

Overview of First Free Rockford's ESL Program

1. We meet on Saturday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00.
2. To find the ESL class, enter the First Free building through the East entrance and go downstairs to room 145. It is the second room on the left.
3. On your first day of class, you will complete a registration form and placement test. This will help determine the most appropriate instructional level for you.
4. We meet in classrooms from 9:00 - 10:15. The textbook is published by Cambridge University Press and covers skills related to speaking, listening, writing and reading English. We have a Bible lesson from 10:15 - 10:30 and conversation time from 10:30 - 11:00. The purpose of the Bible lesson is to focus our attention on Jesus Christ who is the Source of our Hope for the future and is our Help for managing the challenges and opportunities we face from day to day. The purpose of the conversation time is to provide you with the opportunity to practice conversing in English.
5. The only cost is for the textbooks. The textbooks cost \$40, however, a contribution of \$20 would be appreciated, but not required.
6. When the weather is bad and it is necessary to cancel classes, an email will be sent by 7:30AM on Saturday morning to notify everyone that classes are being canceled for that day.
7. Our instructional time is very limited each week, so spending time during the week practicing listening, speaking, reading and writing in English will benefit you greatly. Additional practice is available in your workbooks. The activities provided in the workbook go along with the classroom lesson for the week. Also, here are some helpful websites:
 - a. [ESL Literacy Readers | School of Global Access](https://globalaccess.bowvalleycollege.ca/esl-literacy-readers)
<https://globalaccess.bowvalleycollege.ca/esl-literacy-readers>
 - b. [Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab - English Listening](https://www.esl-lab.com/)
<https://www.esl-lab.com/>
 - c. [Rhythm, Intonation, and More](https://tfcs.baruch.cuny.edu/rhythm-intonation-more/)
<https://tfcs.baruch.cuny.edu/rhythm-intonation-more/>
 - d. [Ventures Arcade](https://www.cambridge.org/us/esl/venturesadulted/venturesarcade/)
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