

APK1

(Rozvíjení řečových dovedností)

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Teaching Materials: Angličtina konverzace pro pokročilé -
Fictumová, Ceccarelli, Long, 2008

Recommended Literature:

Oxford Grammar for EAP (English grammar and practice for Academic Purposes) -
Ken Paterson, Roberta Wedge, OUP

Academic Vocabulary in Use - Michael McCarthy, Felicity O'Dell, CUP

English Grammar in Use Intermediate - Raymond Murphy, CUP

Advanced Grammar in Use - Martin Hewings, CUP

Online support:

<http://www.better-english.com/exerciselist.html>

<http://www.eslcafe.com>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general>

<http://www.englishpage.com>

www.radio.cz (podcast/audioscripts)

SYLLABUS

Education, Family, Home, Shopping,
Clothes, Work and Leisure

The aim of the course is to systematically exercise oral communication in ordinary conversational topics.

Students aim at improving their ability to express and develop their opinions, attitudes and feelings; at following a dialogue and reacting to other speakers, as well as being able to agree, disagree in a polite way, express certainty, probability or doubts.

The materials follow those of secondary schools.

RULES AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

- A requirement of the course is to complete all the weekly homework assignments before the given deadline. Generally, you will be given 6 days to complete homework which should be uploaded to Teams whereby answers will be provided before the next consecutive seminar. A 3% will be deducted from your final grade for every missed assignment. If you are missing more than five by the end of the semester, you will not be able to take the credit test.
- Throughout the weekly lectures, you will encounter the vocabulary and grammar featured in the credit test, so it is required to keep useful and organised notes and to keep a record of new and unfamiliar vocabulary and grammar. It is also important to work on improving your English through your home assignments continually.
- Students should have their own study materials ready for every English lesson (either printed or electronic form). The failure to have them available for the lesson means you are absent!
- The pass mark of the credit test is 60%. However, if you fail, there is a second chance to retake it. The retake pass rate is 70%. You will have to retake the course from the beginning if you fail the second time.
- The expected home preparation is 5 hours a week.

PLAGIARISM

All work submitted or presented by students must be your own original work. Any work copied from other students, from internet sources or books that have not been properly acknowledged or referenced will not be tolerated. Always acknowledge your sources and remember, honesty is the best policy.

A FEW THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

- This is a conversation class, so you must be prepared to speak. As this is a big class, we will do a lot of discussion in smaller groups, so it is important to stay on task and follow instructions. **Only speak English while in the classroom!**
- Make sure to write down new vocabulary, phrases, collocations, etc. Try to use them during your group discussions when possible. I will sometimes ask you for sentences using the new vocabulary in our lessons.
- Even if the topic is not interesting to you personally, remember the goal is to practice and improve your English. So any time you can use it will help you improve your fluency.
- Whenever possible, answer questions using full sentences and give reasons for your answer. Don't just give a simple, basic answer. Ask your classmates follow-up questions for more detail.
- While this is a conversation class, the test will mostly cover vocabulary related to the topics we cover this semester, so I must stress the importance of studying and revising the materials every week!