



Plus Skills for International Teens

Overview

Plus Skills for International Teens is a programme specifically aimed at international groups of teenagers and young adults to think critically and to develop the language skills they need to find their own voice in English. The carefully-guided language lessons, real-world stories, and TED Talks motivate learners to think creatively and communicate effectively in a globalised world.

Materials

Our carefully chosen course materials (**National Geographic's *Perspectives***) help learners develop an open mind, a critical eye and a clear voice in English.

- **Every unit explores one idea from different perspectives** (*i.e. Advantages and disadvantages of setting up a new business in the current economy*), giving you opportunities for practicing language as you look at the world in new ways (*i.e. What would impact the world more negatively: a potential global health crisis or an economic one?*)
- You will learn **the critical thinking skills** by learning to evaluate what you hear or read, doing research and fact checking information prior to presenting it to classmates

Skills you will develop during the course

- **Strategies** to evaluate new information and develop your own opinions and ideas (*i.e. Do you think governments are doing enough to tackle racism? What different strategies are there across the world?*)
- The teacher will guide you to respond to the unit theme and **express your own ideas confidently in English**.
- Exam-style task types and test-taking strategies **prepare you for a range of international exams** such as Cambridge, IELTS, TOEFL, ESB.



Most importantly, the National Geographic Learning materials with [TED Talks](#) help English learners develop a voice of their own (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0NHOpeczUU>)

Why choose Plus?

National Geographic Learning materials with [TED Talks](#)

[TED.com](#) is a place to hear inspirational personal stories and discussions—also known as TED Talks. For English learners all over the world, TED Talks are full of tips and ideas you can use to improve your life and the world around you. Many of them are about productivity, learning and language and are great for listening practice. Since the talks are not scripted like TV shows or edited like documentaries, it feels like listening to people give speeches in real life.

Why TED Talks Are Great for English Learners

- **TED Talks are all about experiences.** Unlike other video material, all TED speakers across the world share lessons they have learned. This makes the talk easier to relate to and also more practical since they themselves have learned through practice.
- **TED Talks provide practical tips and inspiring ideas.** Almost all TED Talks are about problem solving. They give you tips you can use right now and improve your life accordingly.
- **TED Talks give transcripts for all talks.** Every TED video has a script which means that you can practice your reading comprehension and listening while watching the video.
- **TED Talks provide reading lists.** Almost every TED speaker provides a list of books and articles related to the topic they speak about. This helps you gain detailed information to do your own research or reading practice.
- **TED Talks are inspiring.** Unlike online training videos, all TED Talks are about something special and relevant to the world. TED Talks generally give you motivation and help you expand your perspective on different topics transcending country borders.

In addition to, by choosing our course you will benefit from:



Live online classes with expert teachers help you find your voice

- live online classes with a specialist, highly-trained teacher

Small classes mean you will get the best out of learning English online

- you are guaranteed attention and personal support from your expert teacher

Develop life skills for a global world from your own home

- the online environment we provide is safe and easily accessed

Stay connected and continue learning between live classes

- To help you get the most out of each live class, your teacher will set you interactive independent study – all in an easy to use digital learning environment. This means you will come to class fully prepared to focus on improving your English-speaking skills

Learning Objectives

- explore the skills required to be ready for an international academic environment such as problem solving, creativity, critical thinking, analysing data, personal expression, synthesizing information
- expand on your general knowledge and develop awareness of current global issues (such as dealing with disasters, intercultural communication, the United Nations)
- learn about new amazing facts and topics that will keep you on your toes

During the live classes, you will:

- have lots of time to speak English and practice pronunciation with your teacher and fellow classmates
- develop your communication skills by working on projects in pairs and small teams
- build up to a final project at the end of each module that has a real-life outcome, such as a presentation, leaflet, vlog, report or even your own TedTalk
- practise the skills you need for success in school exams and international universities
- focus on real-world topics like artificial intelligence, gaming, ethical food and climate change.



Our Online English course helps you develop into an assertive, independent global citizen:

- you will work on an exciting range of practical and challenging tasks that encourage self-expression and creative thinking in a digital world
- by working with classmates on team tasks, you will build collaboration and leadership skills.

MINIMUM LEVEL: A2

CLASSES:

10

Students

AGE RANGE: 13-18

Time: 90 Minutes per week