

# CANG 9118 – How to Improve Your English

## Level: B2

### Requirements

1. To have a **low or intermediate B2 level** of English
2. To be able to **commit to 1-2 hours a week of homework**.
3. To be an **active participant** in class (speaking, asking questions, volunteering information)

### Objectives

What is a language? How do we learn language? Why is English so hard?

By now you have probably been learning English for about ten years, and you may feel like you are stagnating. In this course, you will learn about **the English language**, but also about **how to learn it**. You will practise different techniques for learning, explore their advantages and disadvantages, and learn about what the research says.

By the end of the course you should:

1. Have a basic understanding of second language acquisition
2. Have a more developed understanding of the phonological, morphological, and syntactic structures of English
3. Understand, use, and be able to discuss several different language-learning methods.

You will develop your written and spoken communication skills through weekly homework tasks.

### Content

This course will cover the following topics:

- Language learning strategies
- Metalinguistic knowledge
- Second language acquisition
- Phonology (the sound system)
- Morphology (how words are created)
- Syntax (the grammar system)

In class, there will be a variety of speaking, listening, and reading exercises, done individually, in pairs, or in small groups. At the end of each class, you will write a learning log and receive feedback on it every week. You will also have weekly homework, including a Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation Test to help you learn what was taught in class.

### Assessment

You will be assessed in two parts: 50% continuous assessment (homework), and 50% final exam. Your homework will consist of weekly Grammar, Vocabulary, and Pronunciation Tests, and three speaking assignments. The final exam will be a written essay.