English as a Second Language Course Series

Designed to improve abilities in all four core language areas:

Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing

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Instruction in American Sign, Arabic, Chinese, German, French, Italian, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish
Classes in English as a Second or Other Language

1. **Beginner**: Using all four literacy skills (listening, reading, speaking and writing) lessons and exercises will focus on being able to express oneself in correct, yet simple, terms in present, past, and future tenses for daily living and the workplace.

2. **Intermediate**: Using all four literacy skills (listening, reading, speaking and writing) lessons and exercises will focus on building confidence with language necessary for conversation using more complex tenses and structures, including life experiences, hypothetical situations, describing and retelling.

3. **Upper Intermediate**: Fine-tuning of common grammatical errors and vocabulary growth through the use of all four skills in order to be able to engage in any communicative task with linguistic ease, confidence, competence, intonation and fluency for survival in the target language culture.

4. **Adding a U.S. Accent**: Students will practice listening to and speaking the rhythm, stress and intonation of U.S. English in a group setting. The goal here is NOT to lose your accent, but to learn to correct the transfers from your first language that make it difficult for native U.S. English-speakers to understand you.