



Parent Talk

English Now!

English Now!'s Parent Talk program gives students the opportunity to work on their English and join a supportive community of other parents and our instructors. The purpose of our school is to help our students engage, enjoy, and thrive, in their studies and in their lives in the United States. We are especially happy to do this with parents who are making a cultural transition away from family and friends. We love our Parent Talk students!

The Program. Most Parent Talk students meet once a week in an informal conversation group, with their young children (up to three years old) present. The maximum class size is five, so students receive personalized guidance and feedback from teachers. Students and our instructor often get to know one another very well. Some students also enroll in smaller classes (private lessons or semi-private lessons) for more focused work on their language skills, in a more formal English class.

Levels of English Proficiency. Parent Talk group classes are for students from Intermediate to Advanced levels. Parent Talk private and semi-private lessons are for students at all levels.

Conversation Topics. Classes in our informal conversation groups often address specific parenting themes. Students share their current parenting questions, successes, and challenges with their classmates. Discussions provide welcome support, laughter, and answers for all of the students. Topics include: feeding, toilet training, discipline, attachment, sleeping. Importantly, we also talk about “adult issues,” including American society and how to thrive during your time here, as well as personal issues including how to care for oneself well, the roles of mothers and fathers, the roles of parents and in-laws, etc..

English Language Studies. Instructors in our conversation groups share English language phrasal verbs and/or idioms that relate to parenting. Listening activities may also be used to guide the discussion. However, there is no homework in our conversation groups, other than occasional short readings, as we know that parents of young children are busy.

Students in our Parent Talk private and semi-private lessons have a more formal ESL curriculum, using textbooks and materials at the appropriate level. Homework is assigned if the student can work outside of class. Many students consider joining one Parent Talk conversation group class and doing one private or semi-private lesson per week.

Activities: Students (and their spouses and all children!) are invited to join special Saturday pancake breakfasts at English Now! Students are also invited to join other English Now! students for seasonal outings and events e.g. Thanksgiving, Christmas tree cutting, Memorial Day BBQ, and more.

Course Schedule, Tuition & Registration: Options are (1) enroll in a **conversation group** with up to five other students. Group classes meet on Tuesdays from 1:30pm to 2:30pm, and Thursdays and Fridays from 10am-11am. Terms are September through December, January through May, and June through August. For group classes, tuition is \$10 per week, for example \$150 for a 15 week term. Students may also (2) enroll in a **semi-private lesson** (groups of two or three), with a more structured curriculum and flexible scheduling. Semi-private lessons are \$20 per hour per student (less than our typical semi-private rate, to support our parent friends!). We typically suggest a 75-minute lesson for semi-private lessons. Enroll for 10 hours minimum. Finally, students may (3) enroll in a **private lesson** with a more structured curriculum. Private lessons are \$40 per hour. We typically suggest a 60- or 75-minute lesson for private lessons. Enroll for 10 hours minimum. Note: all students pay a one-time, \$40 registration fee.

To Ask Questions or Enroll: Visit us at 4630 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 300, Bethesda, MD 20814, call us at 301-718-3575, or email us at info@english-now.com. We look forward to meeting you and would be glad to have you take a proficiency test – with no cost and no commitment – to learn more about your language background and to enable us to talk to you about placement.