

**ESRA Tops** - Tutoring Online Program for Students (curriculum based) is one of ESRA's English Tutoring Programs (ETP). It offers students from 4th -12th Grades (including the Bagrut COBE program) the opportunity to benefit from tutors to improve their English. Because all the tutoring takes place online, the tutors can live anywhere in the world, not just in Israel. Students are matched with tutors and have sessions that follow the Israeli English Curriculum.

The sessions take place after school at a mutually convenient time. Tutors and students meet weekly for 30-40 minutes on Zoom, with cameras, either one-on-one or in small groups. Tutors support students in improving their English vocabulary, reading, writing, and conversation skills.

**ESRA Tops** tutors are native speakers. They are not teachers but receive ongoing training and support.

The program is available for all sectors and requires parents' consent and students' commitment. English teachers choose 5 students for a series of about 15 meetings. After each series, teachers choose 5 additional students and repeat the procedure.

**ESRA Tops** Advantages:

- Little ongoing involvement of English teachers (initial presentation, student selection, completion of short online feedback).
- Tutors receive from ESRA pedagogical guidance, together with resource materials (approved by the MOE English Inspection).
- No need for geographic proximity, so volunteers operate from the UK and the US., as well as from all over Israel.
- Students hear and speak English in a natural setting.

The Procedure:

- Introduce the program to your students and select those who are eager to receive help with their English skills.
- **Register** your students on an online form.
- **Submit** parents' consent and students' commitment online form.
- After the registration, an **ESRA Tops** volunteer will contact the student via WhatsApp to schedule a meeting (please ensure that the students know to expect a message).

Thank you,

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Founded in 1979 as a non-profit volunteer-based organization, ESRA is Israel's largest English-speaking community network, aiding the integration of immigrants while working toward bridging equity gaps in Israeli society through its Education and Welfare projects.