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THE  
**English  
Studio**  
LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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Why Us?

**We're accredited by the British Council**

Their logo is displayed in this book. We're very proud of it. With good reason. The standards they set are incredibly high. Sadly, some schools just aren't good enough to achieve them. If you go to one of these schools you could end up wasting your time. And worse, your money.

**We offer unbeatable value\***

Call every number. Check every website. You won't find a better standard of teaching at the same price in an Accredited, Central London Language School. Fact.

**We have great teachers**

We want you to have a brilliant time when you study with us. So while we make sure all our teachers have the best qualifications, we make sure they're nice too.

**We give you one-to-one attention**

Our highly trained teachers don't just stand in front of the class. They get down amongst you and talk to you individually. Person-to-person. We've found it's the quickest way to learn. (And it's easier to ask questions when you know the rest of the class aren't listening.)

**We tailor each course to suit you.**

When you first arrive, we'll do a simple assessment of your language levels. It sounds scary. It isn't. But it is very important. It helps us make sure we select the perfect class for you – one with students at the same level as you. This way the classes aren't too hard. Or too easy. And as each course has been expertly tailored for students at that level, our excellent teachers will help you to become fluent as quickly as possible. Hurrah!





## **We help you find somewhere to live**

When you're in a strange, new city, there's nothing more stressful than trying to work out where to live. Is it a nice area? Is it good value? Relax. We offer a range of accommodation to suit all budgets – and all tastes. We offer home-stay, flatshare and hotel accommodation from Zones 1-5. For further information, see the accommodation section. It's all taken care of.

## **We have our own free Film Club**

Our Film Club has hundreds of brilliant videos and DVDs for you to borrow. And they're all completely free. From classics like 'Citizen Kane' to obscure gems like 'Made in Britain'. Of course, watching films at home with friends is a fun and cheap night in. But there's an invaluable side effect. Watching DVDs in English gives you a great 'ear' for the language. See? Even when we're not there, we're still teaching you! That's dedication for you.

## **We have free high-speed Net access**

Being a long way from home is a lot of fun. But sometimes you might feel a little homesick. (Bless.) Fortunately, all our schools have high-speed wireless Internet access. Completely free. So you can keep up with all the gossip back home. And if you're using Skype, you can actually see how everyone's doing. Oh, and you can use it for your studies too. Obviously.

## **The library**

The library is your very own Quiet Zone to do exactly what you want.

Feeling brainy? This is where you can get some hard work done. Maybe it's some exam practice (e.g. FCE or IELTS preparation), expanding your vocabulary or improving your English grammar. The library has the latest books and the resources to do the job. It's even got a mini business centre to send a fax, scan and copy a document or print one out.

Want to chill? Here you can kick back with a magazine, pull on a pair of headphones and practise your listening skills, or simply read a book. Any book. And that's a promise.

Best of all, the library is your destination-of-choice for some precious peace. It's a place where you can simply concentrate. That's pretty rare for the bustling English Studio, and, as you'll soon discover, for the rest of London too!





### **We've just had a makeover**

Some schools don't seem to care what their classrooms look like. We think that's a shame. Not just because it shows a lack of pride, but more importantly, because your surroundings make a difference to how you feel. Research proves that calm, stylish interiors help people relax. And when people are relaxed, their brains work better, which is apparently the best way to learn. Even the colour of our walls was chosen to help you learn English more efficiently.

### **We have our own free Blog**

Every term, we give several students a free digital camera and a free laptop. Why? So they can share their experiences in London with friends and family back home. And everyone on our free Blog. It could be you. And even if it's not, we'd still love to hear what's going on in your world.

[www.the-englishstudio.com/news](http://www.the-englishstudio.com/news)

**We have our own free monthly newsletter**

At the start of every month, your inbox will receive an eNewsletter, written by our very own twinkly-eyed Principal, Phil. With competitions, great offers, money-off courses, advice and support, it's the best way to make sure you're getting the most out of your time here. And like almost everything else on this page, it's free!

[www.the-englishstudio.com/newsletter](http://www.the-englishstudio.com/newsletter)

**We have our own free Forum**

It's like Facebook and Gumtree rolled into one. Buy stuff, sell stuff, organise drinks, organise parties, organise museum visits (yeah, right). Find a flat, find a Capoeira class, find a partner... And it's all totally free.

<http://forum.the-englishstudio.com>



### **We're in the heart of London**

Study with us and one of the world's most exciting and tolerant cities is right outside your front door. We're in two separate places, both with their own unique charm and buzz. Here's a very brief overview of both of them.

#### **Holborn**

Holborn is minutes from world famous Covent Garden Market, which is a must-visit. A bit touristy, but still well worth it. The amazing Royal Opera house is a short walk from our front door, as is the English National Opera. Theatre land is a bit further, but still very walkable. Every year, legendary stars like Kevin Spacey, Jessica Lange and Jude Law appear on the London stage. Many of the world's leading playwrights have their premieres there.

Cinemas? There are loads. Take your pick. As for restaurants? We'd need a whole new section as there are so many. From cheap and cheerful caffs to three Michelin-starred palaces where a bottle of wine could cost more than your rent for a year.

#### **Shepherd's Bush**

A short and rather stylish stroll to arguably the trendiest spot in London – Notting Hill, setting of the naff but shockingly popular film of the same name, Notting Hill is London's Greenwich Village. And if you get bored of posing with all the other beautiful people, you can always get some retail therapy at Westfield, Europe's largest shopping centre. Despite such an unpromising description, it's surprisingly cool.





### **We have a free Social Programme**

Every week, we organise sightseeing, cultural and leisure activities. Obviously the most important thing about these activities is that they help you practise your new found English-speaking skills.

But don't worry. Like everything at The English Studio, we make sure it's fun too. And we make sure there's something for everyone. For example, you may not want to sit through a play by Samuel Beckett but some fluff by Ben Elton might be right up your street. We'll try to make sure they're both available.

### **We gave you this cute little book - Free**

The only thing you'll get from some schools is the bill! Effortlessly stylish and completely free, this little beauty will ensure your time in London is fun and stress-free. In 'Hidden London', we reveal some of the secret and amazing places only Londoners know about. And in the 'My London' section you can make a record of all the special places you've discovered. And there's a blank 'Notes' section. (Could be handy in class.)



# 02. Our Courses

Conversational Grammar

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Writing

VOCABULARY

VISUAL GRAMMAR CHRISTIAN LEBORG

UNSEEN UK

Inspired

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Learn to communicate effectively and more fluently in everyday English on these lively international courses for adults of all ages. Your classmates are students, graduates and working people from over 80 different countries. You can start any Monday.

**Classes run from**

9.00 - 12am | 12 - 3.00pm | 3.00 - 6.00pm  
Each 3 hour block includes a 15 min. break. Maximum class size 27.

**General English**

These courses are for people of all levels of English, from complete beginners to near - native speakers. They develop your practical communication skills, with special emphasis on speaking, pronunciation and listening.

The lessons are imaginative and structured so as to allow maximum time to learn and practise new language - vocabulary, colloquial English, idioms and grammar - to help you achieve maximum fluency.

**General English Plus**

Combine English classes with an extra hour of conversation to improve your speaking and listening abilities on this 20 hour a week course.

**Academic Year**

Our afternoon academic year is a 15-hour per week course which lasts 9 months, and reduces costs for long-stay students. In this course you can take both Cambridge preparation and General English courses.

**Academic Year Plus**

This course gives you nine months of afternoon study, the same as the academic year, as well as 12 weeks of holidays so you can experience all the interesting things Britain has to offer.

**Intensive English**

Improve your skills fast! Do thirty hours a week and make a big improvement in your English. You can do 6 hours General English or combine with business or exam preparation.

**Exam Skills**

Practice your exam skills in this once a week course which prepares you for University of Cambridge TEFL exams. This course is compulsory for students studying on a student visa 15 hours a week maximum class size for this course only is 40.

**Part-time Courses/Evening Courses**

Ideal for those students who are working, you can take part-time classes the afternoon or evening, between two and four days a week. You choose the days you want to study, so the course is super-flexible.

**Conversation Classes**

Top up your general English class, or just drop in for one hour a day and practise your fluency, pronunciation and vocabulary in this supplementary course which develops your speaking skills in a friendly supportive atmosphere. You discuss interesting topics and practise typical conversations which occur in social, study or work life.

**Exam Preparation Courses**

The English Studio has an unrivalled reputation in preparing students for the internationally recognised Cambridge Examinations.

**Cambridge FCE, CAE & CPE Preparation**

Our 12-week courses provide intensive preparation for all elements of the examinations. They include intensive practice in examination techniques with detailed feedback from your teacher. This course also includes weekly individual tutorials with your teacher.

**Cambridge IELTS Preparation**

This course provides thorough preparation for the examination, including essay writing, fluent and accurate speaking, describing and interpreting graphs and charts. You can take the examination the month following the end of your course.

**IELTS Plus**

This course offers IELTS preparation with an extra hour dedicated to writing practice, and is designed for students who want to get more intensive preparation for the IELTS exam.

**Focus on Writing**

This course is designed to offer extra practice for students who need to improve their writing skills. It is particularly useful for students taking the FCE, CAE and IELTS exams, as well as those students who need to write effectively for their futures.

**First Class to Cambridge**

This smaller group is only for students taking the next FCE exam, and gives an intensive focus on exam techniques and common problems encountered in FCE.

**Business English**

This course is for those who use or intend to use English in a business environment. Classes focus on language skills for the business world, including telephoning, negotiating, attending meetings and writing reports.

We cover business vocabulary for areas such as marketing, business administration, finance and E-commerce. Students will be able to study towards the Cambridge Business Exams.

**One-to-one Courses**

Teachers design tailor-made courses for you which are dedicated to your personal needs and learning style.

**One-to-one Flexitime**

This option allows you to combine one to one tuition with another English Studio course and you can choose any number of hours from 1-30 hours per week. The timetable, course length and starting dates are by arrangement.

**Premium Course**

At The English Studio we offer a range of high quality English courses for students from all over the world and because we're all really nice people, we're always looking for new ways to improve the learning experience. Now, after an awful lot of looking and listening, we've identified the need for a course that provides an even more personalised educational approach to the teaching of English and also includes an enhanced range of student benefits.

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### 03. Teacher Training



### **We love it**

Simply put, we love teaching. It's a massive thrill for us when a student finally 'gets it'. And whether we're teaching students how to speak English, or teaching students how to be teachers, you won't find a more committed, passionate and professional group than ours.

### **The art of Teaching**

Teaching English is a delicate balance of skill, intuition, careful planning and empathy. Unlike many courses, we don't want you to be okay. We want you to be brilliant. Your students will love being taught by you. And you'll love teaching them.

### **The Course**

Our Course is a unique balance of theory and practice. It's designed to equip you for language teaching anywhere in the world. London is obviously a wonderful city to work in. But with the skills and qualifications you'll get from us, the world is your oyster. Barcelona, Rio,

Paris, Siberia...okay, maybe not Siberia, but you get the idea.

### **The Qualification**

Our course leads to The Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL). Trinity College London qualifications are widely recognised by employers and authorities around the world. The CertTESOL is accredited in England by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority at Level 4 of the National Qualifications Framework. It is accepted by the British Council as an initial TESOL or TEFL qualification for teachers in its accredited teaching organisations in the UK and in its own teaching operations overseas. Credits are also awarded towards degree programmes offered by the Open University in the UK.

This course is not accredited by the British Council





### Week One

This is an exciting week when we're all first getting to know each other. It's a lot of fun. And a lot of work. We'll explore: a) the basic principles and practices of language, language learning and language teaching, b) different approaches to presenting language, grammar and phonology, c) ways to use the classroom creatively, d) what classroom activities are most effective and, e) what's actually going on in a student's brain while you're teaching them.

### Mystery Language

You'll also receive four hours of instruction in a language that's completely unknown to you. Why? Because there's no better way for you to experience how your future students will sometimes feel. Vulnerable. Baffled. And excluded. Bless them.

### Weeks Two to Four

We have various sessions during these weeks. They'll be delivered as Interactive Workshops. These are always very interesting and an engaging way to learn.

Subjects we'll cover will be:

- Using texts and voice recordings in class,
- Second Language Acquisition - applications for the classroom,
- Other approaches to presenting new language,
- Error correction,
- Further language awareness,
- Teaching young learners,
- Using video,
- Task-based instruction,
- Humanistic approaches,
- Testing and assessment and finally
- Classroom management.



## Teaching Practice

You'll also get invaluable teaching practice – in a safe and supportive environment. The lessons will be planned by you, but don't panic – you'll be given tons of help from our very experienced, highly qualified and rather lovely tutors.

Lessons start in Week Two when you'll teach four thirty-minute lessons. In both Weeks Three and Four, you'll teach two one-hour lessons. Your Tutor will give you verbal and written feedback after every lesson. Your colleagues will chip in too. But don't worry – feedback is always given in a collaborative and supportive manner. We're all in this together.

## Written work

You will also be given four written assignments on the course: a) the Language Learner Profile, b) The Unknown Natural Language Report, c) ongoing Teaching Practice Evaluation, and d) a Materials Assignment.

These vary in length from 1000 to 2000 words. But once again – don't panic! You'll get support and guidance.

Finally (phew!), you'll have a take-home exam towards the end of the course. It's designed to help you bring together all the strands of the course.





## Qualification

Every part of the course must be successfully passed before you can qualify. It seems like a lot of work. It is. But it's worth it. Being a good teacher is good. But being a great teacher is, well – great.

## Entry Requirements

These sound tougher than they are. But our standards are high. We want every teacher we train to be exceptional.

You must be at least eighteen at the start of the course. There is no upper-age limit.

You must have educational qualifications that would permit entry into higher education.

You must be able to demonstrate a sufficient level of competence in English - all skills. (If you're a non-native speaker of English, an IELTS score of 6.5 (or recognised equivalent) is essential, although this is only a partial benchmark. You'll need to demonstrate an appropriate level of competence during the selection process.

You must have a level of language awareness appropriate for initial cert./under-graduate study, and language competence in English to enable students to follow the course and complete all assessed elements successfully.

You must be able to demonstrate competence in Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

## Application form

Once you contact us, we'll send you one.

## Pre-interview task

This is designed to stimulate your interest in language and teaching. It'll help us see your strengths. (And weaknesses.) We'll discuss them at the interview.



### The Interview

This is face-to-face, normally with our friendly and very talented Course Director. Here we'll discuss the nature of the course, its components, modes of assessment, intensity and the key challenges.

### Legal stuff

We're obliged by Law to ask every applicant about their health and whether or not they have a criminal record. It's a bit awkward, but it's got to be done

### Pre-course task

Once selected for the course, apart from congratulating you, we'll send you a pre-course task. This fascinating exercise is designed to start the process of reflection, information gathering and discovery, which will be continued on the course.

### Lists

We'll also send you: a) a short reading list of essential (and non-essential) books, b) a list of the facilities available at The English Studio (including computer access and other excellent resources), c) a list of stuff you'll need to buy - stationery, word processor, apples for teacher etc... and finally, d) a rough estimate of additional costs - photo-copying, materials for creating activities etc.

### Who are we?

All our staff are qualified and highly experienced Teacher Trainers. All of them have been working in the field for over 10 years and are all Delta qualified (or equivalent).

Observation of Teaching Practice sessions is done by our excellent course tutors.



A close-up photograph of a red door with a brass mail slot. The door has a classic panel design. The text '04. Accommodation' is overlaid in a white, outlined font, slanted upwards from left to right.

# 04. Accommodation



Learning English in London, you need somewhere great to learn. You also need somewhere great to live. In our residence, you'll share with other students from the school. And if you don't fancy cooking and cleaning, we'll find you a room in a family house.

### **Budget English Studio House Share**

Live in our very own residence. It's in Zone 2 of the London Underground and is close to all our schools. (2 minutes max.) Simply but tastefully furnished, it's budget, self-catering accommodation, sharing with other students from the school.

(Make sure you book and pay one month in advance. Thanks.)

### **London Home-stay**

A Home-stay makes learning English in London even easier. How? Because your hosts will be English. And there's no better way to practise what you learn in your English lessons, than by chatting to real English people. Meals and cleaning can be included.

Rooms are cleaned and bed-linen and towels changed weekly. You'll have your own house key and your host is there to offer help, advice and take an interest in your wellbeing.

No one else in the house will speak your mother tongue, unless you especially request it. But be warned - your English lessons may go to waste if you spend all your time out of school speaking your own language.

### **Halls Of Residence**

We recommend Halls of Residence for students coming with a friend or as a group.

### **Unite**

Woburn Place  
19-29 Woburn Place  
Russell Square  
London, WC1H 0LU  
[www.unite-students.com](http://www.unite-students.com)



A blurred photograph of a crowded pedestrian street, likely in a city. People are walking in various directions, wearing winter clothing like coats, scarves, and hats. The image has a motion blur effect, suggesting a busy, fast-paced environment. The text '05. Case Studies' is overlaid in a large, white, outlined font on the left side of the image.

# 05. Case Studies



**Name: Petra Bercakova**

**Age: 28**

**Job: Accounts Administrator for an engineering company in the City**

It's thanks to The English Studio that I've got to where I am today. When I arrived in London in 1998 from a small town in the Czech Republic, all I had was a school diploma and a tiny bit of English! But with the help of the brilliant teachers at the school, both my level of English and my confidence improved very quickly.

It wasn't just the classes that helped: the school also had a really cool social programme and meeting people at the parties and the other activities allowed me to fit in and find my way in London. Looking back, that was probably the best thing at the beginning.

I studied hard for the Cambridge First Certificate, Advanced and Proficiency exams and was successful. Without these exams, I definitely wouldn't have the job I have now, but the school also gave me fantastic work experience in administration where I was able to pick up the skills which I now use every day.

I think The English Studio is great!

**Name:** John Alejandro  
**Garcia Ulloa**  
**Age:** 25  
**Course:** MSc. in Environmental  
Sciences at ETH Zurich

Growing up in Colombia, I could only dream that one day I'd be able to study at one of the world's top universities, but The English Studio made that dream a reality.

When I first came to London a friend recommended the school to me and from day one I knew I'd made the right choice. Firstly, they took care of the practical things that are essential for living in London, like finding a place to live, opening a bank account and getting a discounted Oyster card. My teachers made the learning fun and interesting, and after all that I was able to meet people from all over the world with the school's cultural activities.

As well as the Cambridge Advanced exam, The English Studio prepared me for the IELTS and because I scored an 8, I was accepted onto the MSc. here in Zurich.

Working for The English Studio was also a great opportunity as it helped me to express myself clearly and concisely – something that is essential in Academia.

I'm really grateful to the school and all the wonderful people I met there. I still call it my "English Studio Family," even though now I'm many miles away!





# 06. Hidden London





## Holborn

### All Star Lanes

If your experience of bowling alleys is a heady mix of smelly feet and rancid chip fat, you've obviously never been to Holborn's 'All Star Lanes'. It's a gentle, three-minute stroll from our front door in Holborn. (Two, if you're particularly excited.) Kitsch but cool fifties' style, six great lanes, amazing cocktails and a restaurant good enough to visit for the food alone. Visit once and you'll be hooked. (Challenge our Principal Phil to a game. He takes it pretty seriously, but he's rubbish, bless him.)

[www.allstarlanes.co.uk](http://www.allstarlanes.co.uk)

### Denmark Street Guitar Shops

If you fancy a bit of star-spotting get along to Denmark Street. A grimy looking side street near Centre Point, it's actually home to some of the best vintage guitar shops in the world. Anyone who's anyone has bought an axe here. From Lennon, Hendrix and Johnny Marr all the way up to modern stars like Alex Turner and Graham Coxon. A mere nine-minute sashay from our front door in Holborn. Budding musos and axe men will think they've died and gone to heaven.

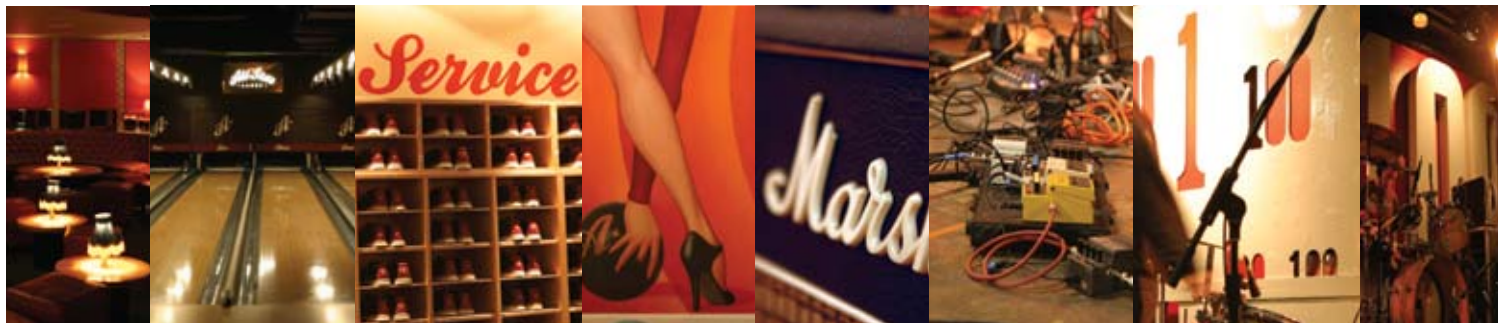
[www.denmarkstreetonline.co.uk](http://www.denmarkstreetonline.co.uk)

### The 100 Club

Although The 100 Club is famous the world over, ironically it's still unknown to the average tourist. Its anonymous looking Oxford Street entrance is easily missed if you're not sure what you're looking for. Opened in 1942 (crikey - none of us were alive then!), the list of stars who've played there reads like a Who's Who of Music. Buddy Rich, The White Stripes, Muddy Waters, Oasis, Fats Domino, The Jam, Bo Diddley, The Kinks, The Sex Pistols, Muse and Clapton. A miniscule 14 minutes, walk from our front door in Holborn.

Just enough time to back-comb your hair, put on your eyeliner and take a healthy nip from a bottle of rock 'n' roll mouthwash. (That's Jack Daniels to you, my friend).

[www.the100club.co.uk](http://www.the100club.co.uk)



### Shepherd's Bush

#### The Electric Cinema

London's coolest cinema - no question. Luxurious leather seats (with their own footstools), great movies, beautiful people and amazing food. Forget the traditional bucket of stale popcorn, this place has Hot Tubs! Fish and chips, yummy vegetarian risotto, chicken curry, you name it. And if your thoughtful parents have just sent you a nice fat cheque, you can even treat yourself to a nice, cold glass of champagne. Heaven. Finally, if you're on a date and you fancy a cheeky snog, don't forget to book one of the cinema's amazing sofas. Five minutes by bike from our Uxbridge Road School.

[www.electricensema.co.uk](http://www.electricensema.co.uk)

#### Lucky 7

You've never had a burger till you've had a Lucky 7 burger. Kitsch, cool and unashamedly retro, it's the kind of place you'd expect to see John Travolta and Uma Thurman flirting in a booth. The guacamole is to die for and if you've never experienced the delights of a Root Beer Float, this is the place to try one. Spectacular. A mere seven minutes by bike. A bit longer if you walk - but at least you'll be working up an appetite for all those delicious fries.

[www.lucky7london.co.uk](http://www.lucky7london.co.uk)

#### Notting Hill Arts Club

London's music scene (and therefore, to some extent, the world's) is reinvented here on a nightly basis. Radio4, Beach Club, Brazilian Love Affair, Lazy Dog, One World Live, Inspiration Information, RoTa, Futuro Flamenco - all these mould breaking and genre defining club nights were invented here. If you want to know what your friends back home will be listening to in six months, come on down. Just one little tube stop away. Check it.

[www.nottinghillartsclub.com](http://www.nottinghillartsclub.com)





# 07. Notes

















