



Course Description: Writing for Teens English Now!

English Now!'s Writing for Teens courses helps students from other countries build writing skills to succeed in American academic settings. We understand that students may have a range of goals, from improving their school work to receiving supplemental personalized writing instruction, and our staff and instructors will work to create customized learning experiences to meet students' needs. In Writing for Teens courses, students will receive hands-on help with their writing, whether they're working on high school class assignments or college application essays. They will also do class activities and homework assignments for skill-building to help them become more independent writers.

Levels of English Proficiency. The program enrolls students of Intermediate and Advanced levels. Students interested in the program will provide a writing sample to help determine their needs and course of study.

Curriculum. Academic writing is a cultural phenomenon—a set of assumptions, rules, and behaviors—that can seem mysterious to international students. Your instructor will explain the conventions of academic writing in the U.S. and help you build skills to write effectively. Your instructor will get to know your individual goals, needs, and questions, and will work with you to create a personalized eight-week study plan. Each plan will be unique, but typical goals include:

- Improving performance in high school classes through:
 - Understanding assignments and expectations
 - Understanding class texts
 - Clear and organized writing
- Writing better academic essays through:
 - Understanding the purpose and process of writing essays
 - Writing effective introductions, including thesis statements
 - Writing effective paragraphs, including topic sentences
 - Structuring essays effectively
 - Using revising and editing strategies
- Writing effective college application essays through:
 - Understanding the purpose of college application essays
 - Using generative strategies to develop ideas
 - Applying academic essay writing skills

You and your instructor may draw on a variety of texts and online resources to help you meet your goals. Some of these include:

- *They Say/I Say: The Moves that Matter in Academic Writing* by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein
- *Writing Academic English* by Alice Oshima and Ann Hogue
- *The Everyday Writer* by Andrea A. Lunsford
- The *Ready to Write* Series
- *The Reader's Handbook: Reading Strategies for College and Everyday Life* by Brenda D. Smith

- *Problem-Solving Strategies for Writing in College and Community* by Linda Flower
- OWL: Purdue Online Writing Lab (<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/>)

Homework. Homework is very important to make progress in writing assignments and skills. When possible, homework assignments will reinforce the completion of students' regular school assignments. Instructors may also assign reading, writing, and other exercises to help students practice and build skills.

Assessment. You will receive regular feedback throughout their course of study. Instructors will go over answers to exercises and provide feedback on your writing. Students will also have the option of submitting a final writing sample for formal assessment at the end of their course of study.

Schedule. Writing for Teens classes are offered year-round, in eight-week terms. The number of class hours per week depends on students' needs and schedules, but we recommend a minimum of two hours per week. If there are two or three students with similar needs, levels, and schedules, we teach this class as a **semi-private lesson** in sixteen, 75-minute sessions, with the instructor spending 15 minutes per session outside of class reviewing written work submitted by email. For a semi-private lesson, tuition is \$672 for 16 sessions. Do you have a friend that might be interested? This class can also be offered as a **private lesson**, at dates and times at your convenience. Consider a 16-session program or another schedule. For private lessons, tuition is \$40 per class hour, plus registration fee. Note: we suggest at least 15 minutes of scheduled instructor review of written work per class session. All students pay a \$40, one-time registration fee. Books and materials are extra and usually between \$30 and \$40.

To Ask Questions or Enroll. Visit us at the school, email us at info@english-now.com, or call us at +1 301 718 3575. We look forward to meeting you and would be glad to have you take a proficiency test and review a writing sample – with no cost and no commitment – to learn more about your language background and to enable us to talk to you about placement.