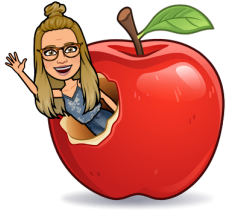


Class Syllabus- Spring 2025 Semester

Intermediate High ESL- Level 4 AM



Instructor: Mrs. Tracy Rachal
January 6, 2025- May 28, 2025
Chino Valley Adult School, Room 3
Monday-Thursday 8:45 - 11:45 a.m.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this class is to provide students with the opportunity to improve their communication skills in the context of everyday communication, higher education, and the workforce. Emphasis is placed on grammatical accuracy. Students will be provided with direct instruction as well as small group interaction, textbooks, reading materials, and internet resources. Listening, speaking, reading and writing will be integrated into the learning process. Exposure to computers and the internet will also enhance these learning outcomes.

LEARNING GOALS

- Expand students' ability to comprehend the mood, main ideas, and most details of what is heard in everyday communication.
- Students will speak with some spontaneity, and interpret simple materials on familiar topics.
- Students will decode the meaning of unfamiliar words and phrases, write short passages, and fill out application forms.
- EL civics topics will be addressed.
- Emphasis will be on workforce and post-secondary readiness and technology as an integral part of adult competencies

CLASS EXPECTATIONS

Please attend as much as you can to improve your English. Coming to class at least three times a week will help improve your English. You are expected to use English in the classroom. Speaking to new people as much as possible will help you improve your own speaking skills. Everyone in this classroom is unique and meeting new people will help you to grow as well.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8:45-11:45 am with a 15 minute break at 10:15 a.m.

Try to attend class as much as possible and plan on staying the entire time. If you are going to miss class for two weeks or more please let me know either by email or paper-note so that your seat is not given to another student.

Class begins at 8:45 a.m. I understand that some of you may have responsibilities that don't allow you to be on time but remember learning starts at that time so if you are arriving late you will be missing out on new material or practicing already learned material.

To advance to ESL level 5, you must receive a CASAS score above 227 and participate in class. To graduate from the ESL program at the end of level 5, you must have a CASAS score of 239+ and at least 100 hours of attendance. Class participation includes reading, writing, listenings, and speaking activities such as conversation practice, EL Civics lessons, and group projects.

TEXTBOOKS (provided free by school or available in main office for \$52)

- Side by Side Plus 3, Third Edition (color: green and purple)
- Life Skills and Test Prep 4

SUGGESTED MATERIALS

- Pencils, pens, eraser, highlighters, notebook, 3 ringed binder

HOLIDAYS

Monday, January 6, 2025 - Spring semester begins

Monday, January 20, 2025 NO SCHOOL- Martin Luther King Holiday

Monday, February 10, 2025 NO SCHOOL - Lincoln's Birthday

Monday, February 17, 2025 NO SCHOOL - Washington's Birthday

March 24 - March 28, 2025 - Spring Break

Monday, March 31, 2025 - Classes resume

Monday, May 26, 2025 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 28, 2024 Last Day of Classes

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