

All-around Language Courses – Upper Intermediate and Advanced

Speaking

Themes:

- Expressing opinions on current affairs
- Discussing and negotiating – in professional and private situations
- Issuing and responding to invitations – formally and informally
- Expressing disagreement and dissent – including constructive criticism
- Delivering good/bad news – in professional and private situations
- Summarizing complex information – including nuances in opinions and argumentations
- Presenting complex information – including nuances in opinions and argumentations
- Telling/Retelling stories and anecdotes
- Engaging in small talk – in professional and private situations

Listening

Key focus points:

- Learning to recognize differences in intonation and changes in style
- Learning to recognize changes in word and sentence stress
- Learning to recognize common phrasal expressions and idioms

Writing

Themes:

- Structuring paragraphs
- Structuring complex clauses – main clauses and sub-clauses
- Constructing questions – indirect and direct
- Writing complex descriptions
- Writing arguments – pros and cons
- Constructing formal letters and requests
- Writing summaries of complex information
- Writing responses to invitations – formal and informal

Reading

Key focus points:

- Learning to read fiction and non-fiction
- Learning to read complex argumentations and discussions
- Learning to read complex descriptions and characterizations

Grammar

Themes:

- Word order and complex sentence structure
- Word classes – all
- Present Tense
- Past Tense
- Future Tense
- Perfect forms
- Modal Verb structures
- Affirmative, Negative and Interrogative structures
- Imperative structures
- Adjectival and adverbial phrases
- Narrative styles and punctuation rules

What will you learn?

Upper Intermediate and Advanced Courses aim at teaching you the following:

- to understand variations of standard speech at a near native speed and level
- to engage in complex exchanges of information on a variety of topics
- to communicate nuanced opinions and ideas – in professional and private situations
- to discuss and argue – both orally and in writing
- to summarize complex information – both orally and in writing
- to construct complex descriptions – both orally and in writing
- to write official letters and invitations
- to read and understand a variety of texts – both fiction and non-fiction
- to read and understand complex descriptions and argumentations