

# English Learning Opportunities Near UNHQ

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These English learning opportunities in the New York area have been recommended by United Nations English Language Programme teachers and students. Please use the contact information provided for each suggestion to verify details as we update this list only once per year. If you'd like to suggest any changes or additions to this list, please send those to [languages@un.org](mailto:languages@un.org). Thank you and we hope you find this list useful.

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## For beginner-level learners

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### **New York Public Library - ESOL Classes**

<http://www.nypl.org/events/classes/esol>

More than 40 libraries in the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island

Cost: Free    Contact: [esol@nypl.org](mailto:esol@nypl.org)

Local public libraries offer English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes to improve communication skills in English. Most classes meet twice a week and two hours each day. Summer 2017 Information sessions begin from 15 July 2017 (attendance at an information session is necessary to register for classes). Classes are from 31 July to 27 August 2017. Fall 2017 Information sessions begin from 16 September 2017 (attendance at an information session is necessary to register for classes). Classes are from 2 October to 17 December 2017.



### **Christian Embassy - Conversational English Class for Diplomats' Wives**

<http://ce-un.org/activities/index.htm>

Christian Embassy, 144 East 44th Street, Suite 520, New York

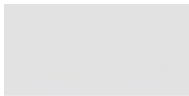
Cost: Free    Contact: 971-696-7554 (Cathy) / [christianembassynyc@ce-un.org](mailto:christianembassynyc@ce-un.org)

Build friendships with other diplomat wives while developing your Conversational English skills. This highly interactive class focuses on improving fluency through group discussions on a variety of interesting topics, including current events, holidays, cross-cultural issues, and local attractions. Vocabulary, pronunciation, listening skills and grammar will be covered within the context of the conversations.

The course will begin October 13, 2017 until May 2018, with a break in December and January, Thursdays 10:30am – 12:00pm. \*Classes cancelled when the NYC public schools are closed.

## For intermediate-level learners

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### **Educational Theater of New York**

<http://www.etnyarts.org/home.html>

LA TEA THEATRE, 107 Suffolk Street, New York

Cost: \$15/ticket    Contact: 646-733-7685 (Barbara Bregstein) / [bbregstein@etnyarts.org](mailto:bbregstein@etnyarts.org)



This is a great opportunity to enjoy a live theatre performance while also improving your English. After each scene in the performance, the audience may choose to see the scene again to gain a deeper understanding, or continue to the next scene. There are two shows offered per year – one in Fall and one in Spring. As of this update (August 2016), an original play especially designed for ESL students, *The Metamorphosis*, will open on 31 October 2017.



## For advanced-level learners

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### **The Friends of the United Nations English Club**

<http://www.meetup.com/esl-426>

The location varies by event

Cost: Free (to join)/Varies by meetup Contact: Jodi Nooyen

(<http://www.meetup.com/esl-426/members/6294418>)

Initiated in April 2008 by students and a teacher in our programme, this ESL group on [meetup.com](http://www.meetup.com) allows you to attend events and low-cost classes, post questions on an online message board, and access files and information for self-study. UN Language Programme level 6 or higher is expected. The organizer's approval is needed for you to join this group.

- ◆ For English learners: Try Dana's Conversation Circle on Thursdays, 6-7:30pm  
First lesson free; any further lessons \$5 for 90-minute class



### **TED Ed Lessons (online)**

<http://ed.ted.com/lessons>

Cost: Free

To spark the curiosity of learners around the world, TED-Ed offers a growing library of original animated videos. You can learn about a topic or an idea that interest you in certain fields while learning English. There are questions and additional resources paired with the videos available for your further exploration. This is highly recommended if you are a visual or aural learner.



### **Toastmasters International**

This non-profit organization with over 345,000 members in 15,900 clubs in 142 countries offers a proven and enjoyable way to enhance communication and leadership skills. Participants practice and learn by taking on a role at each meeting such as by giving a prepared or impromptu speech; or serving as a timekeeper, evaluator or grammarian. There is no instructor; instead, each speech and meeting is critiqued by other members. Native speakers and non-native speakers are both welcome. There are two toastmasters groups affiliated with the United Nations:



#### **World Voices Club**

<http://worldvoices.toastmastersclubs.org>

DC2, 2 UN Plaza, 44th St. between 1st and 2nd Av., NY

Contact: [toastmastersworldvoices@gmail.com](mailto:toastmastersworldvoices@gmail.com)

Meet every 1st Wednesday 6-8pm and 3rd Friday 12-1pm of the month.



#### **Global Expression Club**

<http://globalexpression.toastmastersclubs.org>

UNICEF House, Conf Room 676, 3 UN Plaza, 44th St. between 1st and 2nd Av., NY

Contact: [jcmorris1010@msn.com](mailto:jcmorris1010@msn.com)

Meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 1-2pm of the month.



## For all learners

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### Language Exchange NYC

<http://www.meetup.com/language NYC>

The location varies depending on each event

Cost: Free (to join)/Varies by meetup Contact: Rudy

<https://www.meetup.com/LanguageNYC/members/2804022>

With frequent events around the city, English learners can speak with both native or non-native speakers of English. This diverse club provides an opportunity to improve your English and to teach others your native language (Spanish, French, Italian, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Russian, and German) and to learn about different cultures as well.



### United Nations Hospitality Committee - Language Classes

<http://www.hcund.org/language.html>

777 United Nations Plaza, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. at 44<sup>th</sup> St., basement, library

There are two terms: 25 September to 13 December, and mid-January through the end of May. Classes have an ongoing enrolment policy and newcomers are always welcome.

**Advanced Beginner Class** meets 4 times a week, Monday - Thursday, 9-10:30 am

- ◆ Cost: \$300 for the full course (approximately 15 weeks of lessons)

**Advanced Class** meets 2 times a week, Monday and Wednesday, 10:30-noon

\*No classes during NYC public school holidays, or in June, July and August

- ◆ Cost: \$200 for the full course (approximately 15 weeks of lessons)



### International Center of Catholic Charities Community Services

<http://www.newintlcenr.org/index.php/learn/schedule-of-classes>

80 Maiden Lane, 14th Floor, New York

Cost: \$250/month, \$450/3 months, \$800/annual membership

Contact: 646-794-3774

We've received a lot of great feedback about this center, which offers courses, tutoring, and many other resources for English language learning. It's inexpensive and offers many English language courses for different proficiency levels. This can be a good chance for you to learn about English and American cultures.



### Language Schools in the NYC area

There are many language schools in the New York area. Below are just a few that our teachers are familiar with or have heard good things about from our United Nations' students.

- **Community Language Program, Teachers College:**

<http://www.tc.edu/communitylanguage/>

- **Riverside Language Program:**

<http://www.riversidelanguage.org/home.html>

- **The New School:**

<http://www.newschool.edu/public-engagement/english-second-language-certificate/>



## Recommended tutors

Below is a list of experienced English teachers who could be contacted for private tutoring. All those listed have a Master's degree, and have taught or are currently teaching in our English Language Programme at UNHQ.

For private lessons, prices typically range from \$65 to \$150 per hour depending on the lesson topic, location and number of hours per week or month. More expensive lessons are typically for specialty skills such as pronunciation and presentation skills. Discounts may be available for small groups or intensive courses. For an exact price, please contact a tutor with your request – and be sure to include what you'd like to focus on and when/where/how often you'd like to meet.

<b>Ms. Dilek Hancioglu</b> <a href="mailto:hancioglu@un.org">hancioglu@un.org</a> (646)596-5037 Available weekdays	Dilek has taught English in Turkey, UK and the U.S. and has specific experience with university students and adult learners at all levels for over 25 years. She also has substantial experience in designing curriculum, writing achievement and proficiency tests, and teacher education. Most recently, besides classroom teaching, she has been working as an on-line rater for TOEFL iBT speaking tests, and also prepared language tests for the University of Maryland for an online teaching and assessment project.		
	<b>Specializations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exam preparation (ELPE, TOEFL, etc.)</li> </ul>	<b>Languages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American English</li> <li>Turkish</li> <li>Spanish (<i>Interm.</i>)</li> </ul>	<b>Available to tutor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-person in NYC</li> <li>Online via Skype or WebEx</li> </ul>

<b>Ms. Pen-Pen Chen</b> <a href="mailto:penguistics@gmail.com">penguistics@gmail.com</a>	Ms. Chen is a nationally certified and New York State licensed Speech and Language Pathologist. She has taught ESL, EFL, and Mandarin Chinese in the U.S. and abroad, working with students in the New York City Department of Education, the New York Times, China Institute, Columbia University, NYU, and CUNY. Combining her educational and linguistic training with her career as a management consultant, Ms. Chen has worked as a communications coach for over a decade, helping her clients gain clarity, focus, and confidence in spreading their passions and messages.		
	<b>Specializations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interviewing</li> <li>Presentation skills</li> <li>Panel &amp; round table discussion skills</li> <li>Pronunciation</li> <li>Meeting facilitation</li> <li>Message development</li> </ul>	<b>Languages</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>American English</li> <li>Mandarin Chinese</li> <li>French (Basics)</li> <li>Japanese (Basics)</li> </ul>	<b>Available to tutor</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-person in NYC</li> <li>Online via Skype or WebEx</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Mr. Sandy Singer</b>  <a href="mailto:singers@un.org">singers@un.org</a>;  <a href="mailto:SLsinger84@gmail.com">SLsinger84@gmail.com</a>;            (718) 5779024</p>	<p>Sandy Singer has been an English instructor in the LCP since 2010 where he teaches a variety of courses covering all skill areas. He has also conducted trainings and workshops at UN offices and missions located in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, and Norway. Sandy also teaches Business Writing, Oral Communication for Business, and ESL courses at two New York area universities. He received his Bachelor's degree from Columbia University. He completed his Master's degree in Applied Linguistics/TESOL in 1992 at Hunter College (CUNY).</p>		
	<p><b>Specializations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oral Communication</li> <li>• Speaking</li> <li>• Summary Writing</li> <li>• LPE Preparation</li> <li>• YPP/G to P Exam Preparation</li> <li>• Report Writing</li> <li>• General Writing Skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American English</li> <li>• Italian</li> <li>• French</li> </ul>	<p><b>Available to tutor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person in NYC</li> </ul>

<p><b>Ms. Raymonde Burke</b>  <a href="mailto:burke3@un.org">burke3@un.org</a></p>	<p>Raymonde Burke has been a teacher at the United Nations Language and Training Programme in New York since 1991. Originally from Dublin, Ireland, she has lived in many countries but is now settled in the United States. Apart from teaching at the United Nations for over 26 years, she has also taught at Fordham University and at Manhattanville College as well as at Suny Purchase in Westchester.</p> <p>She previously taught at UNEP Nairobi, Kenya where she was Head of the English Department. Before that she taught in CERN, Geneva and has lived in many countries, including Bahrain, Switzerland and France. She has a Masters Degree in French and German and a Degree in Education. Her main focus is with Intermediate/Advanced students both in Speaking, Writing Grammar and Vocabulary.</p>		
	<p><b>Specializations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing Skills (both General and Advanced)</li> <li>• Vocabulary for Formal Occasions and Meetings</li> <li>• Intermediate and Advanced Grammar</li> <li>• General Conversation Skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• French</li> <li>• German</li> <li>• Irish</li> <li>• Spanish (Interm.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Available to tutor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online via Skype or WebEx</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Ms. Jennifer Dujat</b>  <a href="mailto:jdujat@gmail.com">jdujat@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Jennifer has been teaching academic English since 2007, and joined the UN English Programme team in 2014. She specializes in academic and business writing. Currently, she is a professor of English for City University of New York and Pace University; she was previously at Columbia University. Additionally, for the past eight years, she has run her own small tutoring company. In those 8 years, she has taught many facets of ESL from aiding in citizenship to polishing skills of diplomats at the United Nations and professionals at the European Union.</p>		
	<p><b>Specializations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic writing</li> <li>• Business writing</li> <li>• Grammar</li> <li>• Conversation</li> <li>• Listening</li> <li>• Communication skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American English</li> <li>• Spanish (Interm.)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Available to tutor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person in NYC</li> <li>• Online via Skype or WebEx</li> </ul>

<p><b>Ms. Catherine Thomas</b>  <a href="mailto:catherine.thomas@un.org">catherine.thomas@un.org</a></p>	<p>Catherine Thomas is a native English speaker from the United States. She has a master's degree in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages from Columbia University in New York City. Catherine has taught English since 2001, and she was an English Language Fellow in Chile from 2008 to 2010. In New York City, Catherine taught English at Baruch College, Bronx Community College, City College, Pace University, and Teachers College. She began teaching for the United Nations in 2016. Catherine offers private tutoring via WebEx and Skype, with lessons that are customized for each student's English language needs.</p>		
	<p><b>Specializations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic Writing</li> <li>• Business Writing</li> <li>• Conversation Skills</li> <li>• English for Specific Purposes</li> <li>• Grammar</li> <li>• Presentation Skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American English</li> <li>• Spanish (advanced)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Available to tutor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online via Skype or WebEx</li> </ul>

<p><b>Ms. Jennifer Pawlitschek</b>  <a href="mailto:info@powerfulspeaking.net">info@powerfulspeaking.net</a></p>	<p>Jennifer primarily works with international professionals who want to improve their English language verbal skills. She has taught at the UN, Pace University, and City University of New York. Training is tailored to each client's specific needs, and can include pronunciation/accent, presentation skills and interpersonal communication skills. For more on Jennifer, please see <a href="http://www.powerfulspeaking.net">www.powerfulspeaking.net</a>.</p>		
	<p><b>Specializations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pronunciation</li> <li>• Presentation Skills</li> <li>• Interpersonal Communication Skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American English</li> </ul>	<p><b>Available to tutor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person in NYC</li> <li>• Online via Skype or WebEx</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Ms. Pat Duffy</b> duffy@un.org</p>	<p>Pat Duffy has taught classes in English and Communications Skills in the UN Language and Communications Programme at NY Headquarters for many years. In addition, she has conducted trainings in both writing and presentation skills at UN offices in Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and in Haiti.</p> <p>Besides authoring two ESL textbooks, Variations: Reading/Oral Communication and Innovations and Innovators: ABC-ESL Video Library, Duffy is the creator of the online course, Action through words: learning English and learning about the United Nations. Ms Duffy is also presently adjunct Assistant Professor of teaching English as a second language at New York University (NYU) and has taught classes in a variety of programs at NYU's American Language Institute. Duffy has an MA degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.</p>	
<p><b>Specializations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaking skills</li> <li>• Listening skills</li> </ul>	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English mother tongue</li> <li>• French (Basic)</li> <li>• Chinese (Basic)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Available to tutor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-person in NYC</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ms. Angie Brice</b> angie.hessbruegge@gmail.com</p>	<p>Angie Brice Hessbruegge holds a BA from Tufts University in International Relations/Spanish and an MA in Applied Linguistics /English Language Teaching from King's College London. A U.S citizen, she has lived and taught extensively in Europe and Latin America, teaching English to UN employees, and to business executives working at multinational companies. She has also taught ESL/EAL to middle school, high school and university students for over 13 years. Angie specializes in LPE prep, business English, accent reduction, and test prep (IELTS, TOEFL, SAT, IB, FCE, CAE, etc).</p>	
<p><b>Specializations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LPE Prep</li> <li>• Business English</li> <li>• Accent reduction</li> <li>• Test prep (IELTS, TOEFL, SAT, IB, FCE, CAE, etc)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Haitian Creole</li> <li>• advanced knowledge of French, Spanish, German</li> </ul>	<p><b>Available to tutor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online via Skype or WebEx</li> </ul>
<p><b>Ms. Heidi Jensen</b> HJensenGSN@gmail.com</p>	<p>Heidi Jensen, a part-time English teacher with the UN ELP since 2007, offers free faith-based classes for members of the United Nations community. Although the classes are taught from a Christian perspective, members of all faith-backgrounds are welcome. Please contact her regarding the location and current schedule of classes at HJensenGSN@gmail.com.</p>	
<p><b>Specializations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversation skills</li> <li>• Beginner and intermediate level learners</li> </ul>	<p><b>Languages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Spanish (Basic)</li> <li>• Japanese (Basic)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Available to tutor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In person in NYC</li> </ul>