

Reading Activity:

Dear Amal,

It was great to see you last week and thanks for the brochures about online courses. It's amazing how many different things you can now learn online.

Your online literature course sounds very interesting. I think before I start a course I have to develop my English a little bit more.

I saw many websites that offer English courses and I am not sure which one to choose. There are many different things to take into consideration, and I hope you can give me some advice. I have three courses that I really like and I can't make up my mind which one to choose.

The first course is by a very good university and they give a certificate of completion at the end. The topics are very interesting. I'd love to have a certificate from this university and I think it would look good in my portfolio. However, there are face-to-face classes which are compulsory and they are all very late at night. It will be very difficult to stay up so late three days a week for six weeks.

The other course I found is also very interesting. It's a bit longer than the other one and it does not give a certificate of completion. They offer one face-to-face discussion every week and it's a bit earlier, at about 9 pm every Friday.

I think real-time classes are very important for me to develop my listening and communication skills. I don't think one class a week will be enough for me.

The best thing about the third course is that they offer a dedicated tutor, and I can arrange my own conversation classes. The other two courses are free but I have to pay for this one. It's not very expensive but I am not sure this is a better course than the other two. But maybe if I have to pay for it, I will take it more seriously. I don't know.

Here's the question: which course shall I choose?

I think learning English online will help me to develop skills I need for learning other subjects later. I also need to develop my time management. I hope this course will help me to get better at that too. Do you have any tips? How do you organise your day to have time for everything and do your course work, too? Do you have any suggestions for me? Thank you

Hala

Read the text below, then answer the questions:

Q1: There may be more than one correct answer

1. Hala needs advice because

- a) she is not sure if she should take an online course.
- b) she is not sure which course to choose.
- c) she is not sure if a face-to-face or an online course is better.

2. Hala thinks the first course is good because...

- a) it is three days a week.
- b) it is by a very good university.
- c) she likes the topics.

3. Hala would like to have a certificate of completion because

- a) it will be good for her portfolio.
- b) it can help her find a job.
- c) her father will be happy.

4. The problem with the second course is

- a) it's only once a week.
- b) there is no certificate of completion.
- c) it's early in the night.

Read, listen, and translate into Arabic:

| | Word | Translation | | Word | Translation |
|----|---------------------------|-------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|
| 1. | Certificate of completion | | 7. | Placement test | |
| 2. | Tutor | | 8. | Entry requirement | |
| 3. | Compulsory | | 9. | Assessment | |
| 4. | Develop a language | | 10. | To schedule | |
| 5. | Portfolio | | 11. | Feedback | |
| 6. | Brochure | | | | |

Choose the correct meaning of the following words:

1. Certificate of completion

- a) a document you get when you complete all the hours of a course.
- b) a document you get when you pass an exam.
- c) a document you get when you graduate from university.

2. Tutor

- a) manager.
- b) a friend that can help you.
- c) teacher.

3. Compulsory

- a) something you can choose.
- b) something you can't choose.
- c) something you need advice on.

4. One of the courses is on Friday, this is the... day of the week in Saudi Arabia

- a) sixth.
- b) third.
- c) second.

5. To develop a language or skill

- a) to make it better.
- b) to practice it.
- c) to learn a new language or skill

6. Portfolio

- a) a certificate.
- b) a letter from the university.
- c) a file where you keep all your course work.

7. Brochure

- a) a very small book that shows information about products.
- b) a book you use for studying.
- c) a book you get with a product to show you how to use it

Choose the odd word;

Example. a) first b) fifth c) **seven** d) second

1. a) face-to-face discussions. b) classes c) tutor

2. a) compulsory. b) classes c) discussions

3. a) write a language. b) speak a language. c) develop a language

Choose the correct spelling of the word;

1. a) compoulsony b) compulsory c) compulsroy

2. a) fifth b) fiveth c) fifeth

3. a) portifolio b) bortfolio c) portfolio

4. a) sertificate b) certificate c) certificate

5. a) divelop b) develop c) developb

Complete the following sentences by using words from the box (drag and drop)

Tutor. certificate of completion brochure compulsory. portfolio

1. It is _____ to pay for the course before you start, they will not let you take it without paying.
2. When you complete the course and do all the work, the college gives you a _____
3. You can ask your online _____ any question you want, he/she is available to help you.
4. My _____ has a lot of things in it now, I'm going to add all the paintings and projects I did in the last course.
5. This _____ is very good, it has information on the price, days and tutors of the course.

Grammar point:

The present simple tense

*When we talk about **facts** about different things, for example online courses, we use the present simple tense.

For example, You do an online course on the internet.

*To make the **negative** for I/you/we/they we use '**don't**', for example, You **don't do** an online course in a classroom.

*To make a **negative** for he/she/it we use '**doesn't**', for example, It **doesn't need** a teacher or a classroom.

*To describe things using adjectives we use the **verb 'to be'**.

For example, The other course I found **is** also very interesting. The other two courses **are** online too.

*To make the **negative** for facts with the verb to be we add '**not**'. For example, **It's not** very expensive.

Choose the correct form to complete the sentence.

1. All three courses [**is / are**] online.
2. The second course [**don't start / doesn't start**] late.
3. Hala [**don't think / doesn't think**] one class a week will be enough.
4. The last course [**isn't / aren't**] expensive.
5. One of the good things about the second course is that they [**offering / offer**] face-to-face discussions .

Put the words below in the right order to make correct sentences.

Example are/many/courses/there/English/online

Answer: There are many English courses online.

1. **need to/go/don't/you/classes/to.**
2. **last/isn't/course/the/expensive.**
3. **develop/time management/when/take/an online course/you/skills.**
4. **doesn't/time/she/have/every/day/Enough/for classes.**

Put the verbs between brackets in the correct form:

1. Hala (want) _____ a course with a dedicated tutor.
2. There (be) _____ good and bad sides to every course.

3. In a portfolio, there (be) _____ many files you have to keep.

Change these sentences into negative forms:

Example. Hala wants to develop her French.

a) Hala doesn't want to develop her French. b) Hala does not want to develop her French.

1. Hala needs to choose a face-to-face course.

2. Hala thinks one class a week is enough.

3. The last course is free.

Reading activity:

Course name: English for Intermediate Students

Aims: By the end of this course students will be able to communicate in writing and speaking at an intermediate level. They will be able to participate in most conversations, and read most written text without too much difficulty. Students will also learn how to study in an online environment.

Requirements: There will be a placement test at the beginning of the course to see what level you are at.

The score is for reference only, there is no minimum score. However students with scores below 50 percent should consider doing a lower level course or they will need more support during their studies.

Assessment/evaluation: There is a quiz at the end of each unit. The scores are recorded. Students can (and are encouraged to) repeat the test as many times as they want to improve their score. There are no speaking assessments but students' participation in the weekly online discussion is recorded and added to their profile.

Frequently asked questions:

1. Can I get a certificate at the end of the course?

No, we don't offer certificates but you can print out your records and you can add it to your portfolio. (A portfolio is your learning diary where you can keep a record of your learning. You can store this electronically or you can print it out and arrange it in a folder.)

2. How many hours do I need to study to complete the course?

The course is 10 weeks long and, depending on your level and your results, we suggest you spend about 10 hours a week on the course.

3. Can I schedule extra conversation classes?

Unfortunately, we don't have the resources to offer extra conversation classes. One of the best solutions is to pair up with another student from the course and practise together. You can find additional conversation topics at the end of every week's material.

4. Does someone correct my writing?

Yes, your writing task is corrected every week and you will get a feedback and a score from a teacher. The rest of the course is automatically corrected by the system. You can access all your scores in the Markbook section of the course. You can access all the earlier activities during the course and we encourage you to redo them if you are not happy with your result.

5. How can I get additional feedback on my work?

You can ask other students to comment on your work and you can also email your teachers if you have any questions. You can also post your questions on the discussion board.

6. Can I include my score in my CV?

Yes, you can but this is not an official certificate issued by our organisation. Some employers will look at it favourably if they see that you have done some extra studies.

7. What can I do after completing this course?

You will be able to access the materials for an extra two weeks after the end of the course. After that your profile will be deleted. If you want to repeat the course at any time you have to register again.

8. Can I download the materials from the website?

You can download materials for your own personal use but you are not allowed to share them.

9. Can I share my own materials with people who are not on the course?

We encourage students to share their work with other students who are on the course. However, you can share your work on your own weblog (blog) or on your social media profile.

Choose the correct answer (there may be more than one correct answer):

1. The best title for this text is:

- a) English Intermediate course description.
- b) what you need to pass the English Intermediate Course.
- c) important information about the course materials.

2. At the end of the course, students will be able to.

- a) use English in speaking, writing, reading and listening at an intermediate level.
- b) only write emails and long essays.
- c) understand long conversations while listening.

3. Is there a speaking assessment?

- a) yes, it is after every unit.
- b) no, but online discussions are recorded.
- c) no, students will not practice speaking on the course.

4. At the end of the course students get _____

- a) a certificate of completion.
- b) to print their records and add to portfolio.
- c) nothing

Read and choose whether the statements are true or false: Example

- 1. You can take additional conversation classes. [**True** / **False**]
- 2. The writing section of the course is corrected online by the system. [**True** / **False**]
- 3. You can download the material to study at your own time. [**True** / **False**]
- 4. The Noticeboard is the place you can ask questions to your colleagues and tutors on the course.
[**True** / **False**]
- 5. You can take the course again after you finish without registration. [**True** / **False**]

Read and choose the correct meaning for these vocabulary terms:

1. Placement test

- a) an exam you take before you take a course to check your level.
- b) an exam you take at the end of the course to get your score.
- c) an exam you take to get a degree.

2. Entry requirements

- a) things you need to have/do before you start a course.
- b) things you will receive at the end of a course.
- c) your score.

3. Assessment

- a) only exams.
- b) the money you have to pay for a course.
- c) exams, quizzes and evaluation that help you and your tutor find out your level and your score.

4. To schedule

a) to delay something. b) a table that has your calendar

f) to arrange a time and date for something.

5. Feedback

- a) comments you get from your tutor and colleagues about your work.
- b) the money the college gives you if you stop the course.
- c.) all your work that the college gives you after you complete the course

Choose the correct spelling of the word:

| | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| a) requirements | b) requirements | c) requiremants |
| 2. a) feedbeck | b) feedback | c) fidback |
| 3. a) schedule | b) skedule | c) skedual |
| 4. a) asessment | b) assesment | c) assessment |
| 5. a) blacement test | b) placement test | c) placemant test |

Choose the correct word that complete the sentences below from the box: (drag and drop)

Feedback schedule. placement test. requirements

1. I took the _____, they told me I was in the Intermediate level.
2. My tutor sent me _____ on my essay, it was all positive, I only have to change a small paragraph.
3. The _____ for the course are very difficult, you have to have a score of 90 on the placement test.
4. I need to _____ an appointment with my colleague to work on the project.

Grammar point

The past simple

*When we talk about **finished actions from the past** we use the **past simple tense**.

For example: Hala decided to take the second course.

*For regular verbs, we add 'ed'.

For verbs that finish with a consonant we add 'ed' For example: Walk → walked

For verbs that finish with 'e', we add 'd'. Example, Decide → decided

For verbs that finish with a vowel then a consonant, we double the consonant then add 'ed'

Stop → stopped

*To make the negative for we use 'didn't' then the verb in infinitive,

.For example: Hala **didn't choose** the first course

Choose the correct form to complete the sentence.

- a) Hala [**find / found**] three courses.
- b) She [**decided / decide**] to take the second course after comparing them all.
- c) The application deadline [**is / was**] last week.
- d) Hala [**didn't choose / didn't chose**] the first course.
- e) The tutor [**gave / give**] me very good feedback on my work.

f) I took the placement test in January, it [**is** / **was**] very easy.
 g) Ameer [**scored** / **score**] 85 on his exam.
 .h) I [**didn't pass** / **didn't passed**] the course because I [**didn't attend** / **don't attend**] last week 's classes.

Put the words below in the right order to make the correct sentences.

1. online courses/popular/became

Answer: online courses became popular.

2. registration/last week/started

3. didn't/feedback/send me/the tutor.

4. didn't/she/the quiz/take.

5. included/he/his scores/in his CV

Type the correct spelling of these verbs in the past simple form.

| | Present simple | Past simple | | Present simple | Past simple |
|----|----------------|-------------|----|----------------|-------------|
| 1. | talk | talked | 4. | live | |
| 2. | plan | | 5. | blog | |
| 3. | work | | | | |

Change these sentences from present simple to past simple form.

Example

Hala wants develop her English. → Answer: Hala wanted to develop her English.

1. The last course is too expensive.

2. The course starts in September.

3. The course requirements are flexible.

4. She doesn't like the course.

Change these sentences from the positive and to the negative form.

Example: Ahmad received his scores late after the course

Answer: Ahmad didn't receive his scores late after the course. Ahmad did not receive his scores late after the course.

1. Rola passed the placement test.

2. I downloaded all the material while doing the course.

3. I applied for the course last August.