

International Language Institute – Semi-Intensive English Program

Description of Levels

The International Language Institute offers a semi-intensive program in English as a Second Language in the evenings and on Saturdays. There are 6 class levels plus a TOEFL Preparation course. Each evening program level is 12 weeks, except the TOEFL Preparation class, which is two cycles or 24 weeks. Each Saturday program level is 20 weeks, except the TOEFL Preparation course, which is two cycles or 40 weeks.

In each level, students work at gaining English proficiency so that they can reach their own academic, professional, or personal goals. All levels, except the TOEFL class, include:

- a grammar book
- a reading/writing book
- a listening/speaking/pronunciation book
- conversation and speaking activities
- vocabulary work

The TOEFL Preparation course uses the *Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL Test: iBT*.

Level 1

This is a basic/low intermediate level. The students work on some basic English structures like verb tenses and different question formations. The reading and listening portion of the books help students gain and strengthen strategies and skills necessary in being proficient in reading and listening, such as scanning, skimming, making inferences, and understanding new vocabulary words from context. The writing portion of the books helps students learn about simple mechanics and organization. In addition, students practice speaking and conversation skills for common interactions.

Level 2 and 3

These are intermediate levels. The activities in these levels become more advanced. The textbooks begin using a wider vocabulary and include more complicated structures. These levels continue to work on strategies and skills needed in reading and listening. The writing becomes more complicated as students in this level work on paragraph writing. The speaking activities in these levels also become more complicated.

Level 4 and 5

These are high intermediate levels. The textbooks and activities in these levels become more advanced. While the reading and listening activities continue to work on strategies, the activities for reading and listening are longer and use a wider and more advanced level of vocabulary. In addition, these levels move from paragraph writing to essay writing. Speaking and conversation activities involve more academic and professional topics.

Level 6

This is an advanced level. Students work on complex structures in the grammar textbook. The reading and listening activities continue to increase in length and complexity, and use more advanced vocabulary. This level continues to work on different types of essay writing. In addition, more complex topics are introduced in speaking and conversation activities.

TOEFL Preparation Course

The class begins with an introduction to the TOEFL test. The complete course is two cycles (24 weeks in the evening, 40 weeks on Saturday) long, but students can take any part of the class. The course includes work on listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills, as well as strategies for approaching TOEFL tasks and testing on the computer. Students will do diagnostics in the skills and take mini-exams. Students must complete level 6 or take a placement test to enter the TOEFL Preparation course.

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