



Self-Directed Learning options are available through websites, apps, and libraries. You can find free and paid options.

Organization	Website	Notes
	Home CANAvenue	This website has free online learning activities. You can make an account with your name, email address, and password.
	https://mauril.ca/en/	This website and learning app give you practice in English and French. It includes learning materials from the CBC and Radio-Canada. You can make a free account with your email address and a password.
ELC Study Zone 	https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone	This website has free online learning activities to practice grammar, vocabulary, reading, and listening.
Burnaby Public Library Digital Resources	https://bpl.bc.ca/	Burnaby Public Library offers different free online resources, such as: - Arrivals in English (Beginner level settlement language) - Mango Languages (Activities to learn language for everyday conversations) - LinkedIn Learning (Training courses) - Road to IELTS (practice for IELTS tests) - Tense Buster (grammar focus) And more! To access resources, you need to get a free library card from a library in Burnaby.
	https://pressbooks.openeducationalberta.ca/in-the-community/open/download?type=print_pdf	In the Community e-textbook This interactive, free, open-source textbook includes activities for learners at CLB 5 and 6 (intermediate level). It focuses on functional language for everyday life in Canada.



<https://globalaccess.bowvalleycollege.ca/sites/default/files/BVC-BOOK-Feb-2024-v2.pdf>

In the Workplace e-textbook

This interactive, free, open-source textbook includes activities for learners at CLB 5 and 6 (intermediate level). It focuses on soft-skills for the workplace.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>

Learning English

This website has free, interactive activities to practice grammar, pronunciation, vocabulary, reading, and listening.



<https://ed.ted.com/>

This website includes free, educational videos and short TED Talks on different subjects. Comprehension questions are available to check your listening skills.



<https://livelearn.ca/activities-index/>

This website is for newcomers in Manitoba. However, it is available to anyone and free. You can find activities to learn about idioms, Canadian culture, and everyday English for living in Canada.



Fee-for-Service English classes are available through settlement organizations, school boards, community centres, private schools, and colleges. They are usually open to everyone. You need to pay for these classes. Please contact the centres for their fees and schedules.

You may find similar classes and programs near you. **Search for schools in your city.**

Where?	Organization	Website	Levels
Vancouver, Burnaby, Online, Surrey	MOSAIC	MOSAIC Engage	Beginner to Advanced; test preparation courses
Vancouver	ISSofBC	ISS Language and Career College of BC	Beginner to Advanced; test preparation courses
Victoria	Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	https://www.icavictoria.org/englishstep-up/	Beginner to Advanced; test preparation courses
Victoria	Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre	https://www.vircs.bc.ca/esl	Beginner; Intermediate; Pronunciation classes
Langley, Aldergrove, Cloverdale, South Surrey	New Directions English Language School	https://www.newdirectionsschool.com/	A Certified ESL instructor will teach a hybrid class (not part of LINC) for IELTS and CELPIP preparation. The class will likely be on weekends after April 1, 2026. For more information, please contact New Directions English School.
Online	Impact North Shore	https://impactnorthshore.ca/online-program/low-cost-english-skills-programs/	CELPPIP & IELTS preparation courses



Workplace-focused programs will help you build language and workplace skills for specific jobs. They are offered through settlement organizations, non-profits, community centres and colleges. They are **often free for permanent residents**.

Where?	Organization	Website	Notes
Surrey	Progressive Intercultural Community Services (PICS) Society	English for the Workplace - PICS	Free classes on workplace English
Metro Vancouver	YMCA	Employment Services YMCA BC	Employment programs
Metro Vancouver	YWCA BC	Services for Job Seekers YWCA BC	Employment programs
Vancouver	Frog Hollow Neighbourhood House	Working Opportunities for Women - WOW	For women. Training for employment in child care
Metro Vancouver	MOSAIC	Employment Services Find A Service MOSAIC	Employment programs
Online	EAL Workplace Health & Safety course	English as an Additional Language (EAL) - BCFED Health & Safety Centre	Intermediate level (LINC 5-8)
Victoria; Saanich; Sooke	Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria	https://www.icavictoria.org/bcnsp-saf-havn/	BC Newcomer Services (BCNSP and Safe Haven) at ICA provides short-term formal language training focused on developing the skills required for the labor market and navigating everyday life in BC.

Campbell River	The Multicultural & Immigrant Services Association of the North Vancouver Island (MISA)	https://immigrantwelcome.ca/community-leadership/workplace-language-and-culture-hub/	The Workplace Language and Culture hub is a free 12-week program that focuses on Language and Culture in order to help clients adapt and integrate into the Canadian Workplace
Online	Collège Éducacentre	https://educacentre.com/en/settlement-services/linc-to-work/	For LINC 4 only (starting April 1 2026) The training focuses on workplace culture, soft skills, and useful English vocabulary and expressions to help learners succeed in the Canadian workplace. Classes run online from Monday to Thursday every week.
Online	Impact North Shore	https://impactnorthshore.ca/workshops-events/conversation-circles-for-the-workplace-intermediate/	Conversation Circles for the Workplace – Intermediate
Online	Impact North Shore	Workplace Culture and Language Training - Intermediate Impact North Shore	Workplace Culture and Language Training – Intermediate



Academic English programs are offered through adult continuing education at school boards and colleges. They are **often tuition free for permanent residents and citizens**. There may be some fees, and you may need to take a placement test.

Academic English programs are a great opportunity to:

- practice your listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- meet new people
- build English and study skills to prepare for college or university
- practice English with a short-term to medium-term commitment

Where?	Organization	Website	Notes
Burnaby	Burnaby Community & Continuing Education	Foundations English Program	North Burnaby Adult Education Centre (NBAEC) – Daytime & Evening Classes Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30am – 3:30pm Night School Office Hours: Monday to Thursday from 5:15pm – 7:15pm (during regular school times September 11, 2025 – June 24, 2026) Riverway Adult Learning Centre – Daytime Classes Office Hours: Monday to Friday from 8:30am – 3:30pm (during regular school times September – June)
Vancouver	Vancouver School Board	Adult Education	From the literacy level to secondary school completion
New Westminister	New Westminister Schools – Adult Learning Centre	English options – Adult Learning Centre	Foundation to Grade 12. Foundation English covers from a beginning level for students just beginning literacy in English, up to the level that prepares a student for grade 11 or 12 English courses.

Delta, Surrey, Ladner	Delta Community College	https://dcc.deltasd.bc.ca/foundations/	
Metro Vancouver	Douglas College	English Language Learning and Acquisition (ELLA) Douglas College	Completion of secondary school or equivalent is required
North Vancouver	Capilano University	English for Academic Puroses ESL	
Richmond, Surrey and Langley	Kwantlen Polytechnic University	English Upgrading (EU)	
Vancouver	Vancouver Community College (VCC)	English as a Second Language	
Burnaby; downtown Vancouver	BCIT	Professional English Language Development – BCIT	For students who are at least at the upper-intermediate level
Abbotsford; Chilliwack	University of the Fraser Valley	Upgrading and University Preparation UFV.ca	
Coquitlam; Port Coquitlam	Coquitlam School District (SD 43)	https://ce43.augusoft.net/index.cfm?method=ClassListing.ClassListingDisplay&int_category_id=7&int_sub_category_id=27&int_catalog_id=	Foundations classes include seven levels designed to help students build skills in speaking, listening, vocabulary, fluency, conversation, comprehension, and writing. After completing Foundations Level 7, students may choose to continue improving their English by enrolling in the High School Credit program.
Langley	Langley School District (SD 35)	https://www.sd35.bc.ca/lec/literacy-foundations	For completion of grades 10 to 12 -adults and teens in alternative environment ; run by SD 35



Conversation circles are offered through settlement organizations, neighbourhood houses, community centres, and religious organizations. They **often are free or by donation**. They may be offered in-person or online.

Conversation Circles are a great opportunity to:

- practice your listening and speaking skills
- meet new people
- learn about different cultures and Canada
- practice English without a long-term commitment (drop-in)

Where?	Organization	Website	Notes
Vancouver / online	MOSAIC	Conversation Circles Schedule	
Chilliwack	Chilliwack Learning Society	English as an Additional Language (EAL) Services – Chilliwack Learning Society	Conversation circles by CLS are done at Sardis Library
North Vancouver / online	Impact North Shore	English Conversation Circles North Shore Immigrant Programs	Registration required
Burnaby	Burnaby Public Library	Events Index - Burnaby Public Library	Search 'conversation circle' for schedule
New Westminister	New Westminister Public Library	Events Calendar New Westminister Public Library	Drop in. No registration required.
Vancouver / online	Vancouver Public Library	Events Vancouver Public Library BiblioCommons	Search 'conversation' for schedule
Burnaby	Burnaby Neighbourhood House	https://burnaby nh.ca/newcomers-services/	Scroll down for information about conversation circles

In-person / online	Share Society	English Practice Groups Share Family & Community Services	In partnership with Port Moody, Terry Fox, and Coquitlam Public Libraries
Mission, Chilliwack, Pitt	Fraser Valley Regional Library	Search Events Fraser Valley Regional Library	
North Vancouver / Online	North Vancouver District Public Library	Events North Vancouver District Public Library	
In-person / online	UBC	Learn English Learning Exchange	Event Calendar
Vernon	Vernon & District Immigrant & Community Services Society	https://www.vdicss.org/language	5:30-7PM on Monday (CLB1-4) and Wednesdays (CLB5-8). Register on the webpage.
North Vancouver; Online	Impact North Shore	https://impactnorthshore.ca/ongoing-program/english-conversation-circles/	Conversation Circles
Langley	Conversation Circles	https://langleyliteracynetwork.com/conversation-circles/	Includes listing of all Langley and Aldergrove Conversation Circles including at LCSS; SD35; churches and community agencies. New Directions has a senior conversation circle supported by Rotary Club free to anyone above 50 from any area.
Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Courtenay, Campbell River	The Multicultural & Immigrant Services Association of the North Vancouver Island (MISA)	https://immigrantwelcome.ca/services/events-calendar/	Informal conversation circles for intermediate and advanced learners of EAL. MISA also offers a 1-1 matching program for clients to practice English while connecting with the broader community.
North Vancouver; Online	Impact North Shore	https://impactnorthshore.ca/workshops-events/conversation-circles-for-community-connection-intermediate/	Conversation Circles for Community Connection – Intermediate

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