



English language learning opportunities for UNHQ staff and affiliates March 2010 update

This list of recommended language learning opportunities in the New York city area was compiled in by the United Nations English Language Programme instructors and staff. Most recommendations are based on positive feedback received from our students who have used these resources for their language studies. We hope you find them useful, too.

- **ESL groups on meetup.com FREE**

For advanced-level learners: **The Friends of the United Nations English Club** - <http://esl.meetup.com/426/>

Initiated in April 2008 by students and a teacher in our programme, this group allows you to attend events and low-cost classes, post questions on an online message board, and to access files and information for self study.

For intermediate-level learners: **New York English as a Second Language Group** <http://esl.meetup.com/293/>

This group offers free courses and many other excellent language learning opportunities.

- **Conversational English Class for wives of UN Diplomats FREE**

Build friendships with other diplomat wives while developing your Conversational English skills. Our highly interactive class focuses on improving fluency through group discussions of 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 current course began on 4 February 2010 and run through mid-June**

Thursdays 10:30am – noon

**Classes cancelled when the NYC public schools are closed. (no class 19 Feb. & 16 April)*

- **Location**

Christian Embassy to the United Nations (* a non-political, non-denominational NGO)

144 East 44th Street, 7th floor, Suite 720 (*Between Lexington & Third Avenues)

New York, NY 10017

- **For more information, contact Ms. Heidi Jensen** (course instructor)

212-370-1166 – extension 304

JensenH@CE-UN.org

- **United Nations Hospitality Committee – Language Classes**

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

The hospitality committee currently offers two levels of classes:

- Advanced Beginner meets 4x a week,

Monday - Thursday, 9-10:30 am

- Intermediate to Advanced meets 2x a week

Monday and Wednesday, 10:30-noon

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

All classes meet at the Church Center on the corner of 44th Street & First Ave., basement level, in the library.

There are two terms per year: from September – December; and from January – May.

Classes have an ongoing enrollment policy and newcomers are always welcome.

To enroll, please contact Penelope Goodfriend at 212 534 4325 or pennyfriend@aol.com

- **English Language Book Club**

Would you like to read novels in English and discuss them with colleagues? For more information and to apply for membership, go to: <http://www.un.org/depts/OHRM/sds/lcp/English/bookclub.html>

- **The International Center of New York** <<http://www.intlcenter.org/>>

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.

- **Toastmasters International**

This nonprofit organization now has nearly 235,000 members in 11,700 clubs in 92 countries, offering a proven – and enjoyable! - way to practice and hone communication and leadership skills. Most Toastmasters meetings are comprised of approximately 20 people who meet weekly for an hour or two. Participants practice and learn skills by filling a meeting role, ranging from giving a prepared speech or an impromptu one to serving as timer, evaluator or grammarian. There is no instructor; instead, each speech and meeting is critiqued by a member in a positive manner, focusing on what was done right and what could be improved. There are two United Nations' toastmasters groups:

World Voices Club - Club #: 643436, Dist #: 46, Est: 06/28/2004 Meeting Time: 12:00 pm, 1st & 3rd Friday

The United Nations Secretariat, Room GA-37
1st Ave @ 46th St, New York, NY, 10017-4402, United States
Club Status: Membership eligibility criteria required - Contact club

(917) 566 2209
wvtm@yahoogroups.com
groups.yahoo.com/group/wvtm

Global Expression Club - Club #: 5596, Dist #: 46, Est: 06/01/1994 Meeting Time: 1:00 pm, 2nd & 4th Tuesday

UNICEF House 6th Flr Room 675
3 United Nations Plz, New York, NY, 10017, United States
Club Status: Membership eligibility criteria required - Contact club

(917) 757-1822
pfsbrx9@verizon.net
globalexpression.freetoasthost.net

- **Language Schools in the NYC area**

There are many language schools in the New York area. Though we can provide a complete list (contact Jodi at nooyen@un.org for a copy of this), the ones listed below are the ones that our teachers are familiar with or have heard good things about from our United Nations' students who have attended.

- **Community Language Program, Teachers College:** <http://www.tc.edu/communitylanguage/>
- **Riverside Language Program:** <http://riversidelanguage.org/index.html>
- **The New School:** <http://www.newschool.edu/english/esl.aspx>

- **Private tutors**

At the end of this document, we provide a list of those tutors we recommend most.

Please help us add to make this list even better

To provide additional suggestions, edits or feedback on this list, please contact:
Jodi Nooyen at nooyen@un.org

Private tutors

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

For private lessons, prices typically range from \$50 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.

Contact information	Languages fluent unless noted	Specialization(s)	Brief biography
Ms Dilek Hancioglu hancioglu@un.org 646-220-5971 <i>Available on weekdays</i>	American English Turkish Spanish (<i>Interm.</i>)	-Exam Preparation (<i>ELPE, TOEFL, etc.</i>)	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 has been preparing language tests for the University of Maryland for an online teaching and assessment project.
Mr. Jason Mount jmm722@nyu.edu (917) 684-8762	American English Spanish Korean (<i>Basic</i>)	-TOEFL preparation -Pronunciation -Grammar -Conversation	Jason has been teaching in the UN Language Programme for the past two years and in New York City for the past seven years. He previously taught in Korea and Ecuador. The tutoring sessions are tailored to the specific needs of students through error analysis and practical exercises with a focus on negotiating meaning between student and teacher.
Ms Jennifer Pawlitschek www.powerfulspeaking.net	American English	-Pronunciation -Presentation Skills -Interpersonal communication skills	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 www.powerfulspeaking.net .
Ms Linda Haley haley1@un.org or mhaley6421@aol.com (201) 384-3930 (NJ)	American English French (<i>receptive</i>)	-Writing for the United Nations	From 1991 to 2008, Ms Haley taught English to UN staff members and members of permanent missions to the Organization. She taught all levels of the programme and many of the report and department-specific writing courses.
Ms Raymonde Burke burke3@un.org (914) 420 4869	Irish/ British English French Spanish	- Grammar - Writing – all levels - TOEFL preparation - Communication & pronunciation skills	Raymonde has been teaching English at UNHQ since 1991. Before that, she was the English Language Coordinator in Nairobi, Kenya with UNEP. She comes from Ireland originally and has lived and taught English and French in many different countries and continents. She also teaches English at Manhattanville College.
Mr. Richard Humphreys ukulelesf@yahoo.com (646) 596-5037	American English	- Pronunciation - Practical conversation skills -Grammar	Richard has been teaching ESL at the college level since receiving his MA/TESOL in 2002. He has focused mainly on academic skills—reading, writing, grammar & vocabulary—but has also tutored students in listening comprehension, speaking, pronunciation/accent reduction. Richard is also a musician and singer who likes to incorporate music into his lessons.
Mr. Stuart Homan stuarthoman@hotmail.com (212) 996 2687	British English Arabic Italian French German	-Business English -Medical English -Legal English -English for young learners -Writing reports and letters	Stuart is originally from the UK. He graduated from Cambridge University and has been teaching English for over 15 years. He previously taught at the UN Food and Agricultural Organization in Rome as well as with the British Council in Italy, Egypt and Tanzania. He speaks Arabic, Italian, French and German and has also worked as an Arabic and Italian translator. In lessons, Stuart follows a communicative teaching method, and in particular focuses on improving students' listening and speaking skills.