

ESRA's English Tutoring Program

Teacher Chat

ESRA Teacher Chat is part of ESRA's English Tutoring Program (ETP). It offers non-native speaking English teachers, who would like to enhance their English oral proficiency, the opportunity to practice English –ONLINE!

Teachers register for a series of weekly Zoom chats, each lasting 30-40 minutes with a trained volunteer. Times to be chosen by the teacher and volunteer.

Using the BBC 6-minute English website, the volunteer can choose from hundreds of subjects in advance of the chat. The volunteer will then send the teacher a link to the chosen subject, which consists of a 6-minute audio clip, a transcript, and a vocabulary list, enabling the teacher to study it in time for the next meeting. The subject serves as a springboard for the next conversation. The Haredi community have their own program.

ESRA Teacher Chat tutors are native speakers of English worldwide. They are not teachers. They receive guidance in basic conversation strategies and ongoing enrichment and support.

If you would like to know more about the program, please contact us at teacher-chat@esra.org.il.

In 2023, 275 volunteers worked with 283 non-native-speaking English teachers in Israel. Feedback reported over 82% increased confidence and marked improvement in oral English.

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