

# How to teach skills and language in an online classroom?

The goals of teaching English online don't have to be very different from teaching in a face-to-face classroom. Use our top tips to help you adapt your activities, strategies and resources to teach online.

## Speaking

Use video or the audio feed to listen to students. This will help you monitor their language, give feedback and encourage participation and engagement.



## Reading

Replace books and handouts with digital versions. Your coursebook may be available as an e-book or have presentation software, and there are many free-to use resources online.



## Listening

When you teach listening online, it's important that you have the right equipment. You will need an online platform that allows you to share your audio, otherwise you will need to share links to audio.



## Writing

Think of the best writing activity for your students' learning level. For example, at B2 level you might want to use your online classroom time to prepare students for writing and set the actual writing task as homework or independent study.



## Grammar and vocabulary

You can teach grammar and vocabulary in a similar way to how you would in a face-to-face classroom. You might want to set practice exercises for independent study time and then focus on productive or communicative practice in breakout rooms online.

