



Online Teaching Introduction -getting to know each other...

- What do you like to do in your free time?
- What do you do/what is your job?
 - What do you hope to achieve in the future?
 - How long have you been Studying English?
- What do you find most challenging about English?

Teaching Resources

Website: <http://dfdn.info/teaching>

Gopher (low bandwidth): <gopher://dfdn.info>

Gemini (low bandwidth) <gemini://dfdn.info>

My Background

- Is in Electronic Engineering and Computer Science
- British Nationality, as is my English
- BSc Electronics, (2000), Anglia Ruskin, Cambridge. MSc Computer Science, (2004), Anglia Ruskin, Cambridge
- Sadly I am divorced, two daughters, 14 & 17
- No recent holidays, but there are plans to relocate (my family are in for a shock);
- Currently in Taiyuan, Shanxi, China, UK, teaching English at Shanxi Normal University.
- Music: mainly 1970s to contemporary, various
- *Plan to remarry and start a business in Burkina Faso*

The Preply Classroom

- I use a range of tools. The Preply classroom - but I also have Zoom, or Skype (Google meets is blocked in China)
- I use a mixture of Preply English library, my own sourced material and third party material (better for British accents). See <https://dfdn.info/teaching>
- I recommend the BBC news site, <http://news.bbc.co.uk> to experience UK English spelling and accent (not CNN!).
- Preply's material is in United States English

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Please use a desktop or laptop!!! No phones.

The classroom has an extensive library, a whiteboard, screen-sharing and even flashcards. *Chrome browser is recommended.*

The above **will not work on a phone, Ipad or tablet,** please use a desktop or laptop. Only video is available on a phone. (I honestly wish Preply would *****stop***** telling students they can use phones! You cannot even read what is on the display!!!)

Placement test and focus

Have you taken the test & checked your results?

What do you hope to achieve by the end of the course?

Do you have a specific area of English? E.g., business, medical, engineering?

Do you have any specific needs?

Homework for next lesson

Write a short (< 300 words) article about a personal achievement? This can be any achievement, work, education, or personal.

And if you have any questions, send me a message and I will be in touch as soon as I am free!

And I will see you soon!

Lesson Hour Subscriptions

- Highly recommended for several reasons
- The more lessons per week, the quicker your progress
- Avoid lessons when tired
- Coffee is not a substitute for sleep!
- Has to fit in with your other commitments - see my schedule
- You may have specific scheduling needs, I prefer my students to schedule their own lessons

Feedback?

Have you any questions about the introduction?

What do you think of my approach?

What skills are you most in need of assistance with?

What are your key strengths and weaknesses?

What would you like to focus on in the next lesson?

Leave me a message if you need me...

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