

ESL 7/8 SYLLABUS

Time: 8:30am to 10:10am

Days: Monday to Friday in Room 319

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Book: *American Headway 3*, 2nd edition
by Liz & John Soars

Hello! Welcome to ESL 7/8 !! This class will help you to gain competence at the high-intermediate level of English. These are the things that we hope you will be able to DO in English by the time you finish the course:

Student Learning Outcomes
A. Identify essential points of discussions, speeches, or lectures.
B. Utilize appropriate formality and grammatical patterns to communicate in extended conversations or interviews.
C. Apply word analysis skills to determine the meaning of new vocabulary in familiar contexts.
D. Interpret meaning on a variety of common topics in authentic reading materials.
E. Organize and compose paragraphs or brief essays and letters, using appropriate syntax.
F. Use Intermediate High language structures and forms.

In other words, in our class we will have activities to help you improve your **Listening, Speaking, Reading, Writing, Grammar and Pronunciation** in English.

Grammar:

The structures and forms which are newly taught in Level 7/8 are the following:

Adjectival clauses (*She smiled at the man whose dog was barking.*)

Noun clauses (*He wondered where I was. I think that it's not easy.*)

Reported speech (*She said she didn't want to go to the party.*)

Past perfect tense (*He had just fallen asleep when I got home.*)

Passive (simple present tense) (*The mail is delivered every day.*)

Conditional (2nd) (*If I were rich, I would give you money.*)

Present and past participles as adjectives (*She is a bored teacher. She is a boring teacher.*)

Separable and inseparable two and three word verbs (*He put up with her bad manners.*)

We will also review as needed:

Present perfect tenses (*He has ridden a horse before. He has been riding for 10 years.*)

Modals (*She should go / could go / has to go / is supposed to go, etc.)*

Your teachers will be sure to explain these grammatical forms very well and, if we have time, we will be happy to go over any other aspects of the language that you would like to understand better.

Textbook:

The class is free but we highly recommend you buy the book. We will use the book almost every day. You can buy it here on campus at the bookstore or online at a site like www.amazon.com. The workbook is optional for those who want to do homework.

Your teachers will provide copies for the first week of classes, but after that we will teach with the book and will not be able to provide copies.

Homework and tests:

This is a non-credit class so homework is not required. We will assign some homework as a final activity that applies the grammar you have been studying, but it is optional. If you want homework and we haven't told you what it is on some day, stop by the teachers' desk after class and ask for an assignment. We will have tests after each large section of the book so you can see how you are doing. Please don't work on the book exercises before we do them in class. If you want to practice at home with the topics we are studying in the book, you can buy a workbook or other book to use at home. Talk to your teachers about what you want to practice and we can recommend a book for you to buy. Anytime you want, either of us can correct the work you do at home.

Name Cards:

We want to learn your first name! But it's difficult for us because there are a lot of students, so please BRING YOUR NAME CARD EVERY DAY AND PUT IT ON YOUR DESK. That way we can call on you using your name, and after a few weeks, if you come regularly, your teachers promise to know your name!

Absence:

We understand that many people are busy with work and family responsibilities. Just do your best! People who come to class at least 3 times a week usually see noticeable progress in their English. If you can't come to class, try to study at home. It's not necessary to notify us when you have to be absent for a day or two. But if you're going to be away for more than 2 weeks, it's good to let us know because otherwise you may be removed from the class list.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP AND WE HOPE YOU HAVE AN
EXCELLENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE THIS SEMESTER!