

# Advanced English Learning

*With your e-teacher*

## Checklist for choosing an online advanced English course

So you want to do an advanced English course online?

These 5 steps will help you to choose the right course and to get started on the road to success!

### Step 1: Set goals for yourself

What do you want to achieve? The table below can help you. Tick the goals that you want to achieve. Write down other goals you would also like to achieve. To find out more about setting goals, see the blog article on [how to improve your English](#).

I want to achieve at least a 7 on the IELTS test or 95 on the TOEFL iBT test.	
I want to improve my speaking to an advanced level.	
I want to improve my writing to an advanced level.	
I want to improve my reading to an advanced level.	
I want to improve my listening to an advanced level.	
I want to improve my vocabulary to an advanced level.	
I want to improve my grammar to an advanced level.	
I want my English pronunciation to be clear.	

Now think about when you want to reach these goals. Is it in the next 6 months or perhaps the next year? Choosing your goals and your timeline will help you make the right choices.

### Step 2: Think about how you learn best

Everyone learns in a different way. When you choose to do an advanced English course online, you need to choose one that matches your learning style.

There are 2 main types of courses:

1. Self-directed lessons - you do the lessons at your own pace whenever you like
2. Regular online classes - you do lessons at a set time in an online class with other students

Use the table below to match your style of learning with type of course that suits you best.

Style of learning	Self-directed lessons	Regular online classes
I like to learn independently	•	
I like to be with others in a class		•
I need someone to push me		•
I am self-disciplined	•	
I like to be able to take as little or as much time as I need to learn	•	
I like to learn by talking with others		•
I like to choose when and how often I learn	•	
I like to have a set time to learn	•	•
I like to be able to do the next lesson as soon as I am ready	•	
I hate wasting time in class	•	

### Step 3: Find courses that match your goals and learning style

Now you can start looking at different courses to see which ones will help you reach your goals in the time you have chosen. Here are some important things to check:

- Is the course well structured?
- Are the instructions and explanations easy to follow?
- Does the course give you activities to do that will improve your competence and skills?
- Does the course give you useful feedback for learning?
- Does the course meet your specific needs?

For more information, see the blog article on [choosing the best course for you](#).

Once you have a list of 2 or 3 courses that you think might be good for you, start looking at the teacher you will get.

### Step 4: Find a teacher who will help you meet your goals

It is essential that you make sure that you have an excellent teacher who is focussed on helping you reach your goals. Excellent teachers will make a good course work best for you.

Here are some things to check:

- Does the teacher help you to learn a lot in each and every lesson?
- Does the teacher give clear instructions and explanations?
- Does the teacher waste time?
- Is the teacher interested in you and your progress?
- Does the teacher give you useful and timely guidance?

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Once you have selected the best teacher in the best course, you are ready to take the final step!

### Step 5: Commit and get started!

To really meet your goals, you need to commit and get started. Don't waste time. You know that you now have the right course with the right teacher to help you meet your goals. All that is left is for you to set aside the time and put in the effort required.