



International
Language
Homestays



Information For Host Teacher Applicants

UK and Ireland



LANGUAGE COURSES IN THE TEACHER'S HOME

International Language Homestays (ILH) is the world specialist in this unique form of language teaching.



Host teachers contracted by ILH benefit from:

- Twenty five years' experience in this field, with more experience than any other organization offering similar courses.
- A year-round Local Organiser managing their area and a permanent reservations office in Kent, England.
- The issue of a specially written Teacher's Manual giving step by step guidance and the loan of appropriate teaching materials for use with students.
- The support of the ILH Academic Department in all matters relating to teaching and materials.
- A one day training workshop to learn in detail how to plan and carry out a successful course.
- Good payment rates, with payment being made at the end of the second week for all lengths of courses (except one week courses, paid at the end of the week).
- Single and shared courses. Higher payment corresponding to both tuition and accommodation for shared courses.
- The guarantee of quality conferred by membership of the Association of British Language Schools (ABLS).

What ILH requires of you:

- Suitable qualifications, ideally in TEFL, and/or relevant language teaching experience.
- A genuine interest in welcoming foreign students into your home
- The time to allow students to participate in your daily life and practise their English.
- A good standard of accommodation in a pleasant area.

GENERAL

Our courses are generally relatively short: 1, 2, 3 or 4 weeks. The student lives in your home as a member of your family. You give your student individual English lessons, adapted entirely to his/her needs, and for the rest of the time he/she shares your social life, participating in your everyday activities and speaking only English. A warm, friendly rapport with your student, relevant one-to-one teaching and a pleasant family atmosphere all contribute to the kind of language learning progress that cannot normally be achieved in any other way.

The majority of our bookings are during the holiday periods, particularly the summer, and this is the time we most need our host teachers. We do, however, have a number of bookings throughout the year and we always place these with host teachers who have already worked with us during the summer. We must point out that our type of course depends on your ability to devote time to your student and we cannot place students with you if you are working full or part time.

Many of our teachers like the ability to work from home and welcome the extra income that working 10 or 12 weeks a year can provide. A number of our teachers are working teachers who are free during the holiday periods. Many others are early retired, often with valuable experience in commerce or the professions, who enjoy the new departure that our courses represent.



CLASSES

Most of our courses are one-to-one where the student chooses 15, 20, 25 or sometimes 30 hours' class per week. There is also, however, a share option, where two or sometimes three similar students of a different nationality may be placed with a suitable host teacher. These courses are generally of 15 hours per week.

You should be able to give your classes at a table in a suitable area away from possible disturbances. If you have young children you will have to make appropriate child minding arrangements during lesson times.

SPARE TIME

In addition to receiving individual tuition, students want to join in your everyday life and experience. It is vital therefore that you should be willing to include them in your activities, however mundane. You will probably also want to take them to local places of interest (note that students are expected to pay for all entrances etc themselves, but are not expected to share petrol costs when you take them somewhere by car). Many students specify that they want to pursue a particular sport during their course. We always do our best to take your own interests and hobbies into consideration when placing a student with you so that you can pursue the same activity together.

ACCOMMODATION / MEALS

The accommodation offered should be clean and tidy, with a good level of comfort. The actual size of your house or flat is not as important as the size of the room to be used by the student.

Your student should have a comfortable, full-sized bed (bunk beds are not permissible) with a good supply of blankets, ample drawer and wardrobe space, a writing desk or table and chair, a mirror and a waste paper bin. There should be good lighting by the bed, over the mirror and at the desk. You must provide adequate heating.

You give your student three meals a day: breakfast, lunch and a substantial meal in the evening. Naturally, your student eats with the family.

THE FAMILY

Generally, younger students are happiest in a traditional 'nuclear' family, if possible with other children at home, while older students often prefer a quieter atmosphere in an adult family. Owing to the spirit of the courses, it is best if host teacher families are composed of at least two members. An important stipulation on our part is that no other foreign students or paying guests may be accommodated by you at the same time as a student booked by ILH.

LOCAL ORGANISER

Your local organiser will be in touch shortly after your student has arrived to check that all is going well and is always available for consultation and help.



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Below you will see the basic features that a student will have been told to expect on his/her course. This will give you an idea of what you are expected to provide:

FOR STUDENTS: BASIC POINTS ABOUT YOUR COURSE

Classes

You will have the contracted number of hours of formal English lessons per week on a one-to-one basis with your teacher. These will normally be Monday to Friday. The lessons will aim at a significant improvement in comprehension and communication skills, with a balance between the study of the structure of the language and its practical, everyday use.

Books and Materials

Suitable didactic material for the course will be provided, and a personal course notebook will be included in your welcome pack for you to keep and take away with you after the termination of the course.

Accommodation

The accommodation with the host teacher will include a good standard, well-equipped single bedroom, but please note that a private bathroom is not guaranteed on our Standard Course. Linen and towels are provided and will be changed, and the room cleaned, in accordance with each family's schedule, but at least once a week. This does not include daily making of the bed – remember this is family life rather than a hotel.

Meals

You will be provided with 3 meals a day:

Continental breakfast

Light lunch (for example, salad or sandwiches or cold meats)

Cooked, substantial evening meal

A packed lunch will be provided if you go on an excursion, especially at the weekend.

Laundry

Light laundry can be done together with the family's general laundry, in accordance with their usual laundry schedule. This would not normally include heavy items, such as jackets and trousers, or ironing.

After Class

Your host teacher will contribute to your improvement in the language outside the formal class time, on a social basis and when on an outing or doing an activity. There will also be times when you will do homework or other self-study work. Note that any costs incurred on an outing or visit (entrance costs, refreshments, extras at pub/restaurant etc) will be payable by you.

Administration

- 1. You are requested to sign the Hoursheet each day to confirm you have received your contracted hours of class.*
- 2. You are requested to complete your course questionnaire confidentially at the end of the course and send it to the Student Reservations Office in the envelope provided.*