

Centro Culturale Europeo

Can you hear the difference between **where** and **were**?

Can you say **strawberry** without spitting on people?

Or say “**His hat has a hole in it**” without suffocating?

Do you know your fricatives from your plosives?

If not... then you need the

Course in English Phonetics and Phonology

at the Centro Culturale Europeo, Bagheria

The course includes

- Coaching on correct pronunciation of English vowels
- Help with intonation and understanding why English people seem to “eat” certain words
- Full teaching of the phonetic alphabet
- Rules on which syllable to stress in a word
- How to tackle consonant clusters
- How to avoid all the typical mistakes of Italian speakers

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Course Details

The course will last 20 hours. There will be one lesson a week, lasting two hours. Students will be given all course materials. There will be a minimum of five students and a maximum of ten in the group.

Course Programme

The phonetic alphabet and how it can help you

Coaching in the pronunciation of consonant clusters such as “th”, “str-”, “-sps” etc.

The English vowels and coaching on how to pronounce them; how to distinguish between vowels which sound the same to Italian speakers

How English words are divided into syllables and the rules of which syllables to stress in words and phrases

English as a stress-timed language and how to reproduce the appropriate stresses

The patterns of intonation in English speech and how it differs from Italian

Special course units will focus on certain difficult words, homophones, typical pitfalls and how to avoid them.

Who is this course for?

This course is for teachers of English and for anyone who needs to improve their ability to speak English clearly or to improve their ability to understand mother-tongue English speakers.

The course will teach pronunciation, but English grammar and vocabulary are not taught on this course. Students must have a reasonable knowledge of English (at least intermediate level, for example Trinity grade 6).

Course Price and Booking

The course price is €200 + I.V.A.

For further information or to book a course, please contact the Centro Culturale Europeo.