



# LearningWise English

A multimedia online program which uses accelerated learning techniques.

*LearningWise English* produces students who can **read, write, speak,** and **listen** confidently in English.





# Key points about the course

- ▶ All the content is in online multimedia software programs.
- ▶ The students coach each other in pairs and groups.
- ▶ Teachers are there to facilitate, and ensure that students speak English only, from the outset.
- ▶ Vocabulary learning is made easy by a battery of accelerated memory techniques.
- ▶ The course covers speaking *and* listening *and* reading *and* writing.
- ▶ There are many vocabulary lessons. Grammar lessons are kept to a minimum.
- ▶ Altogether, there are over TEN THOUSAND lessons.



# Languages

The program has instructions in the native language of the learner.

The translations in the program, whether vocabulary or sentences or texts or verb conjugations, are done from the learner's native language.

The native languages that are currently available are:

- ▶ Hindi
- ▶ Tamil
- ▶ Assamese
- ▶ Gujarati
- ▶ Urdu
- ▶ Telugu
- ▶ Arabic
- ▶ Spanish
- ▶ Punjabi
- ▶ Hausa
- ▶ Bengali

# About ReadingWise

- ▶ We are group of Anglo-Indian experts with a proven track record of expertise in special needs education, literacy programs, language programs, memory techniques and IT multimedia.
- ▶ Over 300,000 students have graduated our programs – originally in India, but more recently in Sri Lanka, UK, Myanmar and Spain.



# ABOUT ReadingWise #2

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Our courses have been funded by

- UK Government (DfID)
- IKEA Foundation
- Indian Central and State Governments
- Telecentre.org (Microsoft, Canadian Government, Swiss Government)
- Oxfam
- And others



# Voice-overs

The program has thousands of voice-overs for the pronunciation of vocabulary, for quizzes, for sentences and for whole texts.

Each voice-over comes in 9 different versions which have different accents and the learner can play any of them.

The accents currently available are:

- ▶ Indian English
- ▶ British English
- ▶ American English
- ▶ Arabic English



# Level Achieved

- ▶ All students who do the course should be able to achieve CEFR Level B1, as long as they work with a study partner or in blended classroom environment.
- ▶ CEFR = *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages*, set by the Council of Europe.
- ▶ The IELTS equivalent to CEFR B1 is (approximately) level 4.5.



# Common European Framework Guided Learning Hours (from beginner level)

B 1	<i>B1 Preliminary - previously known as Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)</i>	350—400
A 2	<i>A2 Key - previously known as Cambridge English: Key (KET)</i>	180—200



# Benchmarks for the levels

- ▶ A2: Can understand sentences and frequently used expressions related to areas of most immediate relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment). Can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar and routine matters. Can describe in simple terms aspects of his/her background, immediate environment and matters in areas of immediate need.

- ▶ B1: Can understand the main points of clear standard input on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. Can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. Can produce simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. Can describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes & ambitions and briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans.



# Unique features of LearningWise English

- ▶ A battery of 40+ accelerated learning techniques enable a rapid uptake of vocabulary.
- ▶ Use of *blended* learning so teachers and software work seamlessly in cooperation.
- ▶ Students coach each other. Teachers facilitate, they do not lecture.
- ▶ There are modules on both logical thinking, and comprehension, as these are barriers to expression in one's own language, let alone English.
- ▶ There is a ground-breaking module called ConfidenceWise by which students gain the confidence to express themselves in speaking and writing without fear of mistakes.
- ▶ Revision is done on a schedule to ensure short-term information learnt goes into long-term memory.
- ▶ Role-plays and live communication are kept to a maximum while grammar is kept to a minimum. This program does not stress accuracy, it stresses confidence.

# Types of lessons

➤ All lessons are grouped in themes (eg sport, family, travel, study). Each theme includes:

- Vocabulary
- Sentence construction
- Verb conjugations
- Audio quizzes
- Written quizzes
- Guided conversations on given topics

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TALKINGWISE TEMAS DIARIOS

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START  
Comience aquí - consejos

yes no wow eh oh  
and if not so the a  
an is or but can do  
was will am I we  
Vocabulario para principiantes

Nombres de las letras

1 2 3  
4 5 6  
7 8 9  
Números

Tiempo

Revisión A

Preguntas

Calendario

Familia

Vaivén

Comida

Revisión B

Compras

Cuerpo y médica

Móviles

Lugares

Dar ordenes

Revisión C

Estudiar

Calle

Casa

Transporte

Ropa

Revisión D

Bodas

Gente

Trabajo

Deporte

Dinero

Revisión E

Naturaleza

¡Yo!

Ciencia

Entretenimiento

Revisión F

Cerrar sesión Course Menu



Lesson  
content

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VOCABULARY

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READING

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WRITING

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SPEAKING

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LISTENING

# VOCABULARY

- Vocabulary lessons use 10 different memory techniques, most of which involve interaction with other students and make a lot of noise!
- All vocabulary is tested and re-tested at pre-determined intervals to ensure all of it goes into long term memory.
- There are around 5,000 words in the full course.

teacher

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ऊपर दिए बटन पर क्लिक करके  
*teacher* शब्द की ध्वनि को सुने।\*



Reminder:



# READING # 1

Reading consists of two separate skills:

Our *PhonicsWise* course teaches decoding - how to “chunk” words down into prefixes, roots and suffixes to facilitate pronunciation as well as comprehension.

Our *ComprehensionWise* course teaches a technique for understanding even the most difficult texts.

Decoding

Comprehension

# READING #2

- Students read out sentences and compare their voices to the voice-over from the program.

I'm a vegetarian.

1. वाक्य को ज़ोर से पढ़ें।



STOP

2. अपने संस्करण की रिकॉर्डिंग सुनने के लिए क्लिक करें



3. कम्प्युटर के संस्करण को सुनने के लिए क्लिक करें।



4. यदि आप चाहे तो step 1 दोहराकर शब्द को जोर से गाकर कम्प्युटर संस्करण की नक्ल कर सकते हैं।



# WRITING #1



- ▶ Before you can write in English, you have to be able to think straight in your own language. Students who can't write good English almost always cannot write properly in their own language, and that's because they have not been taught how to express themselves logically.
- ▶ That's why our writing module teaches *logical thinking* as a prerequisite to actually writing any English.
- ▶ Then we teach how to develop *content* that people want to read and can easily understand.
- ▶ Then we teach writing *style*.
- ▶ The end product of all this is that the student can express themselves in both their own language and in English.



# WRITING #2 – Logical thinking

- ▶ The *ThinkingWise* module includes:
  - ▶ Differences, similarities and identities
  - ▶ Euclid's circles
  - ▶ Relative importances
  - ▶ How to spot missing information
  - ▶ How to follow a data trail
  - ▶ What is logical, what is illogical
  - ▶ Correct sequence of argument in report writing:
    - ▶ find the real problem
    - ▶ Investigation
    - ▶ Find the right why
    - ▶ Recommend an action plan that will work



# WRITING #3 – Content

- ▶ How to plan what you want to say
- ▶ How to organise your thinking so you say what you want to say
- ▶ How to make notes
- ▶ How to do the writing
- ▶ How to review
- ▶ What makes a good English sentence.
- ▶ Keeping it simple
- ▶ What to leave in, what to leave out.
- ▶ How to avoid ambiguity
- ▶ How to use examples
- ▶ Sequencing and grouping – bullet points are good!
- ▶ The Writing Pyramid
- ▶ Rules of report writing

# LISTENING #1

- ▶ Listening lessons use pre-recorded voice-overs in various English accents.

## Examen de frases Sound #177

Pulsa la imagen para escuchar una frase. Trata de entender lo que se dice. A continuación, pulsa el botón para mostrar la frase en la pantalla para ver si lo has oído correctamente.



Deepa



Sangeeta



Anjali

Type the sentence being played.

Muestra esta frase en Inglés.

# LISTENING #2

- ▶ Quizzes test the listening skills of the students.

## Listening quiz: Places

Pulsa cualquier botón para escuchar una pregunta. Cada botón es una voz diferente. Pulsa los botones A, B o C para responder la pregunta. Una vez que haya respondido correctamente a una pregunta, pasará a la siguiente pregunta.\*

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Deepa



Sangeeta



Anjali

Correct!



# SPEAKING # 1

- ▶ Every day, students are paired up and have conversations in English using the vocabulary and verb conjugations and themes that they have learned that day.

## Práctica de conversación : Study

Por cada sujeto se muestra a continuación, hablar por 10 minutos con su compañero de estudio. Utilizar tanta Inglés como se puede.

Necesite para tu e tu compañero de estudio ambos deben hablar.

Al inicio el botón de alarma, prensa, y va a sonar después de 3 minutos.

Si no lo hace tiene un compañero de estudio, habla con el animal en la pantalla - el animal habla excelente Inglés.



### CONVERSATIONS

- Háblame de tus asignaturas favoritas.
- Háblame de tu profesor favorito y por qué te gustaba.





# SPEAKING #2

- ▶ Every week, these conversations are video'd on mobile phones and the results are sent to ReadingWise staff for review. These videos are also played back to the whole class, which encourages students to show off their speaking ability on a regular basis.
- ▶ All lessons are conducted in English medium only.
- ▶ Dictionaries – online and/or offline – are always available to help the students.



# Structure



- ▶ *LearningWise English* is a collection of courses.
- ▶ The courses are divided into modules.
- ▶ Modules are divided into Lesson Plans. There are over 400 different lesson plans.
- ▶ Many of them follow or use BBC/British Council themes and templates.
- ▶ All learning is self-paced. Students work in pairs. Computers or tablets are shared between pairs. Pairs are switched regularly. Invariably some students will progress much faster than others due to natural ability. The teacher's job is to ensure that the slower students continue to learn at a steady pace without any discouragement.



# Assessments



- ▶ Students are assessed before, during and after the course to give an objective measure of their achievement.
- ▶ We use assessments based on the Cambridge English A2 Key (formerly known as KET) assessment, but modified for Indian culture.



# Ancillary activities

As well as studying online lessons and having guided themed conversations with each other, students get to do the following:

- ▶ Do BBC online activities for ESL (English as a Second Language)
- ▶ Watch movies with English subtitles
- ▶ Read English-language Indian newspapers and magazines online
- ▶ Do our anti-shyness course *ConfidenceWise*, which will eliminate the students fear of making mistakes.
- ▶ Do our logical-thinking course *ThinkingWise*, which teaches learners how to think logically and express themselves logically both in speech and writing.



# Train the trainers

It is vital for the success of this program the teachers understand how to deliver the program. Our course – *TeachingWise* – trains teachers in the following:

- ▶ Do not stand at the front of the class and lecture – you are there to facilitate – students teach each other.
- ▶ Accelerated learning techniques and how to deploy them
- ▶ Accelerate classroom techniques and how to deploy them
- ▶ An overview of the lesson plans in *LearningWise English* and how to select the appropriate ones for the students.
- ▶ How to debug a student who is not progressing.
- ▶ A micro-course on learning disabilities so trainers and teachers know how to cope with dyslexic and other types of learners.



# How we implement a project

- ▶ Our experts discuss with your people the existing capabilities of your learners and the targets you want them to achieve.
- ▶ We train your trainers and teachers on our *TeachingWise* course so they know how to deliver our courses.
- ▶ Logins are created for all learners.
- ▶ Learners do assessments to verify their existing capability.
- ▶ Learners are put into pairs of study partners, and start the program, with the teachers and trainers facilitating.
- ▶ ReadingWise staff monitor progress of the learners online and feedback to the teachers and trainers.



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