



# IIT Madras

ONLINE DEGREE

**English - 1 (Basic English)**  
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**Introduction**

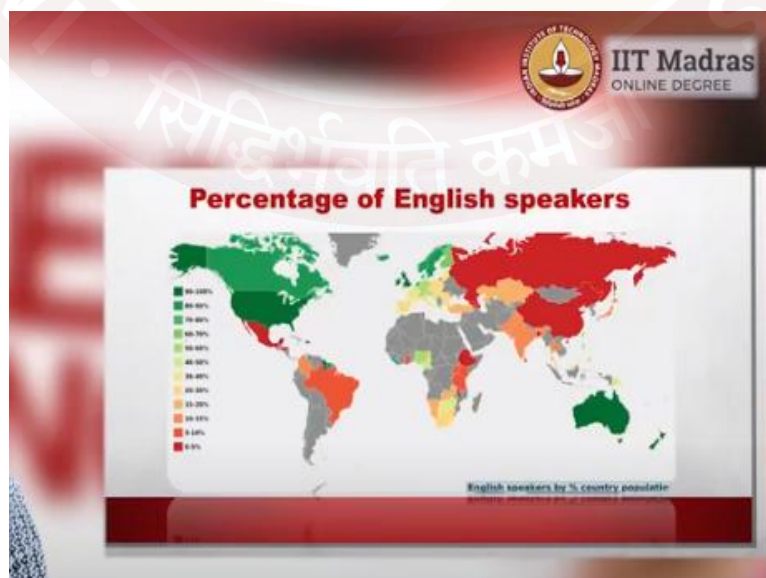
Welcome to this Basic English course for your degree program. My name is Rajesh Kumar. I teach linguistics in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT, Madras. I will be meeting with you throughout this course.

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As we know, English is undoubtedly the most widely spoken language across the world. It is spoken in one form or the other throughout the world.

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When we learn to speak English, we make ourselves accessible to the world, and in turn, the world opens for us.

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Our ability to communicate with others using English brings us close to success. This communication is important because we use English in most of our functional domains. Academic success, professional success and success in social and personal life is also imperative and contingent upon our ability to use English effectively.

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Our goal in this course is to build confidence in you when you speak English.

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For this purpose, we will be using the multilingual method. The multilingual method means speaking language, the way we communicate normally and naturally.

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For the purpose of achieving this goal, we have a team of colleagues who will help us throughout the course. Allow me to introduce our colleagues to you Dr Leena Anil has a PhD in Applied Linguistics from the University of Madras. She started her career as a content writer.

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Dr Rennet Samson has a PhD in English Language and Literature and has more than 15 years of teaching experience in different colleges. Currently, she teaches at Ethiraj College in Chennai.

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Dr Manjula Rajan has a PhD in ELT. She brings us content development experience to classroom teaching. She is an effective communicator among her students.

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Sudha Ravi is a teacher trainer and a content developer. She brings her experience again for us to build this course.

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Dr Usha Mahadevan has more than 40 years of teaching experience. She has a PhD in English from Bombay University. She has a postdoctoral diploma in teaching English from Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages in Hyderabad. She has taught at Chennai Mathematical Institute in IIT Madras as well throughout her career. She brings the best experience for us to build this course.

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Karthika Sathanathan is an alumna of IIT Madras. She has done her MA in English studies from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. She has worked as a language and education consultant for many government and non-government organizations throughout the country.

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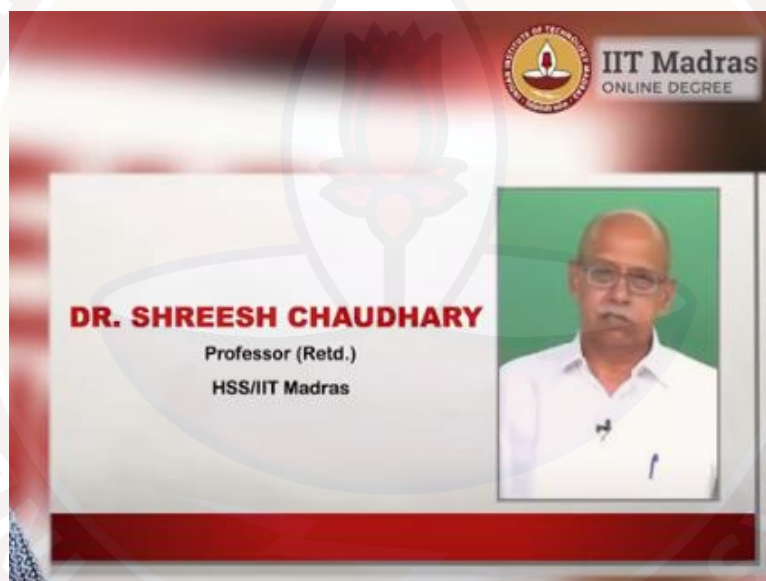
Padmini Vaidyanathan has an MA in Development Communication from Jamia Millia Islamia in New Delhi. We have a team of consultants who will help us build this course regularly.

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Dr Om Prakash teaches at Gautam Buddha University in New Delhi.

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And Professor Shreesh Chaudhary is a retired professor from Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT Madras. We will altogether work on building this course. And we expect help from you in helping you learn English effectively. Welcome to this course again, and thank you.