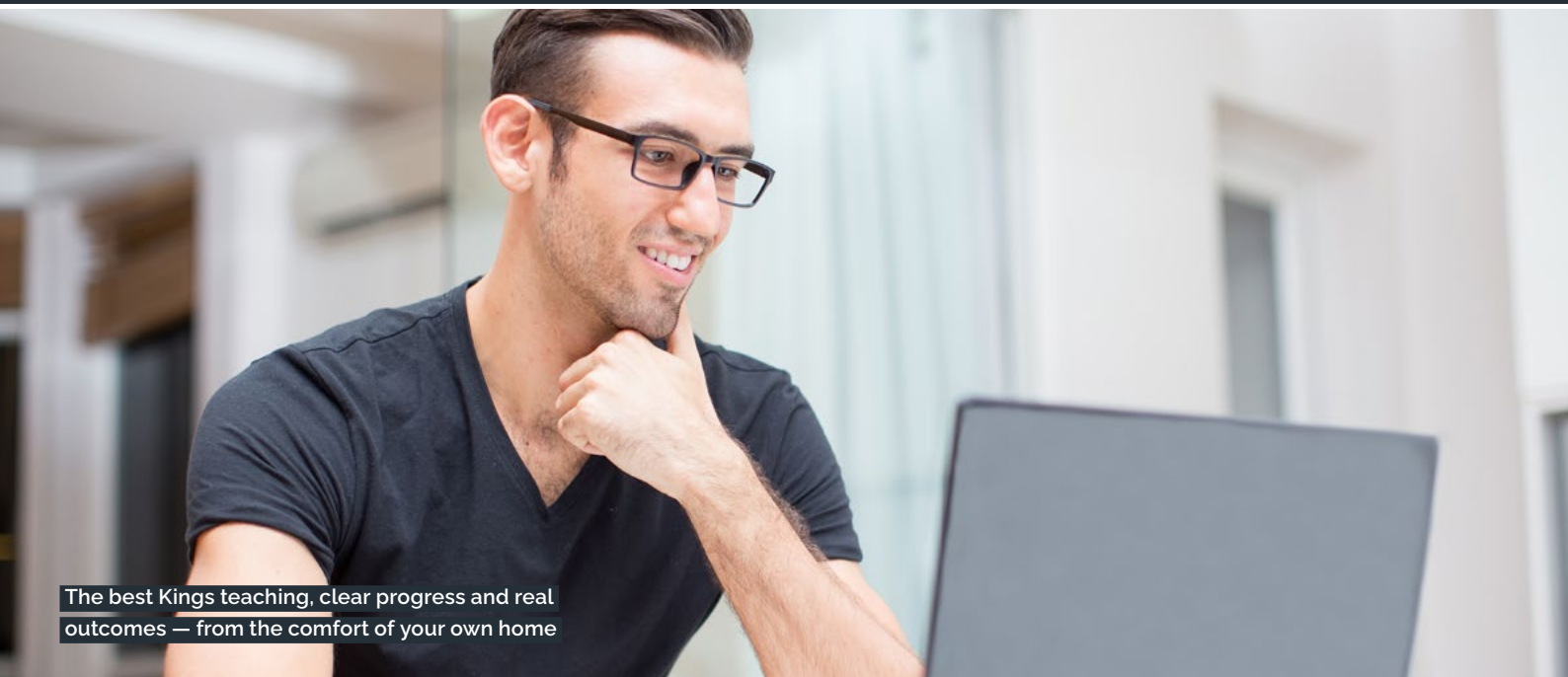


# ESSENTIAL ENGLISH

## SmartClass



The best Kings teaching, clear progress and real outcomes — from the comfort of your own home

Our **Essential English SmartClass** is designed for students who wish to improve their overall English language level through a dynamic, virtual environment. You will see improvement across all key skill areas (reading, writing, listening, speaking).

This course can be taken across a variety of levels and time zones so you can improve your language skills with expert English teachers from the comfort of your own home.

## Section 1: The essentials

### Key facts

**Start dates:** Every Monday

**Levels available:** Kings Level 2+ (Elementary)

**Class sizes:** Minimum 4, Maximum 8

**Minimum age:** 16+

**Minimum course duration:** 1 week

#### Lesson times

Class times and levels subject to availability

- BST (British English): 09:00, 12:00, 15:00, 17:00
- EST (US English): 09:00, 12:00, 17:00, 19:00
- PST (US English): 19:00

**Price:** GB £150 / US \$200 per week

### Included in the price

- 22.5 hours of structured language learning
  - 12.5 hours of live teacher led English language preparation
  - 5 hours of structured interactive exercises
  - 5 hours of structured self-study
- Initial level test, weekly assignments, group participation and progress tests
- Live group seminars/workshops such as: free weekly lectures; group debates/discussions, group general knowledge quizzes; conversation club; virtual book club
- Access to Classmate — the Kings online learning platform
- 12 months access to Microsoft Office 365
- Access to Kings SmartClass Facebook group to share ideas and experiences with fellow online learners and connect with students from around the world
- Official end of course Certificate with level assigned

# Section 2: Course structure and content

## Course Structure

### 22.5 hours

- 7.5 hours of live English instruction (2 x 45 minutes per day)
- 5 hours of live, teacher-led seminars/workshops/discussion groups
- 5 hours of structured interactive exercises with other students
- 5 hours of structured self-study

## Course Content / Curriculum

### Essential English *SmartClass* improves

reading, writing, speaking and listening at a consistent rate. Each week, lessons will focus on a different topic.

#### Key areas covered include:

- Communication skills
- Conversational language skills
- Listening and accents
- Reading and interpretation
- Writing and presenting

### Linguistic resources

- Building your vocabulary bank
- Fine tuning your pronunciation
- Grammar and syntax
- Dictionary work
- Learner autonomy
- Cultural and personal development
- Understanding cultural difference and similarity
- Teamwork and leadership
- Presenting an argument
- Discussion skills

Students will be assigned to their **Essential English *SmartClass*** based on their starting level. Available classes are suitable for students from Elementary level through to Advanced. Students will progress up through the levels as their skills improve and their confidence grows.

## Sample timetables

UK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 – 10.30 <b>Lessons</b>	<b>Reading and discussion</b> How important is politeness?	<b>Listening:</b> Asking for clarification	<b>Grammar:</b> Past Perfect: explaining 'why?'	<b>Speaking &amp; pronunciation:</b> Polite requests	<b>Progress test</b>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>BREAK</b>				
11.00 – 12.00 <b>Seminar/Group work</b>	<b>Group Seminar:</b> British culture	<b>Lecture:</b> The UK comedy scene	<b>Weekly quiz:</b> Synonyms and antonyms	<b>Workshop:</b> CV writing and interview skills	<b>Progress Tutorial:</b> Group and 1-1 discussion
12.00 – 13.00 <b>Interactive exercises</b>	<b>Pair work:</b> Listen to a news story and discuss with a partner	<b>Group work:</b> Talk about your dream job	<b>Pair work:</b> Listening passage practise	<b>Group work:</b> Discuss the use of context in determining meaning	<b>Group work:</b> Recognise referents
1 hour daily <b>Self-study exercises</b>	<b>Writing skills:</b> Independent writing	<b>Reading skills:</b> Dividing sentences into meaningful parts	<b>Listening:</b> Understand the gist	<b>Speaking:</b> Free choice response practise	<b>Vocabulary:</b> Most common words list

USA	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
09.00 – 10.30 <b>Lessons</b>	<b>Reading and discussion</b> Global warming: A hot topic	<b>Listening:</b> Interview with a poet	<b>Grammar:</b> Present Perfect Progressive and Present Perfect	<b>Speaking &amp; pronunciation:</b> 'WH' questions and did-'d' pronunciation	<b>Progress test</b>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>BREAK</b>				
11.00 – 12.00 <b>Seminar/Group work</b>	<b>Group Seminar:</b> American culture	<b>Lecture:</b> 17th Century America	<b>Weekly quiz:</b> Synonyms and antonyms	<b>Workshop:</b> Editing essays	<b>Group Seminar:</b> Question types
12.00 – 13.00 <b>Interactive exercises</b>	<b>Pair work:</b> Listen to a newscast and discuss with a partner	<b>Group work:</b> Talk about your dream job	<b>Pair work:</b> Listening passage practice	<b>Group work:</b> Discuss the use of context in determining meaning	<b>Group work:</b> Recognize referents
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# Section 3: The SmartClass Advantage

## 1. Choose your perfect course

**Kings SmartClass** courses are designed for specialist outcomes. A range of courses suits different needs:

- [IELTS SmartClass →](#)
- [TOEFL SmartClass →](#)
- [Essential English SmartClass →](#)

## 2. Live learning experience

**SmartClass** uses Microsoft Teams to make learning come alive.

- Interact with teacher and classmates in real time
- Live digital whiteboard
- Share screens, files, video and chat
- Break out into smaller groups
- Students also have access to a huge range of learning resources including video, audio and text-based materials.

## 3. Live teacher contact time

At the heart of every **SmartClass** course is direct live contact time with our expert Kings teachers. Students have 12.5 hours per week of live interaction with their teacher.

Classes of between 4 – 8 students mean lots of **personalised teacher contact**.

Optional 1-2-1 lessons can also be added. Prices on request and subject to availability.

## 4. Lessons to suit different time zones

Students can choose lessons delivered according to their own time zone.

This can be requested when booking.

## 5. Friends from around the world

With **SmartClass** students can share learning with new friends from all over the world.

They can interact with their friends in class, out of class — and stay friends after their course has finished.

## 6. Real outcomes

Progress is tracked through regular assessment of class participation, tests and assignments. Every student completing the full course receives a Kings Certificate of Completion.

Students preparing for IELTS or TOEFL will be fully prepared to maximise their test scores.



"I think the work we have to do in groups in the chatrooms are very nice and interesting. I really enjoy it. But also the time when we are as a whole class, because we are less students now, so everyone is interacting.

I like the online class very much. It is different of course, but I think we can still learn well, especially because we are talking more now. And you also get used to it quite fast, after two weeks it already felt very normal to me and I knew how to use the app and how to interact exactly."

**Carla Ebner**  
From Chile

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Online courses give you full control of what you're learning and your learning experience because the schedule is very flexible. There is more time for self-study and the comfort to learn at your own pace.

"I have most enjoyed the grammar lessons because the interaction is interesting when we break up into smaller teams online. You have more space to be comfortable and it doesn't matter if you're shy because you have more privacy than in a classroom."

**Cristovao Evandro Patricio Da Silva**  
From Angola

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"It's really nice to interact with students while they're in their home countries. A lot of speaking tasks work pretty much the same as they do in the classroom. I believe that students will not only learn English, but also vital skills for conducting online video calls and meetings once they reach the world of work."



**Gabrielle Conway-Morris**  
English Teacher

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# Section 4: Practical Information

## Technical requirements

It's easy to get started with **SmartClass**.  
For the most immersive experience we recommend a modern laptop or PC.  
But students can also use a smart phone.

### Basic requirements

- Laptop computer/phone/tablet
- Stable internet connection
- Microsoft Teams download

### Further technical information

If you would like further details, you can visit this page:

[Requirements for Microsoft Teams →](#)

To download Microsoft Teams:

[Microsoft Teams Download →](#)

## How to book

We've made booking a **SmartClass** course as quick and simple as possible:

[Book course →](#)

### Notes on bookings

- Students must book with at least 48 hours' notice prior to course start date (excluding weekends)
- Students will first need to take the online Kings level test to be placed into the correct class. This must be taken under exam conditions without dictionary/internet assistance. Please submit this with your booking for the most efficient response.  
[Take the test here →](#)
- Confirmation of booking will be sent within 24 hours of receiving the level test.
- Students will receive details of their class times/level and the log in details to join their **SmartClass** course 24 hours before the start of their course.
- Payment can be made via our online payment platform or by bank transfer/credit card. See our [How to Book page](#) for further details.

## Time zones

This chart shows when **Essential English SmartClass** lessons are running for each time zone.

UK based classes (British English)	W. Europe	Saudi Arabia	Moscow	Dubai	Delhi	Bangkok	Shanghai	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Sao Paulo	Bogota	Mexico DF
BST (UK)	1	2	2	3	4	6	7	7	8	8	-4	-6	-6
09:00	10:00	11:00	11:00	12:00	13:00	15:00	16:00	16:00	17:00	17:00	05:00	03:00	03:00
12:00	13:00	14:00	14:00	15:00	16:00	18:00	19:00	19:00	20:00	20:00	08:00	06:00	06:00
15:00	16:00	17:00	17:00	18:00	19:00	21:00	22:00	22:00	23:00	23:00	11:00	09:00	09:00
17:00	18:00	19:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	23:00	00:00	00:00	01:00	01:00	13:00	11:00	11:00

US based classes (US English)	W. Europe	Saudi Arabia	Moscow	Dubai	Delhi	Bangkok	Shanghai	Taipei	Seoul	Tokyo	Sao Paulo	Bogota	Mexico DF
EST (Boston)	6	7	7	8	9	11	12	12	13	13	1	-1	-1
09:00	15:00	16:00	16:00	17:00	18:00	20:00	21:00	21:00	22:00	22:00	10:00	08:00	08:00
12:00	18:00	19:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	23:00	00:00	00:00	01:00	01:00	13:00	11:00	11:00
17:00	23:00	00:00	00:00	01:00	02:00	04:00	05:00	05:00	06:00	06:00	18:00	16:00	16:00
19:00	01:00	02:00	02:00	03:00	04:00	06:00	07:00	07:00	08:00	08:00	20:00	18:00	18:00
PST (Los Angeles)	9	10	10	11	12	14	15	15	16	16	4	2	2
19:00	04:00	05:00	05:00	06:00	07:00	09:00	10:00	10:00	11:00	11:00	23:00	21:00	21:00