

Jonathan



ESL: Cambridge A2 B1 B2 C1 C2 IELTS Business English
English For Kids

Education

University of Southern California BA Music (1994 1998)

Canterbury English Madrid Spain TEFL Certificate (2001)

Macquarie University Sydney MA Linguistics TESOL (2001 2002) Unfinished

Tutoring Experience

Extensive ESL teaching experience with students of all ages and levels beginning in Madrid in 1998 and continuing in Japan Taiwan and Thailand during 10 years from 2000 to 2012. Private one on one classes in Spain and small to large classroom experience from kindergarten through university level in Asia.

I have worked extensively with the Cambridge exams in recent years and have a library of practice tests and resources to utilise in the classes. Also, conversation classes, grammar, reading and writing, and preparation classes for the various Spanish state exams.

Testimonials

“Great teacher, patient, friendly and uses a lot of resources to practice English in different ways. The hour of English just flies by.” (Arminda)

“It's been almost 3 years with Jonathan and my basic level of English has increased to the point where I have been able to have conversations in English in business meetings and on trips to English-speaking countries. Both in face-to-face and online.” (Alejandro)

“Very involved with the learning of his students and with his own material. This is the fifth year that he has taught my children, on the recommendation of a friend, whose children he also teaches, and we are very pleased with his classes.” (Miguel Ángel)

ESL Tuition Approach

Over the last 22 years since graduating from university, I have had the pleasure of teaching many different students from different backgrounds and cultures. The most important thing for me is to be able to provide students the opportunity to express themselves in a relaxed and comfortable way, which enables them to express themselves freely without feeling uncomfortable.

I began teaching at an academy in Madrid, Spain in 1998 where I would travel around the city teaching children in their homes and business people in their offices. Here I learned how to interact in a cross-cultural / language environment, which was the beginning of my long career as an ESL teacher. The classes mainly consisted of conversation with some grammar and readings on current events.

From there I relocated to Japan in 2000 and began teaching at an elementary school during the days and part time university teaching in the evenings. The classes involved global English for kids, which was primarily general English in a classroom setting including phonics, grammar and sentence structure activities, and games. The university classes were based on various ESL textbooks where I would make use of the white board and break the students into groups in order to practice different phrases in conversation in addition to giving exams and one on one tutoring.

In Taiwan, I taught preparation courses for the IELTS exam, which included Listening Reading Writing and Speaking. The courses were designed to help prepare the students to achieve the minimum 6.5 band score on the exam in order to enter a UK or Australian university.

In recent years, I have been mainly focusing on the Cambridge preparation exams online here in Spain including KET, PET, First, Advanced, and Proficiency. I have a library of practice tests for the various exams in addition to a number of websites that provide more resources to prepare the students. However, I am also teaching conversation classes and general English depending on the student's individual needs.