

# Skills for Life:– Improve your English



## Is this course for me?

If you need to refresh or upgrade your English skills and would also like to gain a nationally recognised adult literacy qualification or Functional Skills qualification then this is the course for you.

There are five levels of qualifications within the Adult Literacy Curriculum:

- Entry Levels 1, 2 and 3
- Level 1 which is the equivalent of a GCSE grade D to G
- Level 2 which is the equivalent of a GCSE grade A to C.

## What will I learn?

### Entry 1/2/3

- Speak to communicate, engage in discussions and listen for and identify information
- Read and understand texts, find relevant information, read familiar topics in newspapers and understand everyday signs and symbols
- Improve letter writing and spelling, improve sentences using punctuation correctly and be able to proof read your work

### Level 1/2

- Listen for instructions, engage in discussions using facts and opinions and make relevant contributions
- Identify different types of text using different reading strategies to locate information and analyse text to evaluate effectiveness
- Write for different purposes and audience using appropriate language, improve spelling by using a variety of strategies and improve proof reading skills in order to produce accurate pieces of writing

\* Interactive resources are available to improve these skills in the independent study session \*

## What does the course involve?

(e.g. attendance pattern / Independent study)

32 weeks of guided learning at 2 or 1.5 hours per week + 1 or 1.5 hours of independent study

## What qualifications or skills will I need to get on the course?

You will need to have a one to one private and confidential interview with a member of the Skills for Life team

## What options will be open to me if I successfully complete the course?

Successful achievement of a qualification can lead onto a GCSE English course (if Level 2 is reached), a vocational college course or improved skills for employment

## How much will I have to pay?

Nothing – it is free

## Who can I contact for more information?

Please call Lisa Babb on 01462 443019 in the Skills Base for Stevenage or Maureen Nixon on 01462 424242 ext 4419 in the Skills Base for Hitchin.

## What will happen next?

You will be offered a confidential interview with a member of the Skills for Life team to assess your current numeracy level and discuss your options