



Bechtel International English Classes

2024 Spring Quarter

For Intermediate to Advanced Students

CLASSES RUN FROM: Monday, April 1st to Friday, June 7th. No classes on May 27th (Memorial Day).

Classes are open to Stanford foreign graduate students, foreign post-docs, scholars, and their family members.

TO REGISTER

ALL STUDENTS are requested to email the instructor of each class they want to take. Give each instructor the following information:

- 1) Your name and country of origin,
- 2) Your professional/educational background,
- 3) Your years of studying English,
- 4) Your affiliation to Stanford

PROCESS

- **IN PERSON CLASSES:** It's best to sign up online first, but you may go directly to the class at the assigned time and you will be accepted if there is room.
- **CLASSES ON ZOOM:** Teachers have Zoom accounts and will invite you to their classes after you contact them.
- There is no charge to take part in a class; all classes are free. Let your teacher know if you plan to miss a class.

Go to Zoom.com and take a free tutorial before you start a class. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Tom at tom@tomsteffi.com

MONDAY	<u>MEDIA AND THE U.S. CULTURE</u> – Learn through reading and discussion how media: print, film, TV, and radio shape American culture. ENGLISH CLASSROOM
10:30AM – 12:00 PM	M. GASPICH mgbayarea@proton.me
	<u>CALIFORNIA TRAVEL & HISTORY</u> —Discover places to visit for a weekend getaway or a great vacation. Lots of videos and info on California travel. ENGLISH CLASSROOM
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	BOB JONES porsche.bob@sbcglobal.net
TUESDAY	<u>IDIOMS AND MORE</u> —Students will bring to class the idioms they encounter in the course of their daily lives, either in a list or in a sample illustration of their use and share them with the other students each week. There will also be handouts given out in class that contain common idioms which we will practice and possibly use for speaking and writing exercises. Writing exercises for homework are optional. NO CLASS ON MAY 7th ENGLISH CLASSROOM
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	MARYANN SAUNDERS mabrooklyn2013@gmail.com
	<u>LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!</u> - Short readings chosen by the students will set the stage for analyzing and presenting topics of current interest. Homework is required. ENGLISH CLASSROOM
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	MARYELLEN HORWATH marvellenorwath@gmail.com
WEDNESDAY	<u>CONVERSATION GALORE</u> - Practice your speaking & listening skills in this friendly guided conversation class touching on a range of subjects. ZOOM CLASS
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Laurie Seidler laurie.seidler@rocketmail.com
THURSDAY	<u>WRITING FOR RESULTS</u> – Sharpen your command of English by reviewing how to write good sentences and effective paragraphs. We will discuss sentence structure, conjunctions, word order, grammar, punctuation vocabulary, and also the best sequence for sentences in a paragraph. You will practice writing and editing in class, be introduced to online tools such as Grammarly, and learn in cooperation with your classmates. We will also look at models of effective writing. NO CLASS ON May 23rd ZOOM CLASS
8:45 AM – 10:15 AM	KENDALL ROGERS hkrogers50@gmail.com
	<u>ISSUES IN AMERICAN CULTURE</u> – Learn new vocabulary and phrases while being introduced to the major cultural and political issues facing Americans. Short videos (slowed down and subtitled) combined with slides and discussion, will also help you to listen and understand spoken English. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions, and discuss the topic with the other classmates. A “things to think about” list that accompanies each topic will be emailed to students a few days before each class. Some of the topics are: education, poverty, the "middle class", health care, "gun culture", immigration, foreign policy, ethnic and religious diversity and many more. ZOOM CLASS
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	TOM & STEFFI BUCH tom@tomsteffi.com
	<u>AMERICAN PRONUNCIATION & LISTENING</u> —Students will practice both listening and speaking everyday American speech (California style). This quarter we will focus on vowels. The class has two sessions. There is a half hour overlap when both sessions will be in class. Please email which session you want to attend, or if you can attend either session. Class size is limited. ENGLISH CLASSROOM
	Session 1: 1:00 pm – 2:35 pm Session 2: 2:05 pm – 3:40 pm LORI REESER loriree@netwiz.net
FRIDAY	<u>AMERICAN CUSTOMS & INSTITUTIONS</u> - An informal discussion about American culture and your country's culture and traditions in a supportive environment. ZOOM CLASS
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	STEFFI BUCH steffi@tomsteffi.com
