

What will we be learning in ESL-A?

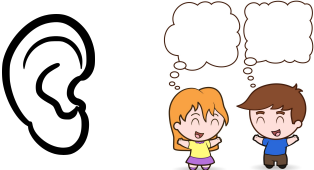



Description:

- This course will help you become more comfortable at George S. Henry and in Canada.
- You will practice listening, speaking, reading, and writing both for school and everyday life.



Course Content

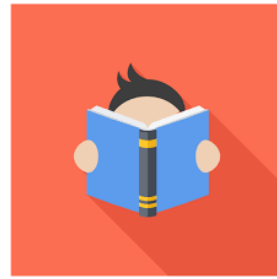
- There are four parts to the course, called **strands**.
- By the end of the course, you should be able to show you have learned them all. These are called the **overall expectations**.

Strands		Overall Expectations	
Listening and Speaking 30%		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Show that you can understand, interpret, and evaluate spoken English.2. Use English to speak in different ways, both in the classroom and outside.3. Use proper grammar and language structure when speaking English.	
Reading 20%		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Read and show you understand different types of writing.2. Learn different ways to understand text.3. Learn English words through different ways.4. Find important information in different types of writing.	
Writing 20%		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Write in different ways for different people.2. Organize your ideas in writing.3. Use proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation.4. Use the stages of the writing process.	
Socio-Cultural Competence & Media Literacy 30%		<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Learn about the rights and responsibilities of someone living in Canada.2. Learn about school in Ontario.3. Be able to understand, create, and interpret different types of media.	

Units

These are the topics you will learn about.

1. Getting Acquainted
2. O Canada!
3. Weather, Seasons & Travel
4. The Environment, Stories & More
5. Novel Study



Culminating - Big Project (20%)	Assignment
Part One: <i>Letter Writing</i>	Read a story & write a letter
Part Two: <i>GSHA Welcome Video</i>	Plan and record a video
Part Three: <i>My Life Scrapbook</i>	Create a 4 page scrapbook of your life
Examination - Big Test (10%)	
Part One: Listening	
Part Two: Writing	
Part Three: Reading	

Assessment and Evaluation

The way you will be marked in this class will be like the real world. You will earn a percentage on your Provincial Report Card. Your grade is divided into four groups: *Knowledge and Understanding, Thinking, Communication, and Application.*

- Course work such as quizzes and tests, assignments, reports, presentations, and conferencing will be worth 70% of your grade.
- At the end of the course, 30% of your grade will be based on big assignments.

You will also be assessed on your learning skills, and will get a letter. *E=Excellent, G=Good, S=Satisfactory, N=Needs Improvement*

1. Responsibility
2. Organization
3. Independent Work
4. Collaboration
5. Initiative
6. Self-Regulation

Absences

- Your parent/guardian must call the main office.
- You must bring a written note explaining why you were not in class.

Homework

- You must complete your homework.
- No homework will be given over holidays.

Late Assignments

- You will have a “Due Date” and an “Ultimate Deadline”.
- If you miss a due date, you must speak with your teacher to explain your reason. Marks will not be taken away during the time you have spoken to your teacher.
- Assignments handed in two days before the “Ultimate Deadline” will lose 10% per day, totalling in 20%.
- Assignments will not be accepted after the “Ultimate Deadline.”
- Exceptions may be made for extreme circumstances. It is your responsibility to speak to your teacher!

Missed Tests/Quizzes/Presentations

- If you are *legitimately* away, you may write your test/quiz on the first day back. You must speak with your teacher in order to present on another day. Try to let your teacher know before you are away.
- A *legitimate* absence is when your parent/guardian calls the office and gives you a note.
- If there is no phone call or note, you may receive a zero.

Summative Assignments

- Final assignments at the end of the course may be given a zero if they are not completed on time.

Plagiarism

- *Plagiarism* is when you claim work is yours when it is not.
- You may be asked to redo the assignment, or get a mark of zero.
- The school Principal or Vice-Principal will be notified.