



**GLOBAL VILLAGE TORONTO  
GENERAL ENGLISH PROGRAM 2014**

**Serious Learning, Serious Fun!**  
Vancouver, Toronto, Calgary, Victoria, Hawaii



## HOW GLOBAL VILLAGE TEACHES ENGLISH

At Global Village Toronto, we have been teaching English as a second language for over 30 years! Our methodology reflects both our experience in the field of teaching English and the current trends.



### HOW YOU LEARN:

- practice all of the English language skills: speaking, listening, reading, and writing
- learn the structures of English to communicate correctly and effectively
- focus on speaking with your classmates and teacher



### WHO WILL TEACH YOU:

The teachers at GV Toronto hold university degrees and English teaching qualifications to Languages Canada standards.

They will explain structure and functions of the English language, and will also set up a variety of tasks where you will communicate with other students. You will work individually, in pairs, in groups and as a class to get great multicultural practice with your classmates to be able to understand different accents.

### HOW YOU ARE TESTED:

To help you check and see your progress, you will write a level test every four weeks.

In week four of the study block:

- Thursday Morning: Oral Tests + Written Level Test
- Friday Morning: Correction of the test and feedback from the teacher

### HOW STUDENTS MOVE UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL:

There are eight levels in the General English Program at Global Village Toronto. Each level has three study blocks of curriculum. Students will receive a level outline on the first day of classes that explains all the things that they will be learning in the level.

Grades are based on: 50% testing and 50% in class work as outlined below:

<b>GV 1 – GV 8</b>
Written Test: 20%
Oral Test: 30%
Success With Objectives: 20%
Participation: 20%
Homework: 10%

A minimum grade of **80%** overall **must** be achieved in order to progress to the next level.



## GV LEVELS

### GV 1

#### Grammar Studied:

- Use past tense of familiar regular and irregular verbs
- Use pronouns, possessives, adjectives, frequency adverbs, plural nouns and prepositions of place
- Form questions correctly

#### Abilities Acquired:

- Can introduce themselves and give basic information about family, work and cities
- Can express ideas about money, food, invitations, health, housing and clothing
- Can cope with communication in common situations, such as in a restaurant or bank



### GV 2

#### Grammar Studied:

- Use simple present, present progressive, future and basic present perfect
- Use quantifiers, articles, count and noncount nouns, superlatives and comparatives
- Form two-clause sentences with conjunctions

#### Abilities Acquired:

- Can cope with situations including post office, restaurant and getting directions
- Can express abilities and polite requests

### GV 3

#### Grammar Studied:

- Accurately use regular and irregular past tense verbs
- Choose between present perfect and simple past, knows past continuous and perfect
- Use future with time clauses and conditional clauses
- Know and recognize the parts of speech

#### Abilities Acquired:

- Can compare things, state opinions, and discuss holidays and customs
- Can report what another person has said
- Can initiate and sustain small talk
- Can make excuses, promises, offers, apologies and complaints

### GV 4

#### Grammar Studied:

- Choose between present perfect simple and present perfect progressive
- Can use noun clauses and adjective clauses
- Use phrasal verbs, use go + gerund, all modals, all conditionals

#### Abilities Acquired:

- Can develop ideas, describe things in detail and discuss hypothetical situations
- Can give instructions, state preferences, agree and disagree
- Can exchange information in person or over the phone using appropriate formality
- Can buy and return items in a shop

### GV 5

#### Grammar Studied:

- Consistently use verb tenses, S-V agreement, articles, quantifiers and adjectives
- Use causative verbs, gerunds and infinitives, reflexive pronouns
- Use the passive voice

#### Abilities Acquired:

- Can respond to compliments, thanks, confusing information and different moods
- Can use idiomatic language
- Can use intonation to modify meaning and show emphasis
- Can express certainty, habits, necessity and lack of necessity



**GV 6**

Grammar Studied:

- Present and past modals and passive modals
- Simple, Progressive, Perfect and Perfect Progressive for Past, Present and Future
- Mixed conditionals, reduced adverb clauses, fronted negative structures

Abilities Acquired:

- Can ask for and give clarification and correction
- Can use narrative forms, express disbelief, defend opinions, make guesses, apologize and offer sympathy

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**GV 7**

Grammar Studied:

- Simple, Progressive, Perfect and Perfect Progressive for Past, Present and Future
- Use relative clauses, relative adverbs, subjunctive, mixed conditionals
- Advanced article use, understands preposition clusters

Abilities Acquired:

- Can point out exceptions, give examples, ask for justification and cheer people up
- Can share gossip and confidential information, reach compromise, express indecision and show hesitation

**GV 8**

Grammar Studied:

- Use passive, stative passive, adjective complements
- Use perfect infinitives, transitional adverbials

Abilities Acquired:

- Can speculate, use generalizations, word play, rhetorical questions and various emphasis structures
- Can compare appearance and reality, indicate complex time relationships
- Can do an extended presentation or conversation, demonstrating topic management

## AFTERNOON ELECTIVE CLASSES

On the first day, new students choose their option classes with a teacher during their oral placement test. Continuing students choose option classes before each session begins.



Below is a sample list of possible afternoon options. Elective Options are offered on a rotating basis, and the school chooses which options to run based on student selection, so only the options that are most popular in a given session will be available.

**Language Skill Focused Options:**

- Survival English
- Active Listening
- Conversation Strategies
- Listening and Speaking: Natural Pronunciation
- Debates and Public Speaking
- Expressing Opinions through Current Events
- Slang and Vocabulary
- Listening and Speaking: Canadian Culture
- Academic Writing and Research
- Speaking: Drama and Role Play
- Listening and Vocabulary: Music

**Business English Options:**

- Business Communication
- Customer Service English
- Management + Corporate Culture

**Academic Credit Options:**

- Arts: Acting and Film Studies
- Media + Communications: Journalism
- Media + Communications: Photography

## GV Toronto Elective Option Class Descriptions

### **Survival English (GV1)**

This course will allow students to acquire the basic skills and vocabulary needed for functioning in an English-speaking community, such as getting directions, going shopping and filling out forms.

### **Active Listening (GV 2-5)**

This course gives students the opportunity to improve their listening and speaking skills, as well as develop their fluency and vocabulary. Students will practice listening to their teacher, recorded voices, and other students.

### **Conversation Strategies (GV2-5)**

This course will teach students techniques and language for having better conversations when speaking in English. By exploring different topics, students develop the skills and strategies needed to be a successful communicator.

### **Listening and Speaking: Natural Pronunciation (GV2-5)**

The focus is to identify key sounds that can cause confusion, thereby developing students' comprehension and production. Students will listen to audio recordings, and practice listening and speaking with the teacher and students from different countries.

### **Debates and Public Speaking (GV6+)**

In this option, students explore philosophical, social and world issues, and develop techniques for creating formal arguments and presentations. The course is designed to improve students' confidence in their language abilities.

### **Expressing Opinions on Current Events (GV6+)**

This course will allow students to communicate effectively in extended discourse. Students will communicate on a number of different topics from current headlines and world issues, focusing on both accuracy and fluency.

### **Slang and Vocabulary (GV2-5)**

This course helps students develop their fluency by focusing on slang, idioms, and other expressions used in real-world situations outside the classroom. Through newspapers, T.V., videos and other media, students will develop their knowledge of informal and street language.

### **Listening + Canadian Culture (GV2-5)**

This option will give the students a chance to learn more about Canada while developing their listening, speaking, reading and vocabulary skills.

### **Academic Writing and Research (GV5+)**

Students are taught essential skills for combining research from a number of sources into a longer composition. Students will learn and practice library and internet research skills, as well as the use of citations for direct and indirect quotes to avoid plagiarism.

### **Speaking: Drama and Role Play (GV2-5)**

Students will be introduced to a wide range of drama-related activities to improve their speaking and presentation skills. By the end of the course, students will be able to speak and present themselves in a wide variety of ways.

### **Listening and Vocabulary: Music (GV2-5)**

This option will enable students to develop their listening, vocabulary, speaking skills and cultural awareness by listening to popular and historical music, combined with speaking activities.

### **Media + Communications: Journalism (GV3+)**

Students learn about, evaluate and produce samples of various authentic news and information sources. The course will help students develop all four language skills, while refining more specific skills such as critical thinking.

### **Media + Communications: Photography (GV3+)**

Students learn and practice language related to principals of photography. This course focuses on all four language skills: speaking, reading, writing, and listening. Students will build vocabulary to discuss a range of topic areas shown in photographs.

## Business English Option Class Descriptions

### **Business Communication (GV3+)**

Students gain the ability to deal with meetings, negotiations, business writing and presentations. Through a series of realistic tasks, students will be able to increase their knowledge of business vocabulary and conventions.

### **Customer Service (GV3+)**

Students develop their English customer service skills in order to enter the Canadian workforce through a wide range of activities related to job search skills, wages, and interacting with co-workers.

### **Management and Corporate Culture (GV3+)**

Students explore the language associated with the structure and culture of companies, and to discuss management topics and staffing issues. Students will be expected to participate in individual and team projects, do basic research and present information.