

You are invited to join a free online weekly English conversation course in *Second Life* on from **23rd January - 1st March 2012**.



What is a conversation course?

A conversation course is a short topic based English course aimed at improving your confidence in speaking.

What is *Second Life*?

Second Life is a free online *3D virtual world* where you can meet other people to chat and speak to them. You can download the software for free here: <http://www.secondlife.com>.

How will a conversation course help me?

The conversation course will help you develop your overall command of English, with a focus specifically on oral communication skills.

When are the classes?

Level	Day	Time
Lower Intermediate	Thursday mornings	12.00-13.30 Mecca time 9.00-10.30 am GMT (see http://bit.ly/yG8fK8 for other times)
Intermediate	Monday mornings	12.00-13.30 Mecca time 9.00-10.30am GMT (see http://bit.ly/wdUGrZ for other times)
Upper Intermediate	Wednesday mornings	12.00-13.30 Mecca time 9.00-10.30am GMT (see http://bit.ly/wjW824 for other times)
Advanced	Monday mornings	12.00-13.30 Mecca time 9.00-10.30 am GMT (see http://bit.ly/yTGMbb for other times)

The classes start on the week of **23rd January**

Do we use a coursebook?

No, all materials will be provided free.

How will I be assessed?

Each lesson your teacher will assess you on your fluency, accuracy, use of vocabulary and pronunciation. You will receive a grade for each of these based on your performance throughout the course. If you successfully complete the course, you will receive a **signed certificate** from the British Council.

How do I register?

To register for a course, complete this form: <http://bit.ly/xHvNNv>. Spaces are limited, so please hurry if you want a place!

About the course

The conversation course will help you become more confident speaking in English and you will also expand your vocabulary each week.

There are six weekly meetings, each of which looks at a different aspect of conversation.

	Example Course Outline *
Class 1	1. How are you? Socializing. Getting to know each other. Introductions and small talk. Reacting to what people say. Questions and answers about you and other people you meet.
Class 2	2. I Agree with you! Expressing Opinions. Beginning conversations naturally. Reacting to what people say. Maintaining a conversation. Asking follow-up questions.
Class 3	3. What are you having? Eating out. Describing dishes. Ordering food. Asking for the bill. Complaining about food.
Class 4	4. Let's go shopping! Asking for information. Shopping with a friend. Bargaining about price. Returning something and complaints.
Class 5	5. Where shall we go? Talking about travel experiences. Making travel arrangements. Making suggestions and responding to recommendations.
Class 6	6. What's on? What's up? Discussing the news. Talking about TV programmes and films. Making predictions about the future.

* This will be different depending on the level

Methodology

Emphasis is placed on speaking practice. Each week, you will be given help with expressions and vocabulary before being able to practise with the other learners on the course. At the end of each class, you will receive feedback from the teacher on your progress and there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions.



Learn**English** Second Life

Find more about Second Life (how to join, run the software) here: <http://bit.ly/y1Ojd3>