

ESL & Conversation Partners Workshop Series

Spring 2024

This semester's workshops will each follow a similar format: Greetings and questions, a short lesson (less than 20 minutes), and a lot of practice using oral English in games and activities. We are looking forward to helping you build your English skills.

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: S220 Peoria Campus ASC (unless otherwise stated)

Workshop 1: Asking the Right Questions

Date: February 8th

In the lesson, we'll discuss what words to use to ask a question, what questions to ask, and what a question sounds like. We will then play 20 questions and a game of Making Polite Requests.

Workshop 2: Emotional Vocabulary

Date: February 22nd

Sounds, expressions, and body language matter. Knowing vocabulary matters but being able to read another person's feelings also matters. There will be charades and writing and performing super-short plays.

Workshop 3: The Alphabet, Acronyms, and Abbreviations

Date: March 7th

This workshop will cover some common acronyms and abbreviations as well as using initials. We'll create a pangram, an acrostic, and play word games, too.

Workshop 4: Language at the Marketplace

Date: March 28th

Every store in the marketplace has a unique set of words and concepts that are used to describe different products. We'll teach you the meaning of these words, help you understand where to find the goods that you want, and end with a challenge to test your new knowledge.

Workshop 5: Metaphors and Idioms

Date: April 11th

We'll dive a little deeper into figurative language. We'll discuss why we use metaphors, similes, idioms, and more. We'll review common expressions and create some new ones, too. Another round of Hangman may be a part of the lesson as well.

Workshop 6: Conversation Starters

Date: April 25th

Let's find some good topics to talk about and start a conversation.