
Conversational English – Everyday English

Course Description

Conversational English: Everyday English is an intermediate-level ESL course designed for students who need to learn the vocabulary of daily life. In this course, students meet four newcomers to the United States and become involved in their interactions and discussions about family members. Students accompany the newcomers as they go to the supermarket, shop for clothes, buy a car, look for an apartment, see a doctor, mail a letter, visit a school, and dine out.

Students review vocabulary, grammar, and pronunciation throughout the course. In each lesson, students listen to audio segments, and then practice their pronunciation skills by recording their voices and comparing them to the recordings.

Overview

- Lesson 1: Meeting People at the Airport
- Lesson 2: Families at Cousin Roberto's House
- Lesson 3: Numbers at Cousin Roberto's House
- Lesson 4: Looking for an Apartment
- Lesson 5: Buying a Car
- Lesson 6: Sending Mail at the Post Office
- Lesson 7: Eating at the Pizza Palace
- Lesson 8: Buying Groceries at the Supermarket
- Lesson 9: Shopping at the Mall
- Lesson 10: Classes at Miguel's School
- Lesson 11: Visiting the Doctor's Office

Objectives

Students completing this course will be able to demonstrate the following skills:

- Become familiar with, and be able to use, appropriate vocabulary used in daily life.
- Practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in the English language.
- Practice pronunciation skills by recording and listening to their own voices and comparing them to the voices of English speakers.
- Develop their ability to communicate effectively and express themselves with confidence in English.
- Share ideas with each other via online discussion groups.
- Become familiar with the computer and the Internet.

Activities and Assessments

- **27 Writing Assignments** – Throughout the course, students build on the lessons they have learned by completing short writing assignments in their online notebooks. The teacher grades these assignments and provides feedback.
- **26 Speaking Assignments** – In each lesson, students demonstrate their verbal language skills by recording speaking assignments. These recordings are submitted to the teacher for grading and feedback.
- **7 Online Discussion Group Activities** – In selected lessons, students participate in a group discussion of a topic relevant to the material covered. The teacher evaluates the students' contributions to each discussion and provides grading and feedback.
- **10 Quizzes** – Students have numerous opportunities to practice what they are learning, along with self-checks to ensure they understand the content. Students take a quiz at the end of each lesson, except Lesson 1. Part 1 of each quiz evaluates listening and grammar and is computer-graded, providing students with instant feedback on their work. Part 2 of each quiz evaluates writing and speaking; the teacher grades these sections of the quizzes and provides feedback.