

- Iidabashi (Tokyo)
- 1-2, Kagurazaka Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162-0825
- 3 minutes walk from Tokyo Metro Iidabashi Station (exit B3)
- 6 minutes walk from JR Sobu Line Iidabashi Station West Exit

Free Course Consultations

Level Check

Your English proficiency will be checked through a paper test and interview with a teacher.

School Introduction

Our course consultants will tell you all about our school and courses and, on request, give you a tour of the building.

Trial Lesson

We offer the opportunity to attend a paid trial myClass lesson.



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English courses for adult learners

Bookings·Enquiries

Tel: 03-3235-8011 (Iidabashi)

Email: courses@britishcouncil.or.jp

[Telephone Enquiry Hours] Tuesday - Friday 09:30~20:30 / Saturday - Sunday 09:30~17:00
 [Visitor Opening Hours] Tuesday - Friday 10:00~20:30 / Saturday - Sunday 09:30~17:00



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British Council Facts



Every year over
400,000
students take courses at
our teaching centres.



We have teaching centres in
50
countries worldwide.



100%
of our teachers hold
international teaching
qualifications.



We have over 80 years of history as
an organisation. The British Council
was founded in

1934

and then expanded internationally,
including the opening of
the Japan office in 1953.

Japan

British Council
Founded: 1953
Japan Office: 1-2 Kagurazaka,
Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 162-0825
Director Japan: Matt Burney

Global

British Council
Founded: 1934
Headquarters: London, UK
Chief Executive: Ciarán Devane
Patron: HM Queen Elizabeth II

About the British Council

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We create friendly knowledge and understanding between the people of the UK and other countries. We do this by making a positive contribution to the UK and the countries we work with – changing lives by creating opportunities, building connections and engendering trust. We work with over 100 countries across the world in the fields of arts and culture, English language, education and civil society. Each year we reach over 20 million people face-to-face and more than 500 million people online, via broadcasts and publications. Founded in 1934, we are a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body.

As a world leader in English language teaching, we open the door to international communication and promote cross-cultural understanding.

English Language Courses

We run English language courses at our school in Iidabashi. We also support universities, schools and companies by creating and providing customised courses, taught by our certified teachers.

Support for English Teachers

We provide teacher training for Japanese teachers of English in schools and universities, with a focus on communicating effectively in English when teaching.

Exams

To support the development of global human resources, we offer examinations for internationally renowned qualifications and degrees. In Japan, we jointly manage and run the IELTS examination.

Quality in the classroom

The British Council English Teaching Centre



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Why study with us

1 World authority in English language teaching



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As the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities, we provide high quality English courses, and take the lead in innovation in English language teaching.

3 Action-packed 90 minute lessons



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By encountering lots of high quality English during class, you can become accustomed to the language and gain the confidence necessary to use it communicatively.

2 Teachers with international teaching qualifications



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All of our teachers are native English speakers, hold international teaching qualifications, and have an average of 10 years' teaching experience. By using their expertise and experience, our teachers are able to teach the language points that students find most difficult.

4 myClub, the cultural programme and community just for students



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myClub is our student community, with opportunities to take part in discussions about films, music, culture and much more. It is a free programme of activities to encourage the use of English outside the classroom.

Course offerings

myClass

Pre-Intermediate to
Advanced Level

myClass helps you to develop your English communication skills by replicating real life situations. Each class is a self-contained 90 minute group lesson and by choosing from 'workplace', 'social' and 'everyday' themed lessons, you can create a timetable that suits your learning needs.

Elementary Course

Elementary Level

In our specially designed Elementary group lessons, you will improve your basic English proficiency through a wide range of practical topics. The teacher will help build your English-speaking confidence. You can take lessons at days and times that match your schedule.

Business English

Intermediate to
Advanced Level

In our Business English Professional course, you can improve every aspect of your English to communicate better. We also have a Grammar and Writing for Work course, which is designed to help you sharpen up your professional writing skills.

IELTS Preparation Courses

Pre-Intermediate to
Advanced Level

Our teachers have a strong understanding of the IELTS examination and can guide you on the four modules of reading, writing, speaking and listening whilst helping you to strengthen your grammar and vocabulary to improve your score.

Study Abroad Preparation Academic Writing

Advanced Level

This course is suitable for those preparing to study abroad, or university/graduate students in Japan who need to write essays in English. You will learn the necessary techniques to write essays in English with the correct academic vocabulary and grammar.

Cambridge Exams Preparation Courses

Upper Intermediate to
Advanced Plus

FCE, CAE and CPE are internationally recognised as certificates of English proficiency. In our courses you can practice the skills and techniques necessary to obtain a high score in all four test areas (reading, writing, speaking and listening).

Current Affairs

Advanced Level

The Current Affairs course aims to help improve your vocabulary and English skills through British Council created teaching materials focused on the most recent current events from various media including internet articles, television clips, radio programmes and newspapers.

British Culture

Intermediate and Above

For students interested in British Culture, or who are thinking of travelling to the UK, we recommend our British culture course to develop your use of natural English.

Intensive Courses

Elementary to Advanced Level

Our short term intensive courses focus on various topics, from literature, pronunciation, English culture and business courses to the IELTS examination preparation courses, lasting from one day to five weeks.

Create your own timetable from a variety of realistic lesson themes and topics.

myClass

Pre-Intermediate to Advanced

Each myClass level is divided into realistic themes and topics which you can choose from, to create your own schedule. Lessons are 90 minutes, and use original materials created and regularly updated by the British Council.



1

Listening and speaking skills

The lessons have been created to help you understand how to use English in practical situations, and involve role plays and realistic conversation practice. You will become more confident about speaking on a range of topics.

2

Pronunciation

Every lesson includes pronunciation activities, helping you to improve the clarity of your spoken English.

3

Able to choose lessons depending on individual goals

You can choose the lessons you want to take, and keep motivated by focusing on the topics or skills you feel you need to improve. There are also writing lessons to help you develop and practice your writing skills.

Business

Business-centred lessons focus on helping you use English in the precise manner necessary for workplace situations. These situations include job hunting, speaking confidently with fellow attendees at conferences, and giving presentations.

Everyday

From ordering in restaurants to making travel reservations and asking for information, these lessons focus on the practical usage of English in everyday situations.

Social

These lessons are all about helping you to improve your English for a variety of social situations. Through learning key vocabulary and set phrases, you can gain the knowledge and confidence to speak with friends and colleagues about different topics.

4

Thorough support of your progress

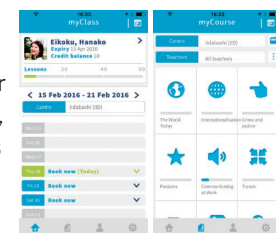
Your myClass course starts with an orientation, where you will be advised on how to get the most from your course by a teacher and a consultant. Following this, every twenty lessons, you have the opportunity to reserve a one to one counselling session with a native English teacher. Here, you will receive professional feedback on your progress, as well as advice on any concerns you may have about your studies.



5

Easily book and check your lessons online

After registering for myClass you will receive access to your personal online booking system account. You can check your schedule, book and cancel lessons wherever you are and whenever you want to, from your computer, tablet or phone application. By scheduling your lessons to suit you, from day, time, theme and teacher, you can tailor make your own timetable. By starring classes you are interested in, you can book them at a later date. The system is convenient and easy to use, giving you the power to take charge of your learning.



Themes and lessons

Let's go on holiday!	Did you have fun on holiday?
	It was a disaster...
	Plan your holidays
Handle meetings with confidence	Getting around town
	Effective negotiation
	Meeting topics and discussion
	Opinions in meetings
	Building group consensus

Now is the time to begin your English language learning journey!



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Elementary Course

Our Elementary English course is designed to help you improve your basic English proficiency in an enjoyable environment.

1

Increase your basic proficiency in English through a wide range of practical topics

You will take an active role in every lesson and engage in practical real-life tasks. You will be able to use what you have learnt and communicate effectively so as to reach your goals with confidence.

2

Make your personal lesson timetable

You can book and cancel lessons online to match your busy schedule.

3

Professional and experienced teachers

It's especially important for elementary students to learn from qualified teachers. All British Council teachers have native-speaker proficiency. In addition to a first degree, they all hold professional teaching qualifications including CELTA and DELTA. The teachers are trained to guide elementary learners to build their basic English skills as well as creating a friendly and relaxing atmosphere.

4

Support outside the classroom

There are grammar and vocabulary self-study materials to help you prepare for and review lessons. You can also listen again to lesson audio online after class. There are scheduled support sessions outside class times, where you can ask the teachers for advice. Feel free to contact our friendly consultants as well.

5

Enjoyable group lessons

You can meet classmates who have similar goals and interests. Speaking in a group helps build your confidence. There are also social events exclusively for elementary students.



You can start learning English at any time, it's never too late!

The most important thing is to have fun with English, if you have fun then you'll learn. Don't worry about making mistakes, mistakes help you to learn. Have fun speaking English and making new friends.

Choose the course which best suits your studying goal

Use of English in the Workplace

- ▶ **[myClass]** business topics for workplace communication
- ▶ **[Grammar and Writing for Work]** improve your business writing
- ▶ **[Business English Professional]** develop general Business English skills for international communication.

Using English in a Globalised World

- ▶ **[myClass]** social and everyday topics for communication
- ▶ **[Current Affairs]** improve communication skills through focus on the latest topics

Thorough Study from Elementary Level

- ▶ Build you basic English proficiency in our **[Elementary Course]**



Study Abroad Preparation Courses

- ▶ **IELTS Examination Preparation Course**
- ▶ **Academic Writing Course**

To Acquire Internationally Recognised English Qualifications

- ▶ **Cambridge English Exam Preparation Course**
- ▶ **IELTS Examination Preparation Course**

Courses by level

	Everyday	Business	Culture	Study Abroad	Qualifications
Elementary	•Elementary Course				
Pre-Intermediate	•myClass	•myClass		•IELTS Preparation Courses	•IELTS Preparation Courses
Intermediate	•myClass •Pronunciation	•myClass •Grammar and Writing	•British Culture	•IELTS Preparation Courses	•IELTS Preparation Courses
Upper Intermediate	•myClass •Pronunciation	•myClass •Grammar and Writing •Business English Professional	•British Culture	•IELTS Preparation Courses	•IELTS Preparation Courses •Cambridge Exams Preparation Courses
Advanced	•myClass •Pronunciation	•myClass •Grammar and Writing •Business English Professional	•Culture and Discussion •Current Affairs	•IELTS Preparation Courses •Academic Writing	•IELTS Preparation Courses •Cambridge Exams Preparation Courses

Student voices! What's it like to study at the British Council?



Jun Shimano
Course: myClass

The closest you will come to UK whilst you are in Japan.

I chose the British Council because I was interested in its status as a public institution as it made me feel safer studying here than at other private English schools. In addition to this, I felt it would be a great experience to learn more regarding British English pronunciation, how native speakers choose which words to use and to experience British culture and education. As well as the classes, there is a great opportunity to join the student programme 'myClub', where you can join in for free, and to experience a different, interesting topic each time.

Learn from professional English teachers

When English skills became necessary at my workplace, I decided to start my search for an English school. It was then that I found out about the British Council as a public institution, I felt I could trust this school. Studying here, I feel the depth of knowledge of the teachers, gained from abundant teaching experience. I was motivated in my studies, as the other students are very driven, and little by little I was able to feel confidence in my English.



Safronova Elena



Koichi Sugano
Course: Business Current Affairs

Motivation through learning in a diverse environment

After spending two years in the UK, I chose the British Council in order to maintain my English proficiency. I am interested in the culture, art and sport of Britain and wanted to have the opportunity to learn more on these subjects, and have been able to do so through the lessons. Here at the British Council, I can study with others who have high motivation to learn, coming from a variety of countries and occupations with different perspectives and opinions. There is also the chance to take part in events and it's a great way to speak with other students and teachers.

The bright welcoming school

To respond to the growing necessity of English skills at my company, I chose to brush up my English with myClass. myClass lessons give you the opportunity to exchange opinions with a wide range of people of different ages. The staff and teachers here are very friendly and actively communicate with the students. My learning goal is to be able to take part in telephone conferences with many people all over the world, understanding their accents and having the ability to convey my own thoughts.



Momoe Kubota
Course: myClass

Maiko, IELTS Preparation Course

My motivation is supported by studying with others with the same goal

To study abroad, I needed to verify my English ability through an IELTS score. I knew I wanted to prepare for the IELTS examination at an English public institution and found the British Council to be reliable and have preparation courses. I trusted the teacher's advice and felt comfortable asking questions at any time about anything. It is very encouraging to study alongside classmates who are all working towards the same goal, to achieve a high IELTS score.

British Council English Teachers

All of our teachers at the British Council hold the CELTA English teaching qualification and many also hold the higher level DELTA diploma. With an average of over ten years experience, our instructors are English language teaching experts. By virtue of these high teaching standards the British Council is a respected and trusted organisation in countries worldwide.



Professional and qualified teachers

100% University graduates

100% Hold International Teaching Qualifications

100% Native-standard speakers of English

On average **10** years of teaching experience

International qualifications What are the CELTA and DELTA?

- ***CELTA:** Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults
Internationally recognised international teaching qualification for teachers of English, awarded by the University of Cambridge
- ***DELTA:** Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults
Internationally recognised international teaching qualification for teachers of English, equivalent to a Master's degree, awarded by the University of Cambridge



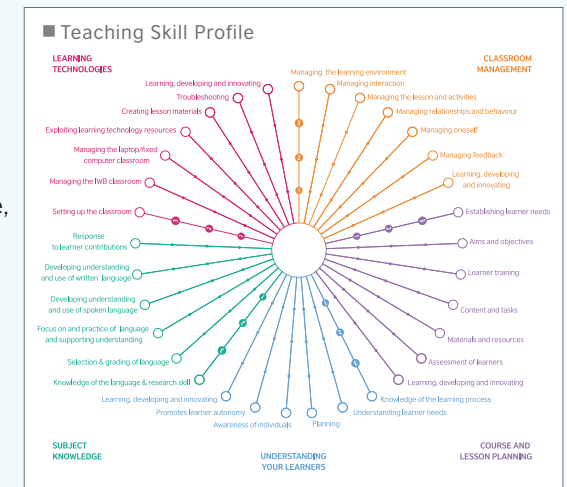
British Council English School
Jamie Gibbings
Director English Language Services
British Council

Jamie began his teaching career in Japan in 2000. He has previously worked for the British Council as a Senior Teacher and Director of English Language Services in both Singapore and Taiwan. Here in Japan Jamie works with our team of Senior Teachers and Coordinators to support teachers and ensure the quality of our courses.

■ Recruitment and training of our teachers

British Council teachers are known for their teaching skills. In order to maintain these high standards, our recruitment process is thorough and in-depth. To be considered for employment with the British Council, teachers must be native-standard speakers of English, with at least two years of professional teaching experience after gaining a Certificate level English teaching qualification. Shortlisted candidates are interviewed and may have to teach a demo lesson.

We often recruit teachers from the British Council global network, who bring with them a range of knowledge and experience. British Council teachers all take part in our professional development programme, which involves training sessions and regular evaluative teaching observations, which are based on the 33 criteria in the graphic.



■ Strengths of the British Council

The British Council is an organisation with a long history and a proven track record in effective English language teaching. In order to meet the needs of language learners in the 21st century we offer a range of courses including business, academic and IELTS preparation. Our most popular course myClass allows students to book and join the lessons they are interested in. In addition to these standard courses, we also have a programme of short intensive courses, which focus on specific language skills or aspects of British culture.

Teaching Centre events

We regularly hold student events. These are great opportunity to use your English, meet other students, and learn about British Culture.

\ Past events /



Christmas Party



British Cheese Party



Pub Night



Non-alcoholic Pimms making



British Film Night



British English vs American English Workshop

Premium Card Membership

By registering for an eligible seasonal course, you will receive a stamp card. Once you have collected enough stamps, we will present you with a Premium Card. Premium Card holders will receive exclusive offers and privileges.



Student Library



We have over 1000 books in our student library. Many books are graded by level, so if you are wondering which book to choose, please check the number on the cover.

Who can use the library?

Current students of the British Council Japan Teaching Centre

Details

<https://www.britishcouncil.jp/english/why-study/graded-readers>

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

We have British Council Facebook and Teaching Centre Twitter accounts where we introduce English studying tips, British Culture and our courses.



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 <https://www.facebook.com/BritishCouncilJapan/>

From your first consultation to starting your studies...

From beginner to advanced level, let the British Council find the perfect class to suit your learning goals.

1 | Course Consultation and level check

You can book a level check at a time convenient to you either online or by phone.



Online bookings

www.britishcouncil.jp/en/english/register

Phone bookings

03-3235-8011 (Tuesday - Friday 09:30 - 20:30 / Weekends 09:30 - 17:00)

2 | The Level Check

In order to help you achieve your study goals, it is important to join a class which suits your level and study needs. Therefore, all our students start with a level check to assess their current English level and make a study plan.

Paper Test (20minutes)



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Speaking Test (10minutes)



3 | Course Consultation in Japanese or English (Approximately 30 minutes)

During the consultation please tell us about your needs and goals for your English studies, and we will introduce the most suitable course for you.



4 | Registering for your chosen course

Following the course consultation we will explain how to register for a course.



5 | Payment of course/registration fees

Payment is possible by bank transfer or by credit card at the school. Course fees vary depending on the course.

6 | The start of your studies!

In addition to regular classes, we have a free student community called 'myClub' which is a great way to practise the English learnt during your lessons.





Our message to you

Ayako Okamura,
Customer Services Manager

Thank you for your interest in the British Council teaching centre. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming and open school that offers high quality English language courses.

■ English language services consultants

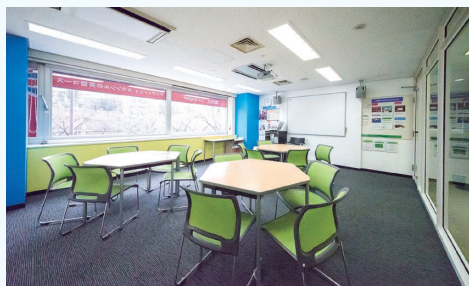
We are friendly, approachable and dedicated to helping you make and execute an English learning plan. As successful language learners ourselves, we understand your needs and goals and will do our utmost to find the most suitable course for you.

■ Student support

When you take a British Council course, we are always available to support you with your learning. If you have any problems or worries, such as the level of the class, then we are happy to listen, consult and do our best to resolve any issues. Our student advisor is happy to give you study tips and advice, and recommend the most helpful applications and websites for study outside of the classroom. We also have an array of self-study materials which can be borrowed for up to two weeks, or used in our self-study room (open most weekdays and Sundays). You are always welcome to swing by the front desk for academic advice, help with course concerns or just a friendly chat about your studies.

■ An immersive experience

We believe the best way to learn a language is by immersing yourself in the language and culture. At the British Council, we make this possible. In the classrooms you will be motivated and inspired by your teachers and fellow students. Outside of lessons, we have our student community 'myClub' where you can meet others and use English in a relaxed and friendly environment. You even have the chance to practise your English at home, with the British Council's many online resources and self-study methods.



myClub

The free English community you can join anytime.

Join other students and teachers to speak about art, music and culture and enjoy using English outside of the classroom.

It's completely free to join and is a great opportunity to practise your English with others in this British Council original programme.



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Example themes

Fun and Games

News and Views

Seasonal Events

Top Ten

Teacher Presents...

Music Lounge

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