

Learning Outcomes

ESL

Beginner:

This course has been developed to assist learners whose primary language is not English. The aim is for learners to improve proficiency in English through participation in online multi-media activities and synchronous conversations with the instructor. Learning about Canadian culture while improving English language skills, supports cognitive and academic growth. It may also ease transition into North American life. The course reinforces the notion that all of Canada's many cultures greatly contribute to the ongoing development of today's society. Integrated lessons cover speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar skills, and cultural understanding within a Canadian context.

It is expected that students will:

- Know and practice basic greetings and be able to exchange information about themselves, their cultural, and personal backgrounds
- Know and use basic titles of address such as Mr. Mrs. Ms.
- Develop an understanding of the culture of school, including subjects, tools or supplies, and routines (including time tables)
- Build appropriate vocabulary related to personal, family, school, neighbourhood, and community life
- Develop an awareness of community, well-known Canadians – past and present, and Canadian culture including topics such as:
 - typical daily routines or schedules
 - jobs and work places
 - urban places
 - hobbies, sports, shopping
 - special days or celebrations
 - clothes
 - pets or animals
 - common foods
- Develop specific vocabulary to be used within a wide range of topics central to Canadian life such as weather, seasons,

- health, wellness, and leisure activitiesin addition to:
- typical daily routines or schedules
 - jobs and work places
 - urban places
 - hobbies, sports, shopping
 - special days or celebrations
 - clothes
 - pets or animals
 - common foods
- Use the four language modalities in an integrated manner to communicate and interact

 - Identify and use a variety of grammatical structures
 - Express opinions, ideas, and preferences
 - Integrate common idioms into language use
 - Understand and use numbers within a variety of contexts, including time, money, and telephone numbers
 - Integrate the passage of time (such as days, weekends, months, seasons) into language use
 - Use cardinal and ordinal numbers within a variety of contexts

 - Begin to adjust pronunciation to more accurately reflect Canadian English
 - Follow and initiate specific conversational patterns, including asking and answering questions, asking and giving directions