

**English Online** 

# **Broadening Horizons**

Theme:

**Expand Your Horizons** 



#### Before we start, please make sure...

- √ your name on Zoom is clear (use Latin letters)
- √ your camera is on and mic is off (unmute when needed)
- √ you are in a quiet area that helps you focus
- √ you have a notebook or a note app ready to take notes



#### Zoom features

Check your audio and video settings



Use Latin letters for your name





Side-by-side mode

Zoom Ratio Fit to Window >

**View Options V** 

**Annotate** 

Ask questions in the Chat or use Reactions

Share Screen when the teacher asks





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Use Save to make screenshots

Use Annotate when a screen is share

## Welcome to English Online



How does it work? You need to complete all three parts to get the most out of English Online.

Live class

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After-class speaking session (optional)

Practise after class

#### After-class speaking session

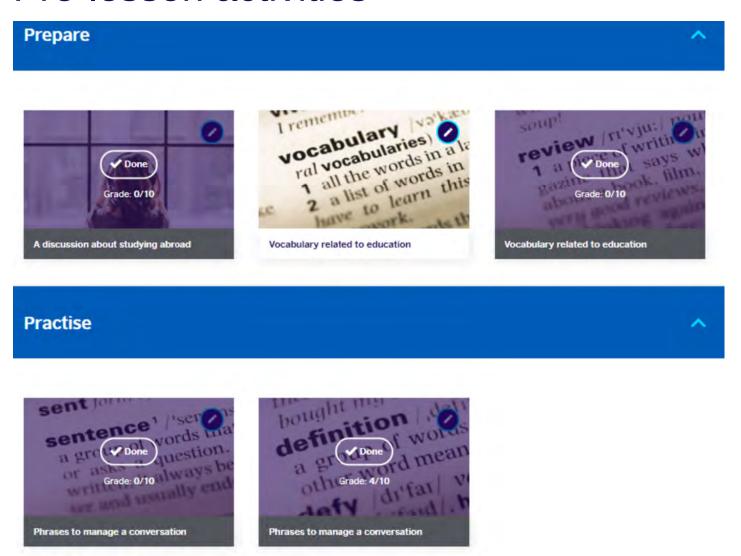
Stay back after class for 5 or 10 minutes to talk to your classmates from around the world.

#### This extra speaking practice will help you...

- improve your conversation skills
- practise using language learnt in class
- support and help your fellow students
- practise using English in a natural context
- become a part of a global learning community



#### Pre-lesson activities



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Lesson objective

What do you expect to learn by the end of this class?

## Lesson objectives

In this live lesson you will take part in a discussion on topics related to education.

You will also review and practise phrases for managing discussions and vocabulary related to education that you learned before the lesson.

#### Highlighted skills:

Speaking (live class) and listening (before the lesson)

#### **Language focus:**

Vocabulary: education

Functional language: managing discussions

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#### Lead-in

#### **Discuss with a partner:**

- 1. Have you ever studied abroad? If so, where? How was it?
- 2. If not, would you like to study abroad? Why?
- 3. What advice would you give a friend from abroad who is thinking of studying in your country?
- 4. What are the benefits and drawbacks of studying abroad?



With a partner. Guess the following words.

- 1. What transferrable skills does studying a degree give you?
- 2. What are the most prestigious universities in your country?
- 3. What challenges might you face when integrating into a different culture?
- 4. Have you ever had a character-building experience? What was it?
- 5. What revision techniques do you find most effective?
- 6. A cliché about education is that 'hard work is necessary to succeed'. Do you agree?
- 7. At what age do you take standarised tests in your country?

The teacher will send you a word. Describe it to the class. If you know what the word is, say it.



Can you remember any phrases to manage a conversation?

a) Give a role to other speakers	b) Encourage other speakers to participate
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c) Keep the conversation focused	d) Make sure the conversation moves on
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are you happy to (take

OK ... anything else to add?

What about...?

We're getting a bit sid

Any other (benefits)?

**OK**, let's summarise.

Let's move on.

OK, we're going off or

Imagine people having a group discussion about the benefits of living abroad. What would you say in situations 1–7? Use the phrases from the table.

- 1. Somebody starts describing their own experiences of eating at restaurants in Japan.
- 2. Your group need to record ideas during a discussion.
- 3. One group member hasn't shared many ideas during a discussion.
- 4. You have talked about the same point for a while.
- 5. You want to remind everyone about the points you've made.
- 6. You think it's important to talk about the cost of living in other countries.
- 7. You are not sure if people have other ideas to share.

# Task



#### Task

Work in a group. Choose one of the topics below and discuss your ideas. Remember to take notes (you will present your ideas to another group later).

- The pros and cons of studying in a multinational group (e.g. Kaplan, International House, BC)
- The benefits and drawbacks of studying subjects in English (rather than your native language)
- The pros and cons of a foreign degree for local employment

Benefits	
Drawbacks	

#### Task

Summarise your ideas and present them to another group. Remember to use phrases to keep the conversation on track.

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Feedback

#### Review

What have you learned from today's lesson?

What did you find interesting/boring?

What do you need more practice with?

Did you participate fully?

Did you achieve your aims for this lesson?

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#### Lesson materials

#### Make sure you have

- downloaded the \*.pdf with this presentation
- saved the Zoom Chat



#### How can you make more progress?

#### **Complete the Progress activities online.**



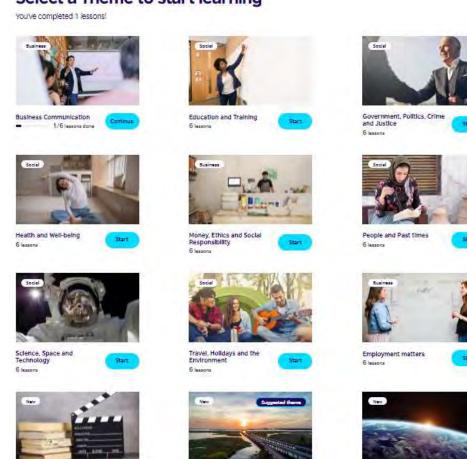
# Look at more advanced education vocabulary and discourse markers here:



https://www.ieltsbuddy.com/education-vocabulary.html https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learning-english/activities-for-learners/b2g062-discourse-markers

#### What's next?

#### Select a Theme to start learning



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The World of Tomorrow

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## After-class speaking session

# You can talk about any topic that interests you!

#### Use these questions as a guide, if needed.

- Were you ever offered the chance to study abroad?
- If you could study abroad, where would you go and what would you study?
- Are there other ways to build one's character than studying abroad? What are they?
- How do institutions benefit from such programmes?
- Do you think society would be more or less integrated if Fostugying ընթեւթյան was normalised?

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#### Dos

- Treat everyone with respect
- ✓ Keep your camera on and
- Let others share ideas to
- Listen to everyone
- Click 'Leave' if you cannot

#### Don'ts

- Don't take pictures or rec
- Don't share personal deta
- Don't let your children be onscreen

What do you think?

Do you like the platform?

What did you think of the activities?

What further information do you need?

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#### Teacher's Notes

This slide deck was made by Ian Picken.

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