

EFL Methodology in Practice

MODULE 7: British Culture

Course Ref: EP 3.7

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Minimum English Level CEF B2

TOPICS

Education

This session shows an overview of the British education system, recent developments and proposed changes.

Politics

A variety of areas will be covered, from an overview of the current political system to examining popular culture and politics in the United Kingdom.

Media

A look at various genres of Culture and Media in the United Kingdom.

Changing Society / History

The session examines changes in British society. Areas covered could include looking at the changing role of class, gender, and age differences, the rise of consumerism and the decline of organised religion. The aim throughout is to locate current social issues in their wider historical perspective.

Everyday Life / Customs & Traditions

A good start to gaining some understanding of the lives of people living in a country is to look at their customs and traditions.

This module is suitable for non-native speakers of English, teaching students aged 11 upwards, including adults.

MODULE 7 - Course Content and Strategies

In accordance with the participants' Needs Analyses, the following topics may be presented using a variety of teaching techniques or referred for post-course studies:

- Education
- Politics
- Media
- Changing society / History
- Everyday life / Customs & Traditions

One-Week Course (Total course contact hours: 22.5hrs)

Sample programme which can be adapted to suit the participants' needs

	Day One	Day Two	Day Three	Day Four	Day Five
8.50 09.15- 12.35	Welcome Testing and Evaluation RLC Orientation	Active participation in a live class	Active participation in a live class	Active participation in a live class	Active participation in a live class
Lunch Break					
14.00- 15.30	Education: - Education System of the UK - Proposed Changes to the system	Everyday Life/ Customs & Traditions: - Unusual customs - Superstitions - Stereotypes - Multicultural society - Etiquette - Social Customs	Media: - Culture at the heart of British communities - Newspapers, opinion and analysis	Changing Society & History: - The People: Class and Religion in the UK - The North-South Divide - Royal Family	Politics: - Examining Popular Culture & Politics in the UK - The Electoral System and political parties - Trade Unions
Sat / Sun	One Full Day Cultural Excursion included per Two-Week course (optional for One-Week course)				

This module can be combined with module **1,3,4** or **6** to form the following

Two-Week Courses (Total course contact hours: 45 hrs)

British Culture & Exam Power (11+ years)

+ **Exploiting Resources to Develop the Skills (all ages)**

Or

+ **Developing the Four Skills (11+ years)**

Or

+ **Diversified Classroom Activities**

Or

+ **Building Language Learning and Exam Power**

Outcomes

- Awareness of various aspects of British Culture to give an understanding of British Society
- Improving fluency, personal English Language skills and confidence in lesson delivery
- Improving language teaching practice skills, including classroom vocabulary
- New Techniques and Methodological Approaches of teaching English as a Foreign Language
- Learning Techniques to improve students' motivation
- Sensitivity to Cultural Diversity
- Teamwork and Interpersonal Abilities
- Implementing Discipline and Overcoming Stress
- Better Knowledge of Erasmus+ potential for your own and others' professional development
- How to access, from the participant's own country, changes and developments in English.

Follow Up Provided

Post-Course Modalities

- Linguistic Profile based on Common European Framework of Reference
- An EFL Methodology in Practice Course Professional Profile
- Europass
- Post-Course Forum
- Applicant Dissemination and Exploitation Advice