

FREE GUIDE FROM DOORWAY

First-Class Prep Guide

What to expect from the placement test, the trial class, and your first weeks - so you walk in feeling ready.



Find an English or language class with open eyes - then get matched, free, with welcoming, accredited schools near you. You compare programs and choose where to enroll.

It's normal to feel nervous

Your first class is a beginning, not a test you can fail. Teachers expect students at every level, including absolute beginners. Here is what usually happens, so nothing surprises you.

The placement chat or test

- A short, friendly check of your current English - usually speaking and a few questions.
- There is no pass or fail; it only finds the right class for you.
- Be honest about what you can and can't do yet.



What to bring

- 1 A photo ID if the school asks for one.
- 2 A notebook and a pen.
- 3 Any questions about schedule, cost, or the refund policy.
- 4 A way to get home after an evening class.

Your first weeks

- Expect to listen and repeat a lot - that is how it works.
- Make one friend in class; practicing together helps.
- Tell the teacher how you learn best.
- Practice a little every day, even ten minutes.



If the class isn't the right fit

- 1 Tell the school - they may move you to a better level.
- 2 Ask about other times, formats, or teachers.
- 3 Check the refund policy you confirmed before enrolling.
- 4 You can always get matched again with a different school.





Important

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